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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

CNR No. DLHC010164442021

+ **CS(OS) 226/2021 and IA Nos, 7871/2019, 12586/2020, 5298/2021, 7918/2021, 16716/2022, 1022/2023, 13540/2023,**

BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIAPlaintiff

Through: Mr. Hrishikesh Baruah, Sr. Adv., Mr. Parth Goswami, Mr. Ranjeet Pawar, Mr. Utkarsh Diwedi and Mr. Pratham, Advocates.

versus

INDIAN AMATEUR BOXING FEDERATION & ORS....Defendants

Through: Mr. Anil Sharma and Mr. Arpit Sharma, Advocates.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

% **20.08.2026**

I.A. 22584/2026 (on b/o defendants seeking modification/ clarification of order dt. 04-08-2026)

1. No ground is made out for modification of the order dated 4.8.2026. The said order is unambiguous in terms, and based on the proceedings as they transpired.

2. As such, merit is found in the present application, the same is accordingly dismissed.

I.A 22585/2026 (Exemption)

3. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

4. Application stands disposed of.

I.A. 3307/2019 (Interim Injunction)

5. This is an application filed on behalf of the plaintiff, *inter alia*, seeking the following prayers:



- A] Pass an order of ex - parte interim injunction in favour of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants thereby restraining the Defendants from conducting “inter-zonal” level championships for sub-junior men and women of boxing at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh in the month of March; and
- B] Pass an order of ex - parte interim injunction in favour of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants thereby restraining the Defendants from conducting any national/regional/zonal/inter-zonal/all-India/Federation cup level championships for boxing for men or women in India; and/or
- C] Pass an order of ex - parte interim injunction in favour of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants thereby restraining the Defendants from representing that they are a National Sport Federation of Boxing and that they are affiliated/ recognised to Indian Olympic Association or Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and AIBA in any manner whatsoever;
- D] Pass an order of ex - parte interim injunction in favour of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants thereby restraining the Defendants from using the word “INDIA” or its natural variations like “INDIAN” in its name, website, emails;
- E] Pass any such other/further Decree or Orders as this Hon’ble Court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the instant case.

6. The order dated 04.08.2026 reads as under:

1. During the course of hearing, it is agreed that the interim directions as contained in Paragraph 12 of the order dated 07.03.2019, shall continue to operate. The said directions are as under :

“12. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing. Defendant No.1 and its office bearers are restrained from using the word 'INDIA' or 'INDIAN' as part of the name of their federation. Defendant No.1 is further restrained from representing in any manner whatsoever that it is a recognized National Sport Federation either by IOA, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports or by the AIBA. The participants in the boxing tournaments, which are being conducted by Defendant no.1 in Jabalpur, shall be clearly informed by the Defendant No.1 that it not the recognized National Sports Federation for the Sport of Boxing in India and Defendant no. 1 shall also communicate the present order to all the participants and Boxing Associations across the country. Compliance shall be reported within one month.”



2. Learned counsel for the defendant no.1 fairly submits that the defendant no.1 shall not use the word “INDIA” or “INDIAN” as part of the name of its federation for the purpose of any tournament or for any internal purpose. He further submits that in the registration/ charter documents, requisite steps shall be taken to pursue the matter expeditiously with the authorities for bringing about the requisite changes so as to delete the word “INDIA” or “INDIAN”. The said statement is taken on record.

3. Learned counsel for the defendant no.1 further submits that the said defendant shall not hold itself to be a recognised National Sports Federation.

4. The above statement of the learned counsel for the defendant no.1 satisfies most of the reliefs claimed in the present suit, except for the relief of damages.

5. Learned senior counsel for the plaintiff seeks some time to take instructions as to whether the plaintiff would like to pursue the said relief.

6. Learned counsel for the defendant no.1 submits that without any reference whatsoever to the word “INDIA” or “INDIAN”, the defendant may be allowed to use the abbreviation “IABF” for its federation.

7. It is submitted that letter ‘I’ in the abbreviation “IABF” shall be suitably replaced with another letter. In case the said abbreviation continues to begin from the letter ‘I’, the defendant shall continue to use the abbreviation “IABF”, while making it clear that the letter “I” does not denote the word “INDIA” or “INDIAN”.

8. List on 20.08.2026 in the category of “*Supplementary Matters*”.

7. The present application is disposed of taking on record the understanding as reflected in the aforesaid order dated 04.08.2026. The said understanding shall continue to operate during the pendency of the present suit.

8. Further, the defendant no.1 shall refrain from make any false representation or assertion, *inter-alia*, that it is recognised by the National Sports Federation, IOA, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India or AIBA.



I.A. 1022/2023 - U/O XXXIX RULE 2A FOR DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDER DT. 07-03-2019

9. Learned counsel for the applicant seeks to file an additional affidavit to place on record certain subsequent events/instances showing infraction by the defendants of the subsisting interim orders passed in these proceedings.

10. Let the same be filed within a period of 4 weeks from today with an advance copy supplied to learned counsel for the defendants.

11. Defendants would be at liberty to file reply within a period of 2 weeks thereafter.

12. List before the concerned Joint Registrar (Judicial) for further proceedings on 05.10.2026.

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13. List on 09.02.2027.

SACHIN DATTA, J

AUGUST 20, 2026/at/nb