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## MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV – THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE A QUALIFYING EVENT

ASTANA. KAZINFORM - Exactly a month later, on April 19 the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships starts in Bangkok. Serik Konakbayev, the President of Asian Boxing Confederation, Vice-President of Amateur International Boxing Association (AIBA) told about the upcoming competitions.

- An important feature of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships is that it will be a qualifying event. Our boys and girls will be selected for the 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games and the Youth World Boxing Championships in Hungary. Of course, for any athlete who has dedicated himself to the sport of higher achievements, the most important goal is to participate and win the Olympic Games. It is a little pretentious but a beautiful crown in sports career.

**- And participation in the Olympic Games at age of 17-18, even it is the Youth Olympic Games, is not less honorable?**

- Of course, I would also note that the current generation of athletes is very lucky. We could not even dream about Youth Olympic Games when we were young. You had to "plow" until Olympics for adults. Modern young boxers have a unique chance

to become winners in this Olympic Games, and continue pursuing a career, strive to get into the Games for elite boxers. The current Youth Olympic Games will be the third since 2010, and, as life shows, this initiative of the International Olympic Committee has found its worthy place in the system of international competitions," concluded Mr. Serik Konakbayev.

It should be reminded that the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships will be held in Thailand from 19 to 28 April 2018. The Summer Youth Olympic Games will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 6 to 18 October.

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## MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND ASBC CONGRATULATE TO THE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT IN LEBANON MR. MAHMOUD AL HATTAB

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole management of the Asian Boxing Confederation congratulate to the re-elected President of the Lebanese Boxing Federation Mr. Mahmoud Al Hattab who will serve the country's boxing life in the upcoming years.

Mr. Prof. Mohamad Khalili was named as Honorary President of the Lebanese Boxing Federation and the consultant of the organization. The new Administrative Committee contains the following members in the newly elected board of the Lebanese Boxing Federation:

- President: Mr. Mahmoud Al Hattab
- Vice-President: Mr. Ali Khalil
- Secretary: Mrs. Jana Baghdadi
- Treasurer: Mr. Bchara Abboud
- Accountant: Mr. Hani Siblini
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## MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND THE WHOLE ASBC MANAGEMENT WISHES HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO KAZAKHSTAN'S BOXING OFFICIAL MR. RAFAEL VAKHITOV

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole ASBC management wishes Happy Birthday to Kazakhstan's legendary coach Mr. Rafael Vakhitov who is celebrating his 90th birthday today.

Mr. Rafael Vakhitov is a honoured coach of the Kazakh SSR, whose name is associated with the history of the formation and development of the Pavlodar boxing school. Since 1976, Mr. Vakhitov is a key figure of physical culture and sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan, his coaching experience is about 60 years.

Over the period of work in the Pavlodar region, he trained over 30 masters of sports, three masters of sports of international class. Along with this, Mr. Vakhitov prepared 18 champions of Kazakhstan, nine winners of the Central Council of the WSSO «Labour Reserves», 15 winners of USSR Cup and international tournaments. Being a true mentor, he worked as a senior coach of the Central Council of the WSSO «Labour Reserves», he prepared the national team of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

His character was tempered in the harsh '40s. At the height of the WWII, he was still a boy as a machinist, was a cadet of the air fleet, and even drove ships. At the same time, he coached the regimental command.

In 1980 under his leadership the children's and youth club «Boxing gloves»



was created, where the leading sportsmen of the region and the republic received their primary education. Mr. Vakhitov, despite his age, was invited to teach at the Pavlodar State University. S. Toraigyrov. In 2009, with the recognition of the pedagogical and sporting merit of him he was awarded with the academic title of professor of the university. In Pavlodar State University was opened a sports hall named after Mr. Rafael Vakhitov.

“In 85 years, life is just a beginning”- jokes famous coach, the legend of national sports Rafael Vakhitov. In his old ages he remained the acting coach, and every day he spends his time in the ring.



## **MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND THE WHOLE ASBC MANAGEMENT WISHES HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO KAZAKHSTAN'S OFFICIAL MR. ASLAN IGUBAYEV**

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole ASBC management wishes Happy Birthday to Kazakhstan's boxing official Mr. Aslan Igubayev who is celebrating his 43rd birthday today.

## **OVER 30 COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ASIAN YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BANGKOK**

ASTANA. KAZINFORM - The Asian Boxing Confederation informs that Thailand will host the Asian Boxing Championship among youth boxers aged 17-18 years from April 19 to April 28. This will be the first continental championships for girl boxers. Prior to this Asian women-boxers of this age category participated only in the world championships.

- "Currently we are at the stage of completing the registration of teams for this continental championships. Earlier in his interview, the President of our Confederation, Serik Konakbayev mentioned that the current championships is the most important event of the current year, as it is held on the eve of the third Youth Olympic Games and it is the qualifying event for this important contest of the planet and for the world championships in this age category. This, apparently, is the reason for the expected record number of participating countries," said Bagdaulet Turekhanov, Executive Director of the Asian Boxing Confederation.

According to him, 33 countries have registered through database until today. "If we look at the dynamics of the last three Asian championships, then in 2014 (Thailand), 16 countries had participated, in 2016 (Kazakhstan) there were 18 teams, in 2017 (Thailand) 23 countries had participated in it. This is the obvious progress of Asian boxing. We are pleased that in recent years, low active boxing



countries have become actively involved in Asian Championships, for example, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Yemen, Cambodia, Laos, Lebanon, the UAE, Nepal, Pakistan and North Korea. For us this is a very good indicator. Also for fans of box, we prepared a world and continental info-charts on the medal offset of the countries who participated in the last two Youth Olympic Games. We hope that this will be useful information for our fans," said Bagdaulet Turekhanov.

The Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok expects the participation of about 160 young men and more than 70 girl boxers. Kazakhstan is represented by complete teams of men and women.

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## QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES AND AIBA YOUTH WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships will be held for both genders in Bangkok in April 19-28 and the event is the qualification competition for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games and also to the 2018 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships.

The best 4 women and 9 Asian men boxers will be qualified for the Youth Olympic Games from the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Argentina this October. Winners of the women's 51kg, 57kg, 60kg and 75kg, furthermore the men's 52kg, 56kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg, 91kg and +91kg. Each National Federation can qualify maximum two women and three men boxers to the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

Furthermore the best 52 women and 65 Asian men and boxers will be qualified for the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships which will be taking place in August. The event will be a historical step also in our continent as it will be the first ever ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok.



### ASIAN QUOTA PLACES FOR THE 2018 AIBA YOUTH WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's 48kg:

4 Asian boxers will be qualified

Women's 51kg: 8 boxers

Women's 54kg: 4 boxers

Women's 57kg: 8 boxers

Women's 60kg: 8 boxers

Women's 64kg: 4 boxers

Women's 69kg: 4 boxers

Women's 75kg: 8 boxers

Women's 81kg: 2 boxers

Women's +81kg: 2 boxers

Men's 49kg: 7 boxers

Men's 52kg: 7 boxers

Men's 56kg: 7 boxers

Men's 60kg: 8 boxers

Men's 64kg: 8 boxers

Men's 69kg: 8 boxers

Men's 75kg: 7 boxers

Men's 81kg: 7 boxers

Men's 91kg: 3 boxers

Men's +91kg: 3 boxers



ASBC NATIONAL FEDERATIONS' SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

# ASIAN BOXING CONFEDERATION SHARES WITH YOU THE ASIAN NFS WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Dear Sport Friends,

We would like to present to you the Asian National Federations' websites and social media accounts to reach their activities easier in the future.

Communication and cooperation are the most important for the Asian Boxing Confederation with its affiliated National Federations, furthermore this collection will support the Asian National Federations to follow the activities and the events in all of our countries.

Asian Boxing Confederation will be launching online votings about the best websites of the Asian National Federations and also about their top social media accounts. You can join, vote and share your thoughts about the best pages.

The first online voting will be available all of our stakeholders and followers next week.

Kind Regards,  
ASBC Management

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|  <p><b>Singapore Boxing Association</b><br/> <a href="http://www.singapore-boxing.org">www.singapore-boxing.org</a></p>   |  <p><b>Boxing Federation of Islamic Republic of Iran</b><br/> <a href="http://www.iranboxing.com">www.iranboxing.com</a></p>  |   |

## **THE BIDDING FOR THE HISTORICAL FIRST EDITION OF THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION U22 BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS IS STILL OPEN**

Asian Boxing Confederation arrived to a new milestone to develop the sport in the continent in the middle stage of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic era which will be held in Asia in two and half years. The bidding process for the first ever and historical 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation U22 Men Boxing Championships is still open and all affiliated Asian National Federations can reach all details and the guideline in the ASBC channels.

The 2018 edition of the 1st ASBC Asian Confederation U22 Boxing Championships will be held for the men boxers to strengthen the athletes after their youth ages and keep them in the sport. Male boxers who were born between 1996 and 1999 will be eligible to take part in the 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation U22 Boxing Championships.

Men's weight classes of the 1st edition of the 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation U22 Boxing Championships will be the followings in the competition: 49kg, 52kg, 56kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg, 91kg and +91kg.

The Asian Games will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia this August and the ASBC Asian Confederation U22 Boxing Championships could be a preparation event also for the younger boxers before the qualification tournaments of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.





## THE BIDDING FOR THE 2018 ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION JUNIOR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS IS STILL OPEN

The bidding process for the next edition of the 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Women's & Men's Junior Boxing Championships is open and all affiliated Asian National Federations can reach all details and the guidelines in the ASBC channels.

The 2018 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships will be held not only for the men talents but also to the women hopes to strengthen to develop all part of the sports and raise the international contests of our future stars. Female and male boxers who were born between in 2002 or in 2003 will be eligible to take part in the 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships.

The preferred date of the 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships would be in the second part of July before the Jakarta 2018 Asian Games. Women and men talents can box in the following 13 weight classes at the 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships are the followings: 46kg, 48kg, 50kg, 52kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 63kg, 66kg, 70kg, 75kg, 80kg and +80kg.

The 2017 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships was held in Puerto Princesa, Philippines with great success where the host country, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Japan achieved the 13 titles.

The best boxer trophy was gone to Japan's super strong Sora Tanaka in Puerto Princesa while some of the winners are eligible to take part also in the upcoming 2018 edition including Japan's Reito Tsutsumi and Uzbekistan's Shokhrukh Almatov.



## MR. DANIYAR JUSUBALIEV – THE COMMON TRAININGS IN THE ASBC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WERE GREAT PERSPECTIVE FOR US

The international training camp in Almaty was organised by the Asian Boxing Confederation in February which is part of their newly launched ASBC Development Program. The head coach of the Kyrgyz national boxing team Mr. Daniyar Jusubaliev was satisfied for this program and he believes the new methods supported his team's development.

ASBC President and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev invited specialists to lead the trainings to Almaty where the main objectives are improving technical and tactical skills and obtaining real results in those boxing countries of Asia where there was stagnation but there is a desire to develop. Next to the Kazakh teams, developing Sri Lanka and Kyrgyzstan were also taking part in the training camp in Almaty.

*«The past international joint training in Almaty, Kazakhstan was a great success for our boxers. I saw great potential and perspective of our young athletes. President of the Asian Boxing Confederation Mr. Serik Kerimbekovich Konakbayev, our President Mr. Abdibakyt Khalmurzaev expresses great gratitude for participation in your project of developing the Asian boxing on behalf of the national team of Kyrgyzstan.*

*We were trained with one of the best coaches in your project, with Vladimir Vinnikov, who currently supports the national team of Sri Lanka. All of the coaches and boxers saw a master class of unique boxing work that was never repeated during all training days. In the improvement of technical and tactical skills, modern, with many know-how of the school of boxing, gained large volumes of special physical training, sparring and match meetings of four national teams involved to the project. I am sure that it will help us to represent our country with dignity in the upcoming Asian and World Boxing Events. We express great hope that in the future we will be able to participate in your prospective projects for the Asian Confederation. I am sending my deepest respect to ASBC,» said the head coach of the national boxing team of Kyrgyzstan Mr. Daniyar Jusubaliev.*

# ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN WON THE ASIAN WSB BATTLE IN ROHTAK

The eighth weekend of the World Series of Boxing saw all of the Asian teams, China Dragons, the Indian Tigers, Astana Arlans Kazakhstan and the Uzbek Tigers in action. The Asian battle of the weekend was won by defending WSB Team Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan in Rohtak against the young Indians. The Uzbek Tigers and China Dragons lost their matches but both franchises were able to win contests during their encounters.



### Indian Tigers – Astana Arlans Kazakhstan 2-3

The Indian Tigers are newcomers in the World Series of Boxing and after two away losses their boxers began their home campaign in Season VIII against Astana Arlans Kazakhstan. The three-time WSB Team Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan defeated the Indians 4-1 at home and won their second match 3-2 away in the city of Rohtak.

Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's triumphs were delivered by ASBC Asian Champion Temirtas Zhussupov, Dilmurat Mizhitov and Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships silver medallist Abilkhan Amankul. Zhussupov was quicker than Indian Tigers' powerful Shyam Kumar Kakara in a remarkable light flyweight (49kg) contest before their star Abilkhan Amankul dominated his fight. Muhammed Etash Khan took bronze medal in the Bangkok 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships but the 18-year-old talent's victory over Kazakhstan's Nursultan Koshchegulov was a small surprise in Rohtak. India's second triumph was achieved by Indian Open Boxing Tournament winner Sanjeet at the heavyweight (91kg) who also did a strong performance in his second WSB match.

### Colombia Heroicos – Uzbek Tigers 3-2

The Uzbek Tigers joined to the World Series of Boxing in Season VI when their boxers reached the Semi-finals as a new Asian franchise. The Uzbeks defeated Colombia Heroicos 4-1 in Tashkent a few weeks ago but their South American rivals were able to do revenge due their loss in Soledad where the final result was 3-2 in the favour of the home team.

Rio 2016 Olympic Games winner Shakhobiddin Zoirov and Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships silver medallist Ikboljon Kholdarov dominated their contests against the Colombians but their efforts were not enough to deliver an away success for the Uzbek Tigers in Soledad. Rio 2016 Olympic Games silver medallist Yuberjen Martinez and AMBC American Champion Jorge Luis Vivas won their contests narrowly and together with Deivis Julio Blanco's efforts Colombia Heroicos won the whole match 3-2 on home soil.



#### FINAL RESULTS

### Colombia Heroicos – Uzbek Tigers 3-2

49 kg: **Yuberjen Martinez COL** –  
Mironshokh Ibragimov UZB 2-0

56 kg: Jhon Martinez COL –

**Shakhobiddin Zoirov UZB** – Zoirov  
wins by RSCI 3rd round

64 kg: John Gutierrez COL – **Ikboljon  
Kholdarov UZB** 0-3

75 kg: **Jorge Luis Vivas COL** – Israil  
Madrimov UZB 2-1

91 kg: **Deivis Julio Blanco COL** –  
Sanjar Tursunov UZB 3-0



#### FINAL RESULTS

### Indian Tigers – Astana Arlans Kazakhstan 2-3

49 kg: Shyam Kumar Kakara IND – **Temirtas Zhussupov KAZ** 1-2

56 kg: **Muhammed Etash Khan IND** – Nursultan Koshchegulov KAZ 3-0

64 kg: Dheeraj Kumar IND – **Dilmurat Mizhitov KAZ** 1-2

75 kg: Ashish Kumar IND – **Abilkhan Amankul KAZ** 0-3

91 kg: **Sanjeet IND** – Abilkhair Turlanbekov KAZ 2-1

### China Dragons – Patriot Boxing Team 1-4

China Dragons joined to the World Series of Boxing in Season V and opened their Season VIII campaign in Nanning City against such strong rival as the Russian Patriot Boxing Team. The Chinese team was able to win one contest in their encounter which meant the Russian franchise defeated them 4-1 in Nanning City.

China Dragons' lone victory was delivered by experienced Wu Zhonglin who had superb results in the AOB events and used his speed to beat Russia's Dorzho Radnayevev in his season opening. Xu Boxiang was previously unbeaten in the World Series of Boxing but he was not able to keep his strong level until the final rounds against Russia's Vasili Vetkin and suffered a narrow lost. Gao Song and Wulepaer Haerheng have done their WSB debuts but their Russian opponents were more experienced.



#### FINAL RESULTS

### China Dragons – Patriot Boxing Team 1-4

49 kg: **Wu Zhonglin CHN** – Dorzho  
Radnayevev RUS 3-0

56 kg: Xu Boxiang CHN – **Vasili Vetkin  
RUS** 1-2

64 kg: Gao Song CHN – **Radmir  
Abdurakhmanov RUS** 0-3

75 kg: Wulepaer Haerheng CHN – **Rasul  
Aliev RUS** 0-3

91 kg: **Rovshan Yagubzade RUS** – The  
Russian boxer won the bout by WO

Kazakhstan's Rio 2016 Olympic Champion, AIBA World Champion and two-time Asian Games winner Daniyar Yeleussinov returned to the world of boxing in top shape after a few months of break and he defeated both of his Uzbek opponents in the Three Nations Tournament which was held in Almaty.

Following his comeback to the sport he signed a contract with Mr. Eddie Hearn which was announced in a Press Conference in Kazakhstan today. Mr. Eddie Hearn of England is the Managing Director of Matchroom Sport and he promotes also London 2012 Olympic Champion Anthony Joshua, Ryan Burnett and Khalid Yafai.

Daniyar Yeleussinov was born on March 13 in 1991 and began boxing with his coach father at the age of 10. The young talent was only 15 when he claimed gold medal at the 2006 AIBA Cadet World Boxing Championships in Istanbul and won his first elite title in the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games at the age of 19. Yeleussinov was AIBA World Champion in 2013, Olympic Games winner in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 and defended his Asian Games title in Incheon in 2014.

Kazakhstan's star was thinking to sign a professional contract following his career highlight in Rio de Janeiro in September 2016 but following that he has been decided to remain in the AOB level. Daniyar Yeleussinov returned to the trainings in full speed in May 2017 and did successful preparations for the start of 2018.

## RIO 2016 OLYMPIC CHAMPION DANIYAR YELEUSSINOV SIGNED FOR MR. EDDIE HEARN



# KAZAKHSTAN'S NAZYM KYZAIBAY WON KEY CONTESTS IN THE VOLNOVA PRIZES WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

The Volnova Prizes Women's Tournament was held in the city of Shuchinsk in Kazakhstan where 82 strong elite boxers fought for the medals and prizes. Kazakhstan's defending AIBA Women's World Champions as Nazym Kyzaibay, Dina Zholaman and Lazzat Kungeibayeva won the titles in Shuchinsk where Ukraine also claimed three gold medals.

Shuchinsk hosted also an international woman elite event in 2017 and among those winners four boxers defended their titles. The competition was named by strong Marina Volnova who was the first Kazakh woman boxer who claimed medal in an Olympic Games, a bronze in London six years ago.

Ukraine sent a strong team to the Volnova Prizes Women's Tournament to Shuchinsk where their first gold medal was achieved by a young talent, Anna Okhota. The Ukrainian light flyweight (48kg) boxer eliminated Kazakhstan's No.1 Alua Balkybekova and defeated another host nation talent, Aigerim Kasenayeva in the final.

Kazakhstan's Nazym Kyzaibay is two-time AIBA Women's World Champion but she moved up to the flyweight (51kg) in the recent one year. The 24-year-old boxer used her tricky style and her world class technique to beat Russia's Geliusa Galieva, India's AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships silver medallist Sarjubala Shamjetsabam Devi and her main local rival Zhaina Shekerbekova in the final.

Kazakhstan's second AIBA Women's World Champion who achieved gold medal in the Volnova Prizes Women's Tournament was Dina Zholaman at the bantamweight (54kg). Following her successes against Kazakhstan's Gulmira Baymanova and India's Manisha she walked over to the title against Ukraine's Ivanna Krupeniya who was satisfied with her silver medal in Shuchinsk.

Kazakhstan's Saniya Sultankyzy is trying to regain her place at the featherweight (57kg) in the national team and worked hard in the Volnova Prizes Women's Tournament to win all of her three contests including the final against Dametken Kelimbet. Rimma Volosenko is Kazakhstan No.1 at the lightweight (60kg) who proved strong performance and great development in the tactical level in Shuchinsk. The 26-year-old Volosenko used effective punches in the final against her teammate Karina Ibragimova.

Ukraine's second gold medal was delivered by Anna Lysenko who defeated Kazakhstan's Alia Abdraimova in the final of the light welterweight (64kg) in



## LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE VOLNOVA PRIZES WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

- 48 kg: Anna Okhota, Ukraine
- 51 kg: Nazym Kyzaibay, Kazakhstan
- 54 kg: Dina Zholaman, Kazakhstan
- 57 kg: Saniya Sultankyzy, Kazakhstan
- 60 kg: Rimma Volosenko, Kazakhstan
- 64 kg: Anna Lysenko, Ukraine
- 69 kg: Yuliya Stoyko, Ukraine
- 75 kg: Dariga Shakimova, Kazakhstan
- 81 kg: Kalawanti, India
- +81 kg: Lazzat Kungeibayeva, Kazakhstan

Shuchinsk. The young Ukrainians claimed their third title short after that success by Yuliya Stoyko who shocked Kazakhstan's

ASBC Asian Women's Champion Madina Nurshayeva in the final of the welterweight (69kg). The 22-year-old Nurshayeva moved up one category in the recent weeks and she still needs to adopt the strength of the punches.

Kazakhstan's Rio 2016 Olympic Games bronze medallist Dariga Shakimova eliminated India's ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships runner-up Pooja Rani in the semi-final. Her main rival Chinese Taipei's AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Chen Nien Chin defeated Russia's National Champion Oksana Trofimova and Ukraine's Tatyana Petrovich during her road to the final. Chen was unable to box against Shakimova in the gold medal bout due her light injury.

India's new face Kalawanti secured a sensational gold medal at the light heavyweight (81kg) following her triumphs over Kazakhstan's Fariza Shaltay and Yulduz Mamatkulova. Kazakhstan's AIBA Women's World Champion Lazzat Kungeibayeva won the last title of the Volnova Prizes Women's Tournament in Shuchinsk following her performance against her younger teammate Umida Sadykova.



## ZHAKPEKOV, TOYBAY AND ORALBAY ARE THE STARS OF THE OMAROV YOUTH TOURNAMENT IN TARAZ

The Kenes Omarov Youth Tournament was held in the city of Taraz where Kazakhstan's top youth boxers shined in the competition. Their Children of Asia Games winner boxers as Yermakhan Zhakpekov, Damir Toybay and Aibek Oralbay all won their weight classes in the strong youth competition.

Taraz is located in the Southern part of Kazakhstan and famous of its strong combat sport traditions and boxing schools. The competition was held for the youth age group in Taraz and boxers who were born in 2000 or in 2001 were eligible to take part. More than 200 boxers attended in the Kenes Omarov Youth Tournament therefore the local organizers had to divide the participants into two groups in six weight classes.

The ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships will be held in Bangkok which will be the qualification event for the Youth Olympic Games and for the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships therefore the Omarov Youth Tournament was an important step on the road of their preparation.

The first gold medal was achieved by Dulat Amantayev who defeated his teammate Damir Manaubayev in the final of the pinweight (46kg) in Taraz. Timur Kabdeshov has got experiences from the junior and youth international competitions since 2016 therefore his success over Daulet Seidaliyev was not a surprise.

Kazakhstan's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Champion Makhmud Sabyrkhan secured his next title following his triumph over Zuraddin Zandarov. Karim Serkebayev eliminated Uzbekistan's Bekzodbek Isadullayev in the semi-final of the flyweight (52kg) and continued his winning path against host country's Galym Mirzatayev in the final.

Kazakhstan's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Champion Beybarys Zheksen is a top talent at the bantamweight (56kg) who was

too strong for Aidos Medet and Aidos Yerzhanuly in the final stages of the Omarov Youth Tournament. The second group in this weight class was won by Askhat Tastanbek which was his career highlight.

Kazakhstan claimed two gold medals also at the lightweight (60kg) where Samat Begembayev defeated Azat Zhambirbay as first. Their second gold medal was achieved by Sultan Musinov who arrived from a boxing family and showed his strength against Kyrgyzstan's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships silver medallist Umar Kubanychbek Uulu in the title contest. Kazakhstan's youth No.1 in this weight class Rakhat Seitzhan was unable to get any medal in this category.

The next gold medal was achieved by Kazakhstan's Yerkebulan Turap who showed great fighting spirit in the final of the light welterweight (64kg) against Nurdos Tolebay in Taraz. The second gold medal of this weight class was taken by Kazakhstan's Madi Altynbayev who was slightly better in the final than Kyrgyzstan's Children of Asia Games winner Ilgiz Matmusayev.

Children of Asia Games winner Yermakhan Zhakpekoy reached the quarter-final in the Bangkok 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships but he was not satisfied with his performance in the continental event. The 17-year-old welterweight (69kg) boxer was too strong for Uzbekistan's Zakirkhodja Madiyev in the

final and proved his development since his last international appearance.

Uzbekistan's Youth National Games silver medallist Alimardon Abdujabborov walked over Kazakhstan's youth No.1 Nurbek Oralbay in the semi-final of the middleweight (75kg) and defeated another top talent ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Champion Kuandyk Maksut in the gold medal contest.

Kazakhstan's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Champion Sagyndyk Togambay joined to the youth age group in January but he was too powerful for Shynarbek Batinuly in the next final.

Kazakhstan's Children of Asia Games winner Aibek Oralbay moved back to his original heavyweight (91kg) in spite of the fact he is relatively small in that category but he was able to beat ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Championships bronze medallist Arnur Akhmetzhanov for the title in Taraz.

The Children of Asia Games winner 17-year-old Damir Toybay is a strong super heavyweight (+91kg) boxer who is a top future hope in Kazakhstan. Their former Sydney 2000 Olympic Champion Mr. Yermakhan Ibraimov believes he could be their new star in the king weight class. Toybay eliminated Kyrgyzstan's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Championships bronze medallist Akhmed Usupov and stopped also Kazakhstan's Ilyas Musayev with his lethal combinations.



## LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE KENES OMAROV YOUTH TOURNAMENT

46 kg: Dulat Amantayev, Kazakhstan

49kg, Group A: Timur Kabdeshov, Kazakhstan

49kg, Group B: Makhmud Sabyrkhan, Kazakhstan

52 kg: Karim Serkebayev, Kazakhstan

56kg, Group A: Beybarys Zheksen, Kazakhstan

56kg, Group B: Askhat Tastanbek, Kazakhstan

60kg, Group A: Samat Begembayev, Kazakhstan

60kg, Group B: Sultan Musinov, Kazakhstan

64kg, Group A: Yerkebulan Turap, Kazakhstan

64kg, Group B: Madi Altynbayev, Kazakhstan

69kg, Group A: Yermakhan Zhakpekoy, Kazakhstan

69kg, Group B: Arman Saylau, Kazakhstan

75 kg: Alimardon Abdujabborov, Uzbekistan

75kg, Group B: Dinmukhamed Akhmetzhanov, Kazakhstan

81 kg: Sagyndyk Togambay, Kazakhstan

91 kg: Aibek Oralbay, Kazakhstan

+91 kg: Damir Toybay, Kazakhstan



## ASIAN HEGEMONY IN THE TRADITIONAL FELIKS STAMM MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT IN POLAND

The Asian countries performed superbly in the 35th edition of the Feliks Stamm Memorial Tournament in the Polish capital in Warsaw. The participating nations from our continent achieved finally 7 gold medals, 7 silvers and 7 bronze medals in the Feliks Stamm Memorial Tournament breaking all of the previous Asian records.

Jordan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Philippines, Qatar, Sri Lanka and Turkmenistan sent their boxers to the 35th Feliks Stamm Memorial Tournament where United States, Australia, Russia, Brazil, Germany, Turkey, Belarus, Sweden, Netherlands, Finland and host Poland also attended from the powerful boxing nations.

The first Asian gold medal was achieved by Philippines' AIBA Women's

World Boxing Championships silver medallist Nesthy Petecio who defeated Netherlands' Beata Dudekova, Sri Lanka's Keshani Kasthuri Hansika, Belarus' Yuliya Apanasovich and Germany's former AIBA Women's World Champion Ornella Wahner during her road to the title of the female featherweight (57kg).

Philippines also won gold medal in the men's part of the Feliks Stamm Memorial Tournament, their China

Open Tournament silver medallist and 2013 ASBC Asian Youth Champion Ian Clark Bautista became the best at the flyweight (52kg). The 24-year-old Filipino boxer defeated Russia's two-time EUBC European Champion Vasilij Egorov in the semi-final and continued his winning path against Turkmenistan's most experienced national team member Zarip Jumayev in the final.

Kazakhstan's Incheon 2014 Asian Games winner Ilyas Suleimenov is an experienced boxer at the bantamweight (56kg) but he had seriously hard road to get the title in Warsaw. The 27-year-old Kazakh boxer defeated Turkmenistan's Islamic Solidarity Games silver medallist Yakub Meredov, Russia's European Games winner Bakhtovar Nazirov, United States' AIBA World Boxing

Championships silver medallist Duke Ragan and Jordan's veteran Mohammed Abdelaziz Al-Wadi during his campaign in Warsaw.

Hursand Imankuliyev joined to the national team of Turkmenistan in 2012 and competed well in the Sofia 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships. He has quickly adopted the level of the elite boxers and with the leading of Russian star coach Mr. Aleksandr Lebziak he is now a strong weapon for Turkmenistan at the lightweight (60kg). Imankuliyev used strong tactic in the whole event and defeated Mongolia's Byambatsogt Tuguldur, Philippines' veteran Junel Cantancio and Russia's Artur Subkhankulov in Warsaw.

ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Bekdaulet Ibragimov was born in Tashkent but has been fighting for Kazakhstan.

The tough light welterweight (64kg) boxer started well against Jordan's Rio 2016 Olympian Obada Al-Kasbeh and defeated all of his rivals including Poland's lone finalist Damian Durkacz in the event.

Kazakhstan's two-time WSB Team Champion Aslanbek Shymbergenov had a difficult semi-final against Germany's Magomed Schachidov at the welterweight (69kg) but after that close success he was able to beat a top Russian, Sergey Sobylynskiy in the final. Kazakhstan's fourth gold medal was achieved by Asian Games winner Anton Pinchuk who was slightly better than Turkmenistan's Islamic Solidarity Games gold medallist Arslanbek Achilov in the final of the heavyweight (91kg).

## TOGETHER WE ARE POWER

Kazakhstan sent big delegation to the 68th edition of the Bornemissza Youth & Junior Memorial Tournament to the city of Eger, Hungary and amazed the boxing fans in the competition. Their boxers claimed altogether 12 gold medals in the strong competition and topped the No.1 position in the team rankings.

Eger is located in the Northern part of Hungary and famous of its boxing schools and of the Bornemissza Memorial Tournament which was named by a previous military official who led the defense of the castle during the Turkish siege in 1552. The 68th edition of the Bornemissza Memorial Tournament saw 269 boxers from 19 countries in Eger.

Kazakhstan's top junior boxers claimed three gold medals in the event and several further podium places against strong US, Russian and Ukrainian talents. The first Kazakh gold medal was achieved by Yerbolat Sabyr at the junior light flyweight (48kg) where he defeated United States' Chavez Barrientes in the final.

Defending ASBC Asian Junior Champion Yerassyl Zhakpekov won all of his contests in the recent 19 months and was named as the Best Boxer of the Bornemissza Memorial Tournament following his triumph over Russia's EUBC European Schoolboys Champion Mikhail Usov in the final of the junior light middleweight (70kg).



## KAZAKHSTAN CLAIMED DOZEN OF GOLD MEDALS IN THE BORNEMISSZA MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Kazakhstan's Junior & Schoolboys National Champion Yevgeniy Prikhodko was excellent in the recent one year and arrived to the Bornemissza Memorial Tournament as the main favourite of the junior middleweight (75kg). The 15-year-old Pavlodar-based talent defeated Croatia's top hope in this age group Antonio Grabic in the final using his powerful combinations mainly from the second round.

Makhmud Sabyrkhan, Talgat Syrymbetov and Biybars Zheksen were excellent as juniors including also at the Puerto Princesa 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships. All of them joined to the youth age group only this

January but they were unstoppable in the Bornemissza Memorial Tournament beating their Slovenian and Montenegrin rivals in the gold medal contests.

Kazakhstan's youth lightweight (60kg) No.1 Rakhat Seitzhan controlled all of the rounds against Denmark's Nikolai Terteryan and won the title in Eger. Talgat Shayken had also a Danish opponent in the final of the light welterweight (64kg) Sebastian Terteryan but his first round was too strong for his European opponent. Thomas Kyo the Danish head coach abandoned their final in the second round which meant Shayken also achieved gold medal in the Bornemissza Memorial Tournament.

Children of Asia Games winner Yermakhan Zhakpekov defeated Norway's Don Emimi in the final of the welterweight (69kg). Nurbek Oralbay (75kg), Sagyndyk Togambay (81kg) and Aibek Oralbay (91kg) also won their weight classes in Eger finalizing Kazakhstan's 12 gold medal series in the Bornemissza Memorial Tournament.

Kazakhstan's Mukhammedsabyr Bazarbayuli, Junior National Champion Yerassyl Tankay, Meirzhan Aidar, Georgiy Aushev have achieved silver medals in the junior level. Children of Asia Games winner Damir Toybay lost to Croatia's EUBC European Junior Champion Josip Biletic in a hectic final of the youth super heavyweight (+91kg).



## AIBA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPION HAYATO TSUTSUMI AND ISSEI ARAMOTO WERE THE TEENAGE STARS OF THE AKIRA YAMANE CUP

The first edition of the Akira Yamane Cup was held in the city of Miyazaki where seven men weight classes were held. The competition was named by the current President of the Japanese Boxing Federation Mr. Akira Yamane. Japan's AIBA Youth World Champion Hayato Tsutsumi, powerful Tomoya Tsuboi, Rio 2016 Olympian Arashi Morisaka and another teenager Issei Aramoto all impressed in the Akira Yamane Cup.

ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist and Doha 2015 AIBA World Boxing Championships competitor Tomoya Tsuboi is member of the national team since 2015 and

following his Japanese national titles he won the 1st Akira Yamane Cup in Miyazaki. The 21-year-old light flyweight (49kg) boxer defeated ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships

bronze medallist Tosho Kashiwasaki in the final. ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist and Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships competitor 22-year-old Ryusei Baba was also impressed in the final of the Akira Yamane Cup. Baba had to face with defending ASBC Asian Youth Champion teenage hope Ryutaro Nakagaki in the final of the flyweight (52kg) but he found the weak points of his opponent.

Current AIBA Youth World Champion and two-time ASBC Asian Youth Champion Hayato Tsutsumi competed in his first ever Japanese Elite National Championships in Fukui last November but he won the title with top performance. The 18-year-old super talented boxer continued his amazing winning series and defeated Kota Kaneko in the final of the bantamweight (56kg).

Rio 2016 Olympian Arashi Morisaka is the current Japanese National Champion at the lightweight (60kg) who had several international fights since 2011. The 22-year-old boxer had defeated Asian Games Test Event silver medallist promising Rentaro Kimura in the final of the last Japanese National Championships and Morisaka was able to beat his top rival once again in Miyazaki.

Rio 2016 Olympian and ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Daisuke Narimatsu is Japan's most experienced international level boxer who returned to the world of boxing at the light welterweight (64kg) after a short break.

The 28-year-old boxer defeated Yuta Akiyama once again following the Japanese National Championships but he was not able to deliver his very best in the final of the Akira Yamane Cup.



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE AKIRA YAMANE CUP

49 kg: Tomoya Tsuboi, 1996

52 kg: Ryusei Baba, 1996

56 kg: Hayato Tsutsumi, 1999

60 kg: Arashi Morisaka, 1996

64 kg: Daisuke Narimatsu, 1989

69 kg: Issei Aramoto, 1999

75 kg: Yuito Moriwaki, 1996

Japan's ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships bronze medallist Issei Aramoto is a great prospect at the welterweight (69kg) in Japan who competed only in his second elite competition. Aramoto lost to experienced Hiroaki Kinjo in the last National Championships but the 18-year-old teenage talent did a classical revenge in the final of the Akira Yamane Cup in Miyazaki.

Yuito Moriwaki was born in 1996 and he trains in the Hosei University but he is not a well-known boxer in the international level yet. The young middleweight (75kg) boxer impressed in the Asian Games Test Event last month which he won by large margin of differences and following that international success he was able to beat Ryusai Onikura in the final of the Akira Yamane Cup.

# AL-JASSAS, HUMAIDI AND BAWAZER IMPRESSED IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Saudi Arabian National Boxing Championships was held for their elite male boxers in Al-Qasim City where the competition was taking place within three days. Nine champions have been crowned and among them Sajad Ali Al-Jassas, Samer Humaidi, Nasser Talal Bawazer, Salem Ahmed Faqihi and Ahmed Jaber Al-Faifi proved their skills are developed significantly.

The Saudi Arabians returned to the international tournaments at the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa last August and the country has got strong strategic plans to develop our sport. The competition was preparation event for the upcoming international elite competitions and the main goal of the year, the Asian Games which will be held in Jakarta in August.

The first gold medal was achieved by Al Taraji's Murtadha Al-Sheikh who was too strong for Al-Raied's Rayan Al-Soudir in the final of the light flyweight (49kg). Oqaz's Faris Ayed Al-Moutaini was the titleholder of the flyweight (52kg) in the Saudi Arabian National Championships and he was able to remain on the top

following his victory over Sami Soubaie of Al-Raied.

Al Taraji's Sajad Ali Al-Jassas won the Gulf Countries Tournament in Riyadh two years ago and since then he was unstoppable in the Saudi Arabian national events. The 20-year-old bantamweight (56kg) boxer delivered one of the best performances in Al-Qasim City where he defeated Abdulrahman Touban in the final of the national event.



Oqaz's Samer Humaidi competed in the Amman 2013 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships and several other international events. The 28-year-old lightweight (60kg) boxer was in different level than Al Taraji's Abdulla Al-Mohamed in the final and increased his number of national titles.

Oqaz's Ahmed Manshi is a new face in Saudi Arabia's boxing life but he was able to beat Damak's Talal Ahmed Walies in the final of the light welterweight (64kg) achieving his first national title. Salem Ahmed Faqihi competed in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games and three editions of the Gulf Countries Tournament which international experiences paid off in the final of the middleweight (75kg) against Khalid Al-Hazli of Makka.

Oqaz's fourth gold medal was achieved by Ahmed Jaber Al-Faifi who took part



## LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 49 kg: Murtadha Al-Sheikh
- 52 kg: Faris Ayed Al-Moutaini
- 56 kg: Sajad Ali Al-Jassas
- 60 kg: Samer Humaidi
- 64 kg: Ahmed Manshi
- 75 kg: Salem Ahmed Faqihi
- 81 kg: Ahmed Jaber Al-Faifi
- 91 kg: Ahmad Al-Subhi
- +91 kg: Nasser Talal Bawazer

already in the Baku 2011 AIBA World Boxing Championships and claimed silver medal in the 2016 Gulf Countries Tournament. The light heavyweight (81kg) veteran defeated Mohamed Ayesh Al-Arishi in the final and defended his throne.

Makka's Ahmad Al-Subhi impressed in the final of the heavyweight (91kg) where he launched powerful punches against Riyadh's Ali Sayed Al-Bishi and celebrated his title after the final gong. Nasser Talal Bawazer was named as the Best Boxer of the 2017 Saudi Arabian National Championships and the Makka-based boxer secured his next title in Al-Qasim City following his victory over veteran Turki Al-Subyani.

## TOGETHER WE ARE POWER

The Pakistan National Boxing Championships was held in the city of Lahore where thirteen champions have been crowned. Mohibullah Bacha, Syed Muhammad Asif, Suleman Baloch, Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships competitor Awais Ali Khan and Mir Waiz Khan are all experienced male boxers in the international stage and won their next national titles in Pakistan.



## HISTORICAL WOMEN EVENT IN THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WHERE AWAIS ALI KHAN DELIVERED SUPERB PERFORMANCE

A historical step was done by the Pakistan Boxing Federation, their first ever Women's National Championships was held also parallel by the men's national event in Lahore. Altogether 142 female and male boxers competed for the medals in the Pakistan National Championships.

Pakistan's Army claimed seven gold medals while WAPDA took three titles in the National Championships in Lahore. Pakistan has been preparing first to the Commonwealth Games which will be taking place in Gold Coast, Australia in April and to where the South Asian country is planning to send their bests.

Pakistan sent women boxers to the South Asian Games to Shillong, India two years ago which was their debut in the female part of the sport. Altogether 17 women boxers attended in the Pakistan Women's National Championships and the first gold

medal was achieved by Razia Bano of Sindh who defeated South Asian Games quarter-finalist Khoushleem Bano of Punjab in the final of the flyweight (51kg).

Punjab's South Asian Games bronze medallist Rukhsana Perveen secured the second title at the National Championships where she was able to beat Balochistan's Memona Bibi. Punjab's second gold medal in the Pakistan Women's National Championships was acquired by Arzoo Ashraf who was enough strong to beat South Asian Games bronze medallist Sofia Javed of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Following the women part of the National Championships 125 men also attended in Lahore. The South Asian Games silver medallist Mohibullah Bacha won the first gold medal in the men competition who was too smart and



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's 51 kg: Razia Bano

Women's 60 kg: Rukhsana Perveen

Women's 75 kg: Arzoo Ashraf

Men's 49 kg: Mohibullah Bacha

Men's 52 kg: Syed Muhammad Asif

Men's 56 kg: Muhammad Raza

Men's 60 kg: Ali Ahmed

Men's 64 kg: Suleman Baloch

Men's 69 kg: Gul Zaib

Men's 75 kg: Zulqarnain Mostafa

Men's 81 kg: Awais Ali Khan

Men's 91 kg: Ahmed Ali

Men's +91 kg: Mir Waiz Khan

tactically strong Navy's Daud Khan at the light flyweight (49kg). Mohibullah has been preparing hard to get a medal in the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

Army's South Asian Games silver medallist Syed Muhammad Asif was enough experienced to beat a young prospect Ameer Hamza in the final of the flyweight (52kg) and captured the next title in Lahore. Army's Muhammad Raza defeated Nageeb Ullah in the final of the bantamweight (56kg) which was first elite national title.

South Asian Games silver medallist Ali Ahmed eliminated Air Force's Islamic

Solidarity Games quarter-finalist Naimat Ullah in the semi-final and continued his winning path against Muhammad Ibrahim in the final of the lightweight (60kg). ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships competitor Suleman Baloch dominated his final against Air Force's Adnan Hassan and defended his throne at the light welterweight (64kg).

ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships and Islamic Solidarity Games competitor Gul Zaib had a well-built game plan against experienced Amir Khan and won the gold medal of the welterweight (69kg). Army boxer Zulqarnain Mostafa defeated Air Force's Islamic Solidarity Games quarter-finalist Arshad Hussain and Navy's South Asian Games silver medallist Tanveer Ahmed and celebrated his well-deserved gold at the middleweight (75kg).

Army's Awais Ali Khan qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships following his Top6 place at the Tashkent 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships. Awais Ali Khan fought for his place in the Commonwealth Games' squad and delivered top performance against Air Force's Muhammad Naeem Khan in the final of the light heavyweight (81kg).

Army's veteran Ahmed Ali eliminated Air Force's Doha 2015 AIBA World Boxing Championships competitor Mehmood Ul Hassan and Ghulam Shabbir at the heavyweight (91kg) while ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Mehmood Sanaullah lost his quarter-final bout in Lahore. Mir Waiz Khan was involved to the national team in 2005 therefore he knew how to beat Air Force's Mirza Azam and Army's Waqar Ahmed at the super heavyweight (+91kg).

# CHANTHILATH AND KHAM- SATHONE DOMINATED THE LAOS NA- TIONAL CHAM- PIONSHIPS IN VIENTIANE

The Laos National Boxing Championships was held for the juniors, elite women and men boxers in Vientiane. Laos' promising woman boxer Daomayuly Chanthilath and their best man athlete Khamphouvanh Khamsathone both won the titles in the National Championships beating their rivals large margin of differences.



The elite men boxers could attend in six weight classes in the Laos National Boxing Championships in Vientiane. Women elite athletes fought in five weight categories while also five champions were crowned among the men juniors. Altogether 128 boxers competed in the national event from 18 boxing clubs.

Laos competed in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok, in the Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur and in the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Ho Chi Minh City last year. Their younger hopes have been preparing to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

The first gold medal of the Laos National Championships was achieved by Loungfa Panyaphone at the men's junior pinweight (46kg) where he was too smart for the defending champion of the category Somxay Samai Insone. The second title in the men's junior level was delivered by Souksakhone Inthavong who eliminated Bounmy Xayalath in the final of the flyweight (50kg).

Santi Noikhanae won the third title in the men's junior level after beating Phanjeuang Bounheuang at the light bantamweight (52kg). Siphae Manichanh will be turning 18 only later this year but he is already an experienced athlete who defeated Houmphanh Khammaty in the next final. Kongthong Vonghalath also impressed in the men's junior level when he triumphed over Bounmixay Sanaxai in the lightweight (60kg) final.

Daomayuly Chanthilath competed in the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Ho Chi Minh City last November short after her 19th birthday and those experiences paid off in the Laos National Championships. The promising teenager dominated all of her fights in Vientiane and defeated newcomer Nouning Inthavong in the final of the women's elite flyweight (51kg).

The further gold medals in the women part of the Laos National Championships were achieved by Phanh Sihakhoth, former bronze medallist Pany Aphilat, Soi Souvanthong and Kong Phailath. All of them were achieved their first ever gold medals in the history of the Laos Women's National Championships.

Khamphouvanh Khamsathone is Laos' best future hope in men's boxing who competed in the recent editions of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships and proved strong technique also in the national event. The 20-year-old light flyweight (49kg) boxer defended his throne in Vientiane following his success in the final over Phetdaentai Salavanh. Khamsathone achieved his third-in-a-row title in the Laos National Championships and has got realistic chance to represent the country in the upcoming Asian Games.

Chanthavy Sisoulath (52kg), Chanthakob Chantha (56kg), Voradeth Simmaleuk (60kg), Noukhit Lathsaphao (64kg) and Soukanh Sichanh (69kg) secured the further titles in the men's elite section. The next national event will be the Laos National Games which will be taking place in November 11-21 after the Asian Games.



## LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE LAOS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Junior 46 kg: Loungfa Panyaphone

Men's Junior 50 kg: Souksakhone Inthavong

Men's Junior 52 kg: Santi Noikhanae

Men's Junior 56 kg: Siphae Manichanh

Men's Junior 60 kg: Kongthong Vonghalath

Women's Elite 48 kg: Phanh Sihakhoth

Women's Elite 51 kg: Daomayuly Chanthilath

Women's 54 kg: Pany Aphilat

Women's 57 kg: Soi Souvanthong

Women's 60 kg: Kong Phailath

Men's 49 kg: Khamphouvanh Khamsathone

Men's 52 kg: Chanthavy Sisoulath

Men's 56 kg: Chanthakob Chantha

Men's 60 kg: Voradeth Simmaleuk

Men's 64 kg: Noukhit Lathsaphao

Men's 69 kg: Soukanh Sichanh



The Bhutan National Boxing Championships was held for the elite women and men boxers in the Phuntsholing Higher Secondary School and delivered great battles in the developing country's main competition in 2018. Bhutan's best woman boxer Tandin Lhamo and their top men hopes as Kinley Gyeltshen, Tshering Wangchuk and Tashi Norbu won their weight classes in the national event.

## TSSHERING WANGCHUK AND TASHI NORBU RETURNED WITH SUCCESSES IN THE BHUTAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The men boxers could attend in nine weight classes in the Bhutan National Boxing Championships. Women elite athletes fought in two weight categories at the very first time in the country's boxing history following their first appearance in one weight class in 2017. Altogether 90 male and 4 elite female boxers attended in the Bhutan National Boxing Championships in Phuntsholing. The team Tendu from the Samtse district won three

gold medals and two silvers as well which meant they topped the team rankings in Bhutan National Boxing Championships in Phuntsholing. The young residents of the city are involved to many sports and several ethnic groups live there in harmony.

Tandin Lhamo won her first national title in 2017 and attended also in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup in Mongolia last June which was her first international competition therefore her success



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE BHUTAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's 48 kg: Tandin Lhamo

Women's 57 kg: Sonam Pelden

Men's 49 kg: Nima Tshering

Men's 52 kg: Kinley Gyeltshen

Men's 56 kg: Ugyen Thinley

Men's 60 kg: Dorji Phub

Men's 64 kg: Passang

Men's 69 kg: Tshering Wangchuk

Men's 75 kg: Karma Wangchuk

Men's 81 kg: Kinzang Wangdi

Men's 91 kg: Tashi Norbu

over teenage talent Tshering Eden was not a surprise at the light flyweight (48kg). Bhutan's second woman boxer who claimed gold in the National Championships was Sonam Peden at the featherweight (57kg) who defeated Chimi Dema in the final.

Nima Tshering claimed bronze medal in the 2016 Bhutan National Championships but he was able to change this into gold at the light flyweight (49kg) following his superb performance against Tempa Tshering in the final. Kinley Gyeltshen competed in the last edition of the Asian Games in Incheon and he had all of the experiences to beat Phurpa in the final of the flyweight (52kg).

Ugyen Thinley is a young hope in Bhutan's boxing life who competed in the Pavlodar 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships and also in the Tashkent 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships. The 19-year-old boxer controlled his bantamweight (56kg) final against Tashi Dorji who was quarter-finalist in the last edition.

Southpaw Dorji Phub was the titleholder at the lightweight (60kg) and kept his throne following his narrow triumph over newcomer Layap who looked faster in their final but the more experienced boxer knew how to handle this speed. Dorji Phub won his third-in-a-row national title in Bhutan and remained his chance to compete in the upcoming Asian Games.

Tendu Boxing Club's Passang won the gold medal in the 2016 edition at the light welterweight (64kg) when he was named as the Best Boxer of the National Championships. Passang dominated the whole competition and he was too strong for Damchoe whose ringside abandoned their fight in the second round.

Tshering Wangchuk achieved bronze medal in the last edition of the South Asian Games and returned in top shape winning the welterweight (69kg) against Kinley Tshering. The middleweight (75kg) title was achieved by defending National Champion Karma Wangchuk who was too strong for Tashi Phuntsho in the final.

Haa District's 25-year-old Kinzang Wangdi moved up to the light heavyweight (81kg) and defeated three years younger Kezang Dorji in the final. ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist and South Asian Games bronze medallist Tashi Norbu moved up to the heavyweight (91kg) and dominated his contests including his final against Jigme Wangchuk in Phuntsholing.



## DZHAMSHEDZHON GAFUROV WORKED SENSATIONALLY IN THE TAJIKISTAN YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TURSUNZODA

The Tajikistan Youth National Championships was held in Tursunzoda which competition was a selection event for their future hopes. Tajikistan's best boxer in this age group Dzhamshedzhon Gafurov defeated his top rival in the final and he showed he is ready to compete in the big events in 2018.

The event was held in Dushanbe where boxers who were born in 2000 and in 2001 were eligible to compete in the Tajikistan Youth National Championships. Tajikistan has been preparing to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in April. Altogether 85 men boxers competed in the Tajikistan Youth National Championships in Tursunzoda in ten weight classes. Tokhirjon Yuldashev competed in the Kenes Omarov Youth Tournament in Taraz and his international experiences paid off when he won the first title in the national event following his triumph over Dushanbe's

Shokhin Nursatzoda in the final of the light flyweight (49kg).

Akmal Ubaydov was quarter-finalist in the last edition of the Tajikistan Youth National Championships and he missed to get medals in other events but this time he was in top shape at the flyweight (52kg). The 17-year-old boxer had hard road to the finals but he was able to beat also Youth National Championships bronze medallist Alijon Khoshimov for the title.

Khudjand's Akim Prizes Youth Cup winner Dzhamshedzhon Gafurov is the most experienced youth boxer in Tajikistan in the international level but he needed to do all of his very best to beat his tough rivals at the bantamweight (56kg). Following



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE TAJIKISTAN YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

49 kg: Tokhirjon Yuldashev

52 kg: Akmal Ubaydov

56 kg: Dzhamshedzhon Gafurov

60 kg: Ilkhom Nazirov

64 kg: Abdukhamid Khamitov

69 kg: Mukhammadali Abdurakhmonov

75 kg: Faridun Egamberdiyev

81 kg: Nabi Abduganiyev

91 kg: Islombek Aliyev

+91 kg: Mukhammad Abroridinov

his experiences in the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships, Children of Asia Games and other events he was able to beat Badakhshan's Romid Orifshoyev, Youth National Cup winner Shaydo Shermamadov and Youth National Champion Khudoynazar Malakhbekov in the final of the event.

Dushanbe's Akim Prizes Youth Cup bronze medallist Ilkhom Nazirov delivered one of the biggest sensations of the Tajikistan Youth National Championships. The 17-year-old lightweight (60kg) defeated AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships competitor Bekhruz Nazaromonov and Issyk-Kul Junior Cup silver medallist Abdurakhmon Yokubov who is member of the national team.

Khudjand's Abdukhamid Khamitov competed in the Aytenov Brothers Youth Tournament in Kazakhstan last year and

his skills were enough to beat Dushanbe's Maruf Kholmatov in the final of the light welterweight (64kg). Kholmatov moved down one category since the last edition of the Tajikistan Youth National Championships and with his silver he reached his career highlight.

Sughd region's Akim Prizes Youth Cup silver medallist Mukhammadali Abdurakhmonov was the titleholder of the welterweight (69kg) in the Tajikistan Youth National Championships but he had such a strong rival in the final as Junior National Champion Abdumalik Boltayev who is the best Tajik boxer in the 2001 age group. Abdurakhmanov was slightly better this time and defeated his younger rival by split decision in Tursunzoda.

Dushanbe's Faridun Egamberdiyev was also titleholder in the Tajikistan Youth National Championships as Abdurakhmanov and following his tough performance he defeated Bokhtar's Ramoil Kurbonov in the final of the middleweight (75kg). Dushanbe's Youth National Championships bronze medallist Nabi Abduganiyev secured the next title following his triumph over Sughd region's Sobirjon Saidakhmadov in the light heavyweight (81kg).

Islombek Aliyev and Sughd region's Saidabdullo Sarmusokov both won gold medals in the last edition of the Tajikistan Youth National Championships and now they competed in the same category. Aliyev used his strong combinations and stamina to beat his rival in the final of the heavyweight (91kg) and defended his throne.

Dushanbe's Junior National Champion Mukhammad Abroridinov was too strong for Faridun Samiyev in the final of the super heavyweight (+91kg) and captured the gold in Tursunzoda.



### LIST OF THE TITLEHOLDERS IN THE TAIMANOV & UTEMISOV MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

- 49 kg: Islam Abdumuslimov, Russia
- 52 kg: Zhanybek Musayev, Kyrgyzstan
- 56 kg: Bekzhan Kuralov, Kazakhstan
- 60 kg: Yerzhan Ordabayev, Kazakhstan
- 64 kg: Beslan Khamzaev, Russia
- 69 kg: Maimaiti Tuersunqiong, China
- 75 kg: Shamil Khataev, Russia
- 81 kg: Nurzod Sobirov, Kazakhstan
- 91 kg: Magzhan Bazarbay, Kazakhstan
- +91 kg: A. Muhamamad, China

## THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TAIMANOV & UTEMISOV MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD IN APRIL 26-30

The Issatai Taimanov & Makhambet Utemisov Memorial Tournament for the elite men boxers will be held in Atyrau, Kazakhstan in April 26-30. The Atyrau Boxing Federation is waiting for Asia's and Europe's top boxers for the international competition which was launched with its first edition in 2009.

Issatai Taimanov and Makhambet Utemisov were Kazakhstan's heroes who lived in the 18th and 19th centuries and not only served their country as warriors but poets as well. The competition will be held in Atyrau which is located off the coast of the Caspian Sea and the traditional venue of the Issatai Taimanov & Makhambet Utemisov Memorial Tournament.

The last edition of the Issatai Taimanov & Makhambet Utemisov Memorial Tournament was held in Atyrau, Kazakhstan where the host country, Russia, China and Kyrgyzstan claimed the gold medals. The Syrian elite team competed in Atyrau also two years ago and all of their four boxers claimed medals in the Issatai Taimanov and Makhambet Utemisov Memorial

Tournament in spite of the political crisis in their country. The city of Atyrau hosted several international competitions besides to the Issatai Taimanov and Makhambet Utemisov Memorial Tournament to raise the region's boxing life including with the Askar Kulibayev Prizes Tournament and the Moldagulova & Dospanova & Mametova Women's Memorial Tournament.

#### Weight classes of the event:

The prestigious competition will be held in 10 men weight classes: 49kg, 52kg, 56kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg, 91kg and +91kg.

#### Competition Period

The arrival of the delegations is April 25, the competition period in the Atyrau Sports Complex is April 26-30 while the departure of the teams is May 1.

#### Contact Details of the Local Organizers

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#### Live Streaming during the competition:

www.afb.kz



## BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA ANNOUNCED 12-STRONG TEAM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES INCLUDING LEGEND MARY KOM

The Boxing Federation of India announced their team to the upcoming Commonwealth Games which will be held in Gold Coast, Australia next month. The 12-strong team, which was selected by their head coach Mr. Santiago Nieva, contains several favourites including India's national icon Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte, two-time Olympian Vikas Krishan Yadav and top rank boxer Manish Kaushik.

India hosted the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships in Guwahati and their federation will be welcoming the top elite female boxers in the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi later this year. Their preparation for the Commonwealth Games was successful in the Indian Open Boxing Tournament and several other international competitions to keep their boxers in top form.


India's five-time AIBA Women's World Champion and five-time ASBC Asian Women's Champion Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte returned to the world of boxing in top shape and moved back to her original light flyweight (48kg). The Indian icon is the top favourite of her weight class in the Commonwealth Games and she is aiming for her first ever Commonwealth Games title. Pinky Jangra Rani was bronze medallist at

the women's flyweight (51kg) in the last edition of the Commonwealth Games and regained her place in the Indian national team with perfect timing. Former AIBA Women's World Champion veteran Sarita Devi Laishram will be representing India at the lightweight (60kg) while their fourth addition in the female squad will be 20-year-old Lovlina Borgohain at the welterweight (69kg) who claimed bronze medal in the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Vietnam.

Amit Panghal had strong concurrency at the light flyweight (49kg) but he defeated AIBA Youth World Champion Sachin Siwach Singh and Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympian Shyam Kumar Kakara in the national selection events. The ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Amit is among the favourites of his category where England's Galal Yafai could be his main rival.

India's new flyweight (52kg) option Gaurav Solanki qualified for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games and achieved silver medal in the Apia 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games but the upcoming event will be his first big elite multisport event. Mohamed Hussamuddin achieved silver medal in the 2017 Strandja Memorial Tournament in Bulgaria and the strong bantamweight (56kg) boxer delivered enough good results to be selected for the squad.

Asian Games Test Event winner Manish Kaushik, who replaced ASBC Asian Champion Shiva Thapa in the team, won almost all of his contests in the recent half year beating tough Cuban, Indian, Japanese and Filipino boxers therefore he could be a secret favourite at the lightweight (60kg). India's two-time Olympian Manoj Kumar won the Commonwealth Games in 2010 and still



### THE INDIAN TEAM IN THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Women's 48 kg: Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte

Women's 51 kg: Pinky Jangra Rani

Women's 60 kg: Sarita Devi Laishram

Women's 69 kg: Lovlina Borgohain

Men's 49 kg: Amit Panghal

Men's 52 kg: Gaurav Solanki

Men's 56 kg: Mohamed Hussamuddin

Men's 60 kg: Manish Kaushik

Men's 64 kg: Manoj Kumar

Men's 75 kg: Vikas Krishan Yadav

Men's 91 kg: Naman Tanwar

Men's +91 kg: Satish Kumar

involved to the squad the welterweight (69kg).

India's two-time Olympian and former Asian Games winner Vikas Krishan Yadav will be their middleweight (75kg) boxer in Gold Coast where he can fight in a possible dream match with England's sensation Benjamin Whittaker. AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Naman Tanwar (91kg) and Satish Kumar (+91kg) also selected to take part in the Commonwealth Games with at least medal hopes.



## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES' BOXERS IN THE CUBAN TRAINING CAMP

Elite 52 kg: Sultan Al-Numi

Elite 56 kg: Majed Walid Al-Naqbi

Elite 60 kg: Fahad Al-Blushi

Elite 64 kg: Fahad Al-Khoori

Youth 52 kg: Khalifa Al-Suwidi

Youth 60 kg: Amer Al-Suwaider

Youth 75 kg: Nawaf Al-Riyami



## SEVEN BOXERS FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TRAIN IN THE CUBAN CAPITAL UNTIL APRIL 13

The United Arab Emirates Boxing Federation decided to send their elite and youth boxers to a training camp to the Cuban capital to Havana. Their delegation consists seven boxers and two coaches which international training and sparring camp will support their talents to prepare better for the upcoming main competitions. The delegation arrived to Havana in the recent days and will be there in the training camp until April 13.

United Arab Emirates Boxing Federation has sent seven boxers to the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships to Puerto Princesa which was record in their boxing history. United Arab Emirates Boxing Federation also

attended in the Tashkent 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships which was their first historical participation in the men's elite level.

The United Arab Emirates Boxing Federation hosted its Sheikh Mohammad

Bin Hamad Alsharqi National Boxing Championships in the city of Fujairah last November which was their first selection for the actions in 2018. Altogether 72 male boxers competed in different age groups for the titles in the event in the Sheikh

Mohammad Bin Hamad Alsharqi National Boxing Championships in Fujairah a few months ago.

Their four defending Elite National Champions are involved to the Cuban training camp as Sultan Al-Numi, Majed Walid Al-Naqbi, Fahad Al-Blushi and Fahad Al-Khoori. Two coaches are with the team in Havana, their former national team boxer Mohamed Al-Shibli and Abdelghani Moneer.

Three boxers will be representing United Arab Emirates in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok. All of their three talents as defending Youth National Champion Khalifa Al-Suwidi (52kg), Amer Al-Suwaider (60kg) and ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships bronze medallist Nawaf Al-Riyami (75kg) are in the Cuban training camp to strengthen their physical, technical and tactical skills.



## WORLD MEDALLISTS KINOSHITA AND IRIE PROVED TOP PERFORMANCE IN THE JAPAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

The 29<sup>th</sup> Japanese National High School Selection Tournament was held in the city of Miyazaki where the country's top youth talents met in a five-days long competition. Japan's AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships duo Rinka Kinoshita and Sena Irie both won their finals by impressive performance.

The first edition of the Akira Yamane Cup was held in the city of Miyazaki parallel to this important youth competition which was also a selection event for the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. Eleven winners have been crowned in Miyazaki where three female and eight men weight classes were in action.

Miyazaki's Misaki Nasu competed in the last edition of the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships in Guwahati but she lost her first contest. The strong pinweight (46kg) boxer stopped Ako Yaguchi in the semi-final and continued

her winning path against Yuka Sadamatsu in the final of the national event.

AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Rinka Kinoshita was excellent in the whole competition and the Tottori-based boxer celebrated her next national title in Miyazaki. The 18-year-old flyweight (51kg) boxer defeated Karen Yasumura and Makoto Koga in the final stages of the competition and secured her place in the travelling team to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

Sena Irie also achieved bronze medal in the Guwahati 2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships as Rinka Kinoshita and proved similar strong performance in Miyazaki. Irie stopped Rin Tsutsumimoto with her strong punches which was their re-match following the Japanese Women's Youth National Championships.

The first gold medal in the men part of the High School National Selection Tournament was delivered by Takuma Hirano who defeated Shunsuke Sakamoto in the final of the pinweight (46kg). Japanese Youth National Sports Festival winner Shogo Tanaka had to do his very best in Miyazaki to get the title of the light flyweight (49kg) against experienced Ryo Mandokoro.

Hyogo's promising Kazuki Anaguchi was involved to the Japanese national team in three years ago when he competed in the St. Petersburg 2015 AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships. Anaguchi, who claimed silver in the Japanese Youth National Sports Festival last October, walked over to the gold medal as his opponent Sho Nogami was unable to box against him in the final of the flyweight (52kg).

Reo Nishioka is a new face in the high school level but he was able to get his first title against Masaki Matsuo in the final of the bantamweight (56kg) winning the contest by split decision. ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Shoi Someya will be turning 17 only later this year but his skills were enough to beat Ryunosuke Kogawa in the final of the lightweight (60kg).

Sora Tanaka won the gold medal in the Puerto Princesa 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships and he was named as the Best Boxer of the event. The 17-year-old talent joined to the youth age group



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE JAPANESE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

Women's 46 kg: Misaki Nasu

Women's 51 kg: Rinka Kinoshita

Women's 60 kg: Sena Irie

Men's 46 kg: Takuma Hirano

Men's 49 kg: Shogo Tanaka

Men's 52 kg: Kazuki Anaguchi

Men's 56 kg: Reo Nishioka

Men's 60 kg: Shoi Someya

Men's 64 kg: Sora Tanaka

Men's 69 kg: Sho Patrick Usami

Men's 75 kg: Kosei Nogami

in January and in spite of his amazing international results he had difficulties in the final against Reito Tanaka. The final verdict was split decision for Sora Tanaka who is planning to get his second Asian title in Bangkok.

Japanese Youth National Sports Festival winner Sho Patrick Usami has got Canadian roots but has been fighting for Japan in the international events. Usami moved up to the welterweight (69kg) but he was able to win his third national event within eight months after beating Daigo Sunaga in the final. The last gold medal of the whole competition was acquired by Kosei Nogami who did enough against Takuki Tokiyoshi in the final of the middleweight (75kg).



## MOHAMED JABER HAQAWI DEFENDED HIS THRONE IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships was held in the city of Abha which is located in the Northern part of the country. Mohamed Jaber Haqawi secured his next national title and defended his throne in the Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships in Abha proving he is a future hope in the country.

Boxers who were born in 2002 or in 2003 were eligible to fight in the Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships in

Abha. Saudi Arabia competed in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships which

was the comeback of the country to the continental level.

The first gold medal of the Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships was taken by Damak's Walid Al-Izie who defeated Al-Taraji's Housen Al-Badan at the pinweight (46kg). Oqaz's first gold medal was achieved by Schoolboys National Champion Osama Jaber Al-Faifi who was too smart for Riyadh's Obada Takrouni in the final of the light flyweight (48kg). Al-Faifi arrived to the competition from a great Saudi boxing family and proved his technique and developed skills in Abha.

Damak's second title was taken by Mouhsen Al-Ali who achieved silver medal in the 2017 edition of the Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships but this time he was able to change that colour into gold following his triumph over Riyadh's Abdulrahman Sharahili in the final of the flyweight (50kg).

Riyadh's Abdelaziz Al-Outiebi has got experiences from the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships which paid off for the 16-year-old boxer in the National Championships. Al-Outiebi, who trains and lives in the their capital city, launched more effective punches than Al-Taraji's Mohamed Al-Khazam in the fourth final of the Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships.

Makka's first gold medal was acquired by Faysal Moutifi who defeated Damak's Fahid Sharahili in the final of the bantamweight (54kg) in Abha. Riyadh's Mohamed Tamoum is not an experienced boxer yet in Saudi Arabia but he moved ahead bravely which paid off against Oqaz's Abdallah Aoaji in the final of the featherweight (57kg). Riyadh's next champion in Abha became Ali Moushatar at the lightweight (60kg) following his triumph over Oqaz's Ali Al-Asmari in the gold medal bout. Riyadh continued its winning series at the light



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

46 kg: Walid Al-Izie

48 kg: Osama Jaber Al-Faifi

50 kg: Mouhsen Al-Ali

52 kg: Abdelaziz Al-Outiebi

54 kg: Faysal Moutifi

57 kg: Mohamed Tamoum

60 kg: Ali Moushatar

63 kg: Issa Bou Hashem

70 kg: Omiri Al-Azam

+80 kg: Mohamed Jaber Haqawi

welterweight (63kg) where Issa Bou Hashem was able to beat Al-Taraji's Osama Al-Faraj in the next final of the national event. Makka's second gold medal in the Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships was captured by Omiri Al-Azam after beating Damak's Saad Musa at the light middleweight (70kg).

Damak's best junior boxer Mohamed Jaber Haqawi arrived to the Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships as the titleholder of the event. Haqawi proved high confidence and felt the rhythm in the whole event in Abha where he defeated Makka's Mohammad Al-Zihrani in the semi-final and Oqaz's Jaber Ahmad Al-Faifi in the final of the heavyweight (+80kg).



# UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL 2018

**MARCH 29 - APRIL 5, 2018**

Bekzat Sattarkhanov Youth Memorial Tournament, Turkestan, Kazakhstan

**APRIL 1-5, 2018**

Uzbekistan National Cup, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**APRIL 1-5, 2018**

Mongolian Junior National Championships, Darkhan, Mongolia

**APRIL 2-8, 2018**

Arab Elite Boxing Championships, Khartoum, Sudan

**APRIL 3-8, 2018**

Kyrgyz National Universiade, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

**APRIL 4-15, 2018**

Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia

**APRIL 6-7, 2018**

World Series of Boxing Week 10, Asian teams, multiple locations

**APRIL 7-12, 2018**

Tajikistan Elite National Championships, Khudjand, Tajikistan

**APRIL 13-14, 2018**

World Series of Boxing Week 11, Taraz, Kazakhstan

**APRIL 14-19, 2018**

Nurmakhanov Memorial Tournament, Turkestan, Kazakhstan

**APRIL 15-21, 2018**

Jordan Women's & Men's National Championships, Amman, Jordan

**APRIL 16-18, 2018**

Syrian Women's National Championships, Damascus, Syria

**APRIL 17-29, 2018**

Mangyongdae Prize Tournament, Pyongyang, DPR Korea

**APRIL 19-28, 2018**

ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships, Bangkok, Thailand

**APRIL 20-28, 2018**

Vietnamese National Cup, Dac Lak, Vietnam

**APRIL 21-22, 2018**

World Series of Boxing Week 12, India

**APRIL 21-25, 2018**

Chinese Taipei National Secondary School Games, Taichung, Chinese Taipei

**APRIL 26-30, 2018**

Taimanov & Utemisov Memorial Tournament, Atyrau, Kazakhstan

**APRIL 27, 2018**

World Series of Boxing Week 13, Guiyang, China

**APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 2018**

Chinese Taipei National Intercollegiate Athletic Games, Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei

**APRIL 2018**

Galib Dzhafarov Prizes Junior Tournament, Aktobe, Kazakhstan

**APRIL 2018**

Tshanov Prizes Youth Tournament, Almaty, Kazakhstan