







#### **ASBC ASIAN U22 & YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS - ASTANA 2024**

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# THE REVIEW OF THE 2023 ASBC ASIAN YOUTH & JUNIOR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ASTANA INDIA WAS ON THE TOP OF THE MEDAL STANDINGS



For the very first time in the history of the ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships, India topped the medal standings. The Indians earned altogether 16 gold medals in Kazakhstan's capital and both of their age groups shined in this wonderful championship.

Among the 16 Indian gold medals, the juniors earned ten titles in the ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships. India has never claimed five gold medals in the men's junior part of the competition, this is their new record in the event's history.

Their female youth boxers such as Bhawna Sharma, Tanu, Nikita Chand and Kirti all claimed gold medals in Astana. Among the men's youth boxers Nikhil and Joon Bharat reached the top of the podium in the competition. Bhawna Sharma made a revenge due to a previous loss while Joon Bharat also proved that he could be a strong elite boxer in the near future.











Kazakhstan became the second in the overall medal standings with 15 titles in Astana, among them the youth boxers claimed nine gold medals. Their top youth stars such as Ulzhan Sarsenbek (57kg), Bakyt Seidish (66kg), Bakhtiyar Anarbayev (60kg), and Torekhan Sabyrkhan (63.5kg) could be their future solutions in our sport.

Uzbekistan finally earned 12 titles in Astana, the juniors took four while the youth eight titles in this championship. The women boxers shined in this competition, they claimed seven out of the twelve gold medals in Kazakhstan's capital. The Uzbek male junior boxers were unable to get any title in Astana but their best hopes will be there in the upcoming Junior World Boxing Championships.

Japan sent a relatively smaller delegation to the ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships and their Youth World Champion Yuta Sakai had to miss the competition. Their 16-year-old lightweight (60kg) talent, Yuga Fujiki not only won his category, but he was named as the Best Male Junior Boxer of the Championships. Seiya Nakayama and Raito Kataoka won the smallest youth male weight categories in Astana.

Chinese Taipei won a historic female junior gold medal, their 16-year-old Shen Sin Ai impressed with smart boxing at the women's light flyweight (48kg). Iran's Mohammed Saleh Mesbahi Rouzbahani exceeded all of the previous expectations with his successes over Uzbek and Kazakhs boxers and his technician style was absolutely astonishing in Astana.

Thailand's Thanaphansakon Kalaseeram won the junior bantamweight (54kg) in the 2022 edition and his teammate, Aphichit Chaemdi repeated that performance in Astana and won that category. Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan have never achieved any gold medals in the junior level of boxing but Amantur Dzhumayev and Dayanch Durdynepesov became their historic winners in Astana.

### 2023 ASBC ASIAN YOUTH & JUNIOR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS INTRODUCTION OF THE BEST BOXERS IN ASTANA

Following all of the medal ceremonies, the officials awarded the best boxers' trophies in the women's junior, women's youth, men's junior and men's youth age groups in Astana. Kazakhstan received two awards, Japan and Uzbekistan each one trophy after the busy ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships.











#### Best Women's Junior Boxer - Aiyazhan Sydyk, Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan's women's junior team is newcomer in the international stage, most of their talents did not compete out of the country yet. The Taldykorgan-based Aiyazhan Sydyk used her stamina and fighting spirit to dominate her contests in Astana and she had strong supporters also from her family. Sydyk not only defeated Uzbekistan's Zukhro Rustamova in the final of the women's junior bantamweight (54kg) but she received the first trophy in this championship.

#### Best Men's Junior Boxer - Yuga Fujiki, Japan

Japan produced amazing boxers in the junior and youth age groups in the previous seven years such as Hayato Tsutsumi, Sora Tanaka, Reito Tsutsumi, Daiya Kira and many others. Their new sensation in the junior level is the 16-year-old Yuga Fujiki who won the title of the lightweight (60kg). The Japanese boxer competed against older boxers in his homeland and he arrived in Astana as one of the secret favourites. Fujiki defeated South Korea's Lee Jae Youn, India's Moirangthem Kabiraj Singh, Kazakhstan's Asker Kuanysh and Uzbekistan's Sardorbek Saidakbarov with confidence.

#### **Best Women's Youth Boxer - Oltinoy Sotimboyeva, Uzbekistan**

Uzbekistan's Oltinoy Sotimboyeva was born in February 12, 2005 and she is one of their flag bearers in the youth national team. The Uzbek girl claimed a silver medal at the 2022 Youth World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain one year ago following her ASBC debuts. She earned the title also at the Commonwealth of Independent States Youth Games in Belarus this August but she had to do her very best to win the gold at the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Astana. The last year's silver medallist Uzbek switched into a gold this time, she defeated India's Pooniya Khushi at the light heavyweight (81kg) final.

#### Best Men's Youth Boxer - Torekhan Sabyrkhan, Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan has three amazing future stars in the men's youth national team and among them Torekhan Sabyrkhan was the best in Astana. He was born only in 2006 which means that he will be able to compete in the next year's youth competitions as well. His elder brother Makhmud is the defending World Champion at the elite bantamweight (54kg) but Torekhan has different style of boxing and could be the new "Daniyar Yeleussinov" in the future.











The two-time ASBC Asian Junior Champion Torekhan Sabyrkhan defeated his Iranian, Uzbek and Jordanian opponents during his road to the final where he dominated the contest against India's ASBC Asian Junior and Schoolboys Champion, Yashwardhan Singh.

### ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships Bangkok 2023 The review of the event



Powerhouse Uzbekistan earned impressive number of nine gold medals in the men's finals of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in the Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand. Kazakhstan bagged three while the Philippines claimed the last male title of the competition in Bangkok.

Uzbekistan, Thailand, Kazakhstan and Mongolia shared the female gold medals at the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. Several of the girls won their second, third or fourth ASBC Asian titles during their career. The Green Hill was the provider of the equipment in the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships as in the previous editions.











### Historic moments at the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships

- Uzbekistan topped the medal standings in the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships once again after their No.1 position in 2022
- Uzbekistan has never been the best in female boxing in any of the previous ASBC Boxing Championships
- Kazakhstan earned 20 out of the possible 24 medals in Bangkok
- Thailand repeated their strong women's performance, earning three female gold medals as in the Ulaanbaatar 2019 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships
- Mongolia won gold medal in women's boxing once again after the 2022 edition
- China returned to the international stage with 4 finalists
- Nepal never had any finalists in any of the Asian Boxing Championships,
   their silver medal is a historic milestone for the country
- Cambodia made history in Bangkok with their first ever silver medal
- Vietnam and Indonesia had first time finalists in the U22 level
- Kyrgyzstan had seven bronze medals in the championships

### The General Statistics of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships:

- Number of participants in the event: 149
- Number of women boxers in the event: 54
- Number of men boxers in the event: 95
- Number of participating countries: 20
- The biggest delegation in the event: Kazakhstan with 25 boxers
- The smallest delegation in the event: Laos, Sri Lanka with 1 boxer
- Number of weight categories: 12 women; 13 men
- Number of competition days: 8
- Number of bouts after eight competition days: 124
- Number of finalist nations: 10
- Number of finalist boxers: 48
- Nations with gold medals: 5
- Nations with medals: 14











#### Participating nations in the **ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships:**

Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, host Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.

#### The final overall medal standings in Bangkok

1. Uzbekistan: 14 gold – 4 silver – 3 bronze medals

2. Kazakhstan: 5-3-12

3. Thailand: 3-4-2 4. Mongolia: 1-4-4 5. Philippines: 1-1-2

6. China: 0-4-1 7. Vietnam: 0-1-3 7. Nepal: 0-1-3

9. Indonesia: 0-1-2 10. Cambodia: 0-1-1 11. Kyrgyzstan: 0-0-7 12. Tajikistan: 0-0-3 13. Malaysia: 0-0-1 13. Singapore: 0-0-1











### The list of the female and male winners at the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships Bangkok 2023

- Women's 48kg: Farzona Fozilova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 50kg: Sabina Bobokulova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 52kg: Feruza Kazakova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 54kg: Nigina Uktamova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 57kg: Battur Zoljargal, Mongolia
- Women's 60kg: Porntip Buapa, Thailand
- Women's 63kg: Thananya Somnuek, Thailand
- Women's 66kg: Navbakhor Khamidova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 70kg: Zhasmin Kizatova, Kazakhstan
- Women's 75kg: Baison Manikon, Thailand
- Women's 81kg: Gulsaya Yerzhan, Kazakhstan
- Men's 48kg: Sanzhar Tashkenbay, Kazakhstan
- Men's 51kg: Aaron Jude Bado, Philippines
- Men's 54kg: Nursultan Altynbek, Kazakhstan
- Men's 57kg: Makhmud Sabyrkhan, Kazakhstan
- Men's 60kg: Dilshod Abdumurodov, Uzbekistan
- Men's 63.5kg: Shakhboz Yunusaliyev, Uzbekistan
- Men's 67kg: Bekzhod Khamidov, Uzbekistan
- Men's 71kg: Nurislom Ismoilov, Uzbekistan
- Men's 75kg: Alokhon Abdullayev, Uzbekistan
- Men's 80kg: Jasurbek Yuldashev, Uzbekistan
- Men's 86kg: Shokhjakhon Abdullayev, Uzbekistan
- Men's 92kg: Nusratbek Tokhirov, Uzbekistan
- Men's +92kg: Jakhongir Zokirov, Uzbekistan











## 2. The General Information of the 2024 ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships

# The ASBC Competition Manager Mr. Bassam Ghanem confirmed that more than 24 countries and over 400 boxers will compete in Astana

The Competition Manager of the Asian Boxing Confederation, Mr. Bassam Ghanem confirmed more than 24 countries and over 400 boxers will compete at the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.

The first continental event of the year, the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships will take place in Astana, Kazakhstan from April 25 until May 8. The first competition day of the upcoming event will be April 27 while the female and male finals are scheduled to be hosted in Astana on May 6 and 7.

The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

The women's will be able to compete in the U22 and youth age groups in the following weight categories: 48kg, 50kg, 52kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 63kg, 66kg, 70kg, 75kg, 81kg and +81kg. The men's weight categories in both age groups will be the 48kg, 51kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 63.5kg, 67kg, 71kg, 75kg, 80kg, 86kg, 92kg and +92kg.

### The order of the Sport Entries Check and the timeline of the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships are confirmed

The ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan from April 25 and all of the important guidelines, procedures and information about the Sport Entries Check are issued today. The ASBC Competition Manager Mr. Bassam Ghanem confirmed all of the important details and issued the sort of the Sport Entries Check.











Kazakhstan Boxing Federation will be responsible to pick up the delegations and guide them to the accreditations and their team hotels upon arrival at the Airport.

The Sport Entries Check will feature in seven groups sorted by countries to speed up the process and all of the delegations will be able to arrange the process in the Comfort Hotel between 11am and 3pm on April 26.

Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Bhutan and China will open the Sport Entries Check as Group 1 from 11am. Chinese Taipei, East Timor, India and Iran are in Group 2, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan and South Korea are in Group 3.

Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Palestine are the members of Group 4, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore and Sri Lanka will follow them in Group 5. Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan and the United Arab Emirates are the countries in Group 6 and Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Yemen will close the Sport Entries Check in Group 7.

The team manager or the head coach of the teams must bring the original passports, the samples from the blue and red uniforms, the anti-doping forms of the boxers, the medical certificate forms of the boxers within 30 days, the fit to box forms, the declaration of non-pregnancy for the women athletes, the image rights consent forms, the technical video forms and the medical insurances.

The Technical Meeting and the Official Draw will take place at the Duman Hotel between 16:30 and 18:30 on April 26. Two of the representatives by country will be invited to the Welcome Dinner at the Rubai Restaurant from 19:00 after the Official Draw.

The daily weigh-in will be held in the Comfort Hotel between 7am and 8am from April 27. The Opening Ceremony of the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships will be held in the Beeline Arena at 12:01pm on April 27.











#### The logo of the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships has revealed

The logo of the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships is revealed which will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan from April 25. The first competition day of the opening Asian Championships of the year is April 27.

Astana's iconic building, the Bayterek tower is on the official logo of the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships. Bayterek means "tall poplar tree" and it is not only an observation tower but a huge tourist attraction for the foreign visitors in Astana. The top floor, the observation deck is 97 metres above of the ground level while the whole Bayterek tower is 105 metres tall.

The Bayterek tower is built as a symbol of the new capital of Kazakhstan, following the President of the State, Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev moved the capital from Almaty to Astana in 1997 to develop the central regions of the country.

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#### 3. The Participating Teams in Astana

### Afghanistan registered new talents to the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships

Afghanistan have registered to the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships to Astana, Kazakhstan despite their serious internal problems but the boxing life is busy in the developing country.

Afghanistan sent boxers to several competitions in the recent three years and the country had some successes in the international stage as well. Afghanistan earned a historic medal at the 2023 Junior World Boxing Championships which was the new milestone in the country's boxing life.

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Ali Maisam Alizada is a 21-year-old talent who will compete at the middle-weight (75kg) in the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Astana. Afghanistan had excellent boxers in this weight class in the past and Ali Maisam Alizada could be their next hope in the international competitions.

Qais Alizada was born in a boxing family, he joined the U22 age group only this January, and the 19-year-old talent received the right to compete in a huge championship for the very first time. He will compete at the U22 light heavyweight (80kg) in Astana and he is a future hope who need to be watched.

Mohammad Nasir Abbasi was born in 2006 and he is eligible to participate in the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships. He will turn to 18 next month and he has experiences from several regional and national events at the welterweight (67kg). Abbasi, who has 20 bouts in his career, lives and trains in Germany and he competed in the last Youth National Championships as well.











#### Bhutan will compete with two U22 boxers and one youth talent in Astana



Bhutan will send three male boxers to the forthcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan which event will start on April 25.

Bhutan returned to the boxing map in the end of the 2000s and since then the country competed in most of the Asian Boxing Championships. Some of their boxers reached the quarter-finals in the previous years and the country is aiming for its first medals in the upcoming major championships.

The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

Bhutan sent their best youth talents to a training camp and a friendly dual encounter to Bangladesh's capital to Dhaka in the month of February. Following that, the South Asian country continued its preparation for the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in their homeland.











Mr. Trashe Phinso is the head coach of the national team who selected their three-strong team including one youth talent to the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships. He led also Team Bhutan at the recent 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Busto Arsizio.

Migma Dorji will compete at the men's U22 minimumweight (48kg) in Astana, the 22-year-old boxer is a new addition to their squad.

Kinley Phuntsho won his dual match in Bangladesh easily and the 19-year-old flyweight (51kg) boxer could be their ace in the upcoming championships.

Dechen Dorji is an 18-year-old talent from Bhutan at the youth lightweight (60kg) who won their Youth National Championships with dominance.

### Team China prepares for Astana at the Xinjiang International Boxing Training Center



China will return to the continental events at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan. Their boxers prepare for the event in the city of Urumqi at the Xinjiang International Boxing Training Center.











Their boxers were not able to participate in the last ASBC event, at the Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships in Astana last October-November due to their national competitions. The management of the Chinese Boxing Federation selected U22 and youth boxers as well to the forthcoming competition.

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China claimed four silver and one bronze medal at the recent ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand on January 2023. Their youth team competed at the Ibraimov Prizes Youth Tournament in Almaty two months ago and their stars will return to Kazakhstan with strong gold medal hopes.

The 19-year-old Ayiguzaili Maihesuti (60kg), Yirigui Yirigui (63kg), Ailidana Abudurixiti (66kg), Buridu Buridu (75kg) and Wan Jiale (81kg) will be their female U22 boxers in Astana. Among their women boxers Buridu was bronze medallist at the 2019 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Ashan Rezibieke was quarter-finalist in the last edition and the 20-year-old male heavyweight (92kg) boxer will return to the competition with more experience following the busy training sessions in Xinjiang.

Aizihaier Tuohongdaji achieved a silver medal at the super heavyweight (+92kg) in the last edition of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok and he is aiming for the title this time in Astana.

Mubalake Rehemanjiang (57kg), Bai Yutong (63kg), Dina Shanatibieke (66kg) and Alimire Abudureyimu (70kg) all claimed medals in the Ibraimov Prizes Youth Tournament in Almaty. Among them, Shanatibieke and Abudureyimu won the international competition in Kazakhstan and both have real chance to repeat that performance in the ASBC event as well.

Their youth male boxers will be in the event the 17-year-old Mai Erlian Yesihati (57kg), Yideresi Yideresi (71kg), Ayi A Ersi Kanjiebayi (75kg) and Abudu Paheerding (92kg), all from the Xinjiang region of China.











### The 50-strong Indian contingent are competitive with the stars in Astana



India plans to compete against the two powerhouses of the Asian continent, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in the first continental event of the year. India will send maximum number of 50-strong contingent to the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships which will be starting in Astana, Kazakhstan with its first competition day on April 27.

India achieved six gold, eight silver and six bronze medals in the 2023 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Astana and became No.3 in the medal standings. The Indians missed the 2022 and the 2023 editions of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships therefore Astana will be their debut in this age group.

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The Indians arranged their national selection competitions before the start of the championships and some of their U22 boxers competed in European tournaments as well which was part of their preparations.











Preeti has qualified for the Paris Olympics through the recent Asian Games but the young talent decided to compete in the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships as well. The 21-year-old boxer is one of the high hopes at the women's bantamweight (54kg) where another Olympian, Uzbekistan's Nigina Uktamova could be her main rival.

Poonam was Youth World Champion in the Kielce 2021 edition and she could be one of the stars in the women's featherweight (57kg). Alfiya Tarannum Akram Khan Pathan moved down to the light heavyweight (81kg) but she won almost all of her international contests in the past. Tamanna (50kg), the Youth World Champion Devika Ghorpade (52kg), Prachi (63kg) and Muskan (75kg) are their further female U22 stars in the national team.

Vishvanath Suresh is one of the biggest minimumweight (48kg) talents in the whole world and following his youth achievements, he is aiming for his first U22 title in Astana. Jadumani Singh (51kg), Ashish (54kg), Nikhil (57kg), Akash Garkha (60kg), Ajay Kumar (63.5kg), Preet Malik (67kg) and Jugnoo (86kg) are the next favourites in the male U22 level.

The Indian female youth team contains several Asian Champions, among them Nikita Chand (60kg) is the top name. Annu (48kg), Laxmi (50kg), the Junior World Champion Nisha (52kg), Tamanna (54kg), Akansha Phalaswal (70kg), Rudrika (75kg) and Khushi Pooniya (81kg) are all aiming for gold medals in Astana.

Yashwardhan Singh won his first Asian title as a schoolboy still in Kuwait City in 2019 and he has the routine to beat all of his opponents at the youth light welterweight (63.5kg) in Astana. Brijesh Tamta (48kg), Aryan (51kg), Jatin (57kg), Sahil (80kg), Hemant Sangwan (86kg) and Aryan (92kg) all have the medals from the recent international events.

#### **Experienced boxers from Iran will compete in Astana**

Iran registered maximum number of 13 youth and 11 U22 male boxers to the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan which event will start on April 25.

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Mr. Alireza Esteki, the former Olympian boxer Mr. Ehsan Rouzbahani, Mr. Isa Golmohammadi, Mr. Ali Asghar Ashrafi and Mr. Shahram Fatehzadeh are supporting the preparations of the U22 national team. Mr. Reza Mahdipour, Mr. Morteza Sepahvandi, Mr. Iman Tayebi, Mr. Mohammad Mahdipour and Mr. Omid Marami are their coaches in the youth age group.

The U22 national team contains several boxers who have already international experiences in the elite competitions as well. Seyed Arsham Hassani (48kg) and Mahdi Parvizi (51kg) both are the best elite boxers in Iran in their weight categories therefore their expectations are high in the upcoming championships.

Nima Bayati impressed in the 2021 and 2022 competitions as a youth boxer and he will compete at the featherweight (57kg) in Astana. Arman Ebadi (60kg), Mohammad Mahshari (75kg) and Hirbod Eslami (80kg) all competed in the youth age group in 2023 but they were quickly moved into the U22 national team. The 19-year-old Reza Khalilzadeh is their U22 super heavyweight (+92kg) boxer who need to be watched in Astana.

Their youth team has strong potential in Astana, several of them have strong background in the international competitions as well. Mehdi Kazemi (51kg) and Amirreza Soltani (54kg) both have medal hopes in Kazakhstan's capital following their impressive national results.

Reza Fazli Sani reached the quarter-finals at the recent ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships and the featherweight (57kg) boxer received the right to compete in Astana once again. Alireza Mousavi will be competing at the lightweight (60kg) and he has also the strength to beat top rivals in Astana.

Seyed Ali Akbar Mirahmadi is member of the national team since 2021 and he competed in enough championships to be named as a medal hopeful in Astana. Ebadolrahman Dara claimed a silver medal at the ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships in Astana last November and he is planning to repeat the same once again.

Sam Estaki, the quarter-finalist from the 2023 edition, moved up to the light heavyweight (80kg) in the previous months. The super heavyweight (+92kg) boxer is Amir Esmaeili Vandaei who was a quarter-finalist in the last edition and he is among the favourites.











### Asian Games bronze medallist Ali Qasim Al-Sarray is the top Iraqi in their Astana line-ups

Iraq will send record-breaking 16 boxers to the forthcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships to Astana, Kazakhstan.

Iraq sent their boxers in all of the previous editions and the country earned one silver and four bronze medals in the 2022 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Tashkent. Among those boxers many of them are now members of the Iraqi elite national team and competed in top championships.

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Mr. Abdulzahra Jawad Al-Azah and Mr. Rafid Khaleel Ismael Al-Dayyeni are responsible for the U22 national team in this event. Finally, the management of the Iraqi Boxing Federation selected eight youth male U22 boxers to the competition with medal hopes.

Ali Qasim Hamdan Al-Sarray not only earned a silver at the 2022 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships but he bagged a bronze at the recent Asian Games. The 21-year-old light welterweight (63.5kg) boxer is the highest ranked Iraqi in the international stage and he will be the flag bearer of the U22 squad in Astana.

The Elite National Champion Karrar Hayder Kadhim (54kg), Karrar Hayder Ismael (67kg) and Muqtada Falah Al-Abboodi (92kg) are the next experienced trio in the U22 national team. Alhashid Sport's Sajjad Safaa Ismael has medal hopes at the minimumweight (48kg) following his elite national title which he achieved in 2023.

Mr. Mohammed Ghaleb Al-Kattat is the coach in the youth national team who arranged the training schedules of the boxers before the start of the championships. Eight youth male boxers have been selected to compete in Astana with high hopes.

Abbas Qasim Hamdan Al-Sarray is Ali's younger brother who will compete at the youth bantamweight (54kg) in Astana. The 18-year-old Mohammed Waleed Hameed Al-Mhanawi is their next medal hope at the youth light welterweight (63.5kg). Ali Hameed Salim Al-Lami (48kg) and Mustafa Imad Kareem (57kg) both were born only in 2007 and will be making their debuts in the youth national team in Kazakhstan's capital.











### Jordan will be in a medal hunt at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships

Jordan will send a strong team to the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships which will be starting in Astana, Kazakhstan soon.

Jordan hosted the 2022 editions of the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships and the ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships as well which made a big impact in the country together with the successful qualification events in 2021.

Jordan has never claimed any medals in the history of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships therefore their main target is at least a podium place in Astana. Their youth boxers claimed two bronze medals in the last ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships.

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One of the ITOs and ringside doctors, Dr. Ahmad Khatatbeh will lead Team Jordan in the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana.

Most of their U22 boxers switched from the youth age group to the next level this January and these teenage talents could be the future of Jordan's boxing.

Maher Almashaleh (48kg), Omar Qureesh (51kg), Awos Eshish (54kg), the ASBC Asian Youth bronze medallist tall Omar Al-Hadidi (63.5kg), Zaidalden lashash (75kg), Theeb Fadel (86kg) and another Asian Youth bronze medallist, Razi Alhyasat (+92kg) all were born in 2005 and will be making their debuts in the U22 age group in Astana.

Mahdi Almatbouli (67kg) is a 20-year-old talent who claimed a bronze medal in the 2022 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Amman. He is one of the most experienced in their national team and he is a strong medal contender from Team Jordan in Astana.

Nadeen Elmanaseer is a talented female boxer at the light flyweight (50kg), the 17-year-old is ready to show her fighting spirit in Astana. Qais Eshish (60kg), Nazmi Jaradat (67kg), Ibrahim Sraiwa (75kg) and Abdel Hakeem Jaradat (92kg) are the best youth male talents in Jordan and they were registered to attend in the upcoming event.



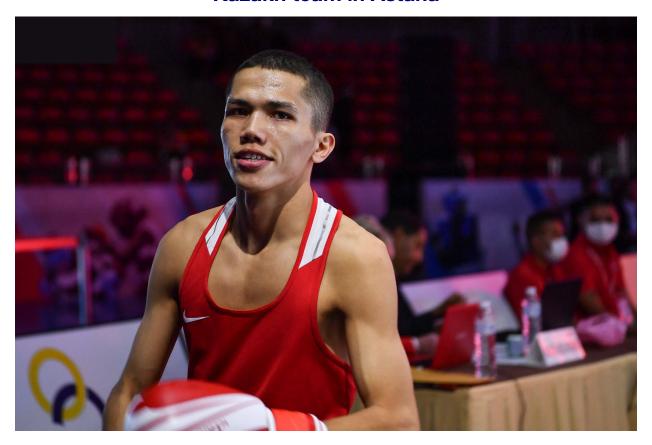








#### A World Champion, Sanzhar Tashkenbay leads the 50-strong Kazakh team in Astana



One of the powerhouses of the world, Kazakhstan is the host of the next ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana. The Kazakhs will compete in all of the 50 weight categories of the upcoming championships as in the previous editions.

Kazakhstan achieved 9 gold, 3 silver and 8 bronze medals in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Astana last November and their talents topped the medal standings ahead of Uzbekistan, India and Japan.

Kazakhstan competed also well enough in the recent ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand on January 2023. Their boxers took 5 gold, 3 silver and 12 bronze medals but since then they focused more to develop their U22 age groups to be competitive against the Uzbeks in this level.

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The Kazakh U22 female boxers are all experienced in the international events, many of them earned titles and medals in various championships. Anel Sakysh is member also of their elite national team but Gulnar Turapbay (50kg), Anita Adisheva (52kg), Zhasmin Kizatova (70kg) and Yeldana Talipova (+81kg) are all are well-known names. Ulzhan Sarsenbek (57kg) and Bakyt Seidish (66kg) have just joined from the youth team but both have strong potential following their fantastic titles.

The Kazakh youth girls competed in the Ibraimov Prizes Youth Tournament, the Adriatic Pearl Youth Tournament and at the Bekzat Sattarkhanov Youth Memorial Tournament before the start of the championships in Astana. Their Yelyanur Turganova (50kg), Ayazhan Sydyk (54kg), Tolganay Kassymkhan (60kg), Aruzhan Zhangabayeva (63kg), Shugyla Nalibay (75kg) and Aruzhan Zeynollayeva (81kg) are all gold medal favourites.

Sanzhar Tashkenbay is Elite World Champion at the minimumweight (48kg) moved up to the flyweight (51kg) and he is one of the biggest stars of the entire championships in Astana. Nursultan Altynbek (54kg), Yerbolat Sabyr (57kg), Ruslan Kuzeubayev (60kg), Yelnur Suyunbay (67kg), Sabyrzhan Akkalykov (71kg), Yerassyl Zhakpekov (80kg), Temirlan Mukatayev (86kg), and Amanat Sabyrgali (+92kg) all were fantastic in the youth age group.

The Kazakh male youth boxers were also busy in the previous months to be in top shape during the championships and competed in various preparation tournaments. One of the biggest youth talents in the whole globe is Torekhan Sabyrkhan who will be aiming for his fourth Asian title at the welterweight (67kg) in Astana. His teammates such as Beksultan Boranbek (51kg), Nurassyl Tulebek (54kg), Bek Zholdasbek (60kg), Oner Seilkhan (71kg), Sanzhar-Ali Begaliyev (75kg), Madiyar Beksultanov (80kg), and Beksultan Kairatuly (+92kg) are all champions from several events.











### Kyrgyzstan registered 35 boxers to the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships



Kyrgyzstan selected 35 boxers to the forthcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan where the Central Asian boxing power has strong chances to win several medals.

Kyrgyzstan achieved a historic gold medal at the Junior World Boxing Championships in Yerevan and the country impressed at the recent ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships as well.

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Fifteen U22 boxers have registered from Kyrgyzstan and the boxers were selected by their head coach, Mr. Daniyar Tologon Uulu. The Kyrgyz boxers competed in several international competitions this year including the Boxam Tournament and the Strandja Memorial.











Bekzat Ergeshov was silver medallist at the 2022 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships and the 19-year-old talent will box at the flyweight (51kg) in Astana. Islam Torobayev is an experienced U22 national team member who moved up to the featherweight (57kg) in the recent months.

Askat Kultayev was quarter-finalist at the Asian Games in Hangzhou and he defeated strong rivals last September and he could be a strong favourite in Astana. Eldar Turdubayev and Daniel Abdurakhmanov both have five years of international routine despite they are only 20-year-old youngsters.

Sagyn Satybaldy Uulu was bronze medallist at the 2022 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships at the age of 19 and he is ready to continue his strong performance at the light heavyweight (80kg) in Astana as well. A heavyweight (92kg) boxer, Bakyt Toktosun Uulu, one of their elite national team member, will be also competing in Astana from April 25.

Twenty youth Kyrgyz boxers have registered to the upcoming competition, and among them the Junior World Champion Amantur Dzhumayev (54kg) is the biggest name who joined the youth age group this January. Zafarbek Kamilov (51kg), Nurbolot Sultanov (57kg), Dilerbek Sadirov (60kg), and Myrzakir Koshaliyev (+92kg) all earned medals in important championships during their careers.

Seven youth girls have been added to the squad, and among them Medina Abyldayeva claimed a gold medal in her last preparation tournament in Kazakhstan. Aysezim Kushubekova, Alina Sizonenko and Zarina Kurbanova also have international experience among their youth female boxers.

#### Dorjnyambuu Ganbold will lead Team Mongolia in Astana

Mongolia registered 13 youth and 14 U22 boxers to the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships and their team is expecting several medals in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Mongolia bagged one gold, four silver and four bronze medals in the 2023 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok. The Mongolians had only one bronze medal in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Astana therefore their mission is to reach the finals in the upcoming event.











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Their U22 National Selection Tournament delivered excellent bouts in two female and six male weight categories in Mongolia and their Youth National Championships served as the next selection competition.

Nomundari Enkh-Amgalan won several national titles during her career and he will strengthen Team Mongolia at the light flyweight (50kg) in Astana. Batgerel Batkhuu (48kg) is another top hope in their female youth squad and the 17-year-old Anu-Ujin Munkhpurev could be also a surprise in the competition.

Dulguunsaikhan Kharkhuu is member of their famous boxing family and he will be boxing at the youth bantamweight (54kg) in Astana. Manal Tsendbaatar impressed in the recent ASBC Championships and he could be also a strong weapon for Mongolia at the featherweight (57kg). Dagvadorj Bat-Ireedui (48kg) and Erdenebold Munkh-Erdene (60kg) are the further boxers in their male youth team who need to be watched in Astana.

Sodon-Od Binderiya claimed a bronze medal in the 2023 Mongolian Elite National Championships and she competed at the Elorda Cup in Kazakhstan as well therefore she is a high hope at the women's U22 minimumweight (48kg). Chinbat Ariunzul was member of their youth national team last year and she was involved to their women's U22 squad at the bantamweight (54kg).

Aldarkhishig Battulga was silver medallist at the Mongolian Elite National Championships and he competed at the Cologne Boxing World Cup in 2023 and he is a high hope at the men's flyweight (51kg) in Astana. The Asian U22 bronze medallist Dorjnyambuu Ganbold is the Elite National Champion at the men's featherweight (57kg), and he is Mongolia's best chance for a title in Astana.

Their welterweight (67kg) hopeful, Askhar Jandos was bronze medallist in the last Mongolian Elite National Championships in 2023 and he had the same result at the Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Tashkent two years ago. Sainchuluun Javkhlanbayar competed in many national events in the previous two years and he will represent Team Mongolia at the light middleweight (71kg).











### Nepal has medal hopes at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships

Nepal returns to the boxing map with medal hopes at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan this month.

Nepal earned a historic silver medal at the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok last January which was the country's first ever final bout in such a huge competition. Nepal had another impressive and historic step in 2023, one of their female boxer, Anjani Teli reached the quarter-finals at the Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi.

The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

Seven U22 boxers including three girls from Nepal have been registered to the first ASBC Championships of the year. Nepal arranged already two national competitions this year and further events will be coming soon in the developing boxing country.

The biggest name in the squad is Susma Tamang, their historic silver medallist from the last ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships. The women's minimumweight (48kg) boxer represented Nepal also at the Asian Games, and she won all of the national competitions in the previous two years.

Ramisha Shrestha has six years of experience in the sport, she will compete at the women's light flyweight (50kg) in the upcoming competition. Trisha Jebegu claimed a bronze medal at the 2023 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships and she is aiming for her second podium place in Astana as well.

Upreti Lal Prasad (48kg), Chhiring Wangdi Sherpa (54kg), Sulabh Mali (57kg) and Manoj Tamang (80kg) are their registered U22 male boxers to Astana. Chhiring Wangdi Sherpa competed in the recent editions of the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships while the others also have strong results from their national competitions.

Their only registered youth boxer is Swastika Tiruwa who joined the national team more than three years ago and she has a medal from the ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships. She celebrated her 18th birthday this January and she will compete at the women's youth featherweight (57kg) in Astana.











### Pakistan's top four talents will compete at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships

Pakistan will compete with four boxers at the forthcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Pakistan had historic medals in the 2022 editions of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships and the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships. Their best elite boxer, Zohaib Rasheed earned these bronze medals in both events in Tashkent and in Amman.

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Their U22 national team was selected by Mr. Arshad Hussain, their most experienced coach who had a bright background as a boxer. Pakistan arranged several national competitions in 2023 and their boxers competed in the international stage of boxing as well.

Two female boxers have been selected to the competition, both will participate in the U22 part of the championships. Zahid Malaika earned her first national successes in 2019 and the flyweight (52kg) boxer returned to the squad following her results in the competition.

Fatima Zahra is one of their top elite female boxers who is still in the U22 age group and the 20-year-old talent will have the medal chance at the featherweight (57kg). She was competitor at the recent Asian Games in Hangzhou, China as well.

Two U22 male boxers have been added to the national team and both are the best options in Pakistan to achieve medals in Astana. Afzal Khan won national selections trials at the age of 18 and the bantamweight (54kg) boxer has the experience from the 2022 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships.

Their second male boxer in Astana will be Jahanzeb Rizwan at the middleweight (75kg) who was born also in 2004 as Afzal Khan. He won the USA National Golden Gloves Tournament last year and the New York-based boxer returned to his roots to Pakistan.











#### Philippines' Aaron Jude Bado plans to defend his U22 throne in Astana

The Philippines have selected fifteen pugilists to the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan from April 25.

The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

The coaches of the Philippines selected two U22 female boxers to the competition, their Ofelia Magno (48kg) and Pathricia Mae Sumalinog (54kg) will be there in Astana. The latter earned her first national successes in 2019, while Clowe Tabastabas (57kg) is their lone female youth boxer in the registered team.

Jay Bryan Baricuatro competed for the Philippines at the 2023 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships and he was named as main boxer at the U22 minimumweight (48kg). The Philippines has excellent traditions in the smallest weight class and the 19-year-old boxer could be a new sensation in Astana.

Aaron Jude Bado is the titleholder of the men's flyweight (51kg) at the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships following his gold medal which he achieved in Bangkok. The 21-year-old boxer competed in the Asian Games as well and he has outstanding footwork and technical skills to defend his throne.

Flint Jara, the silver medallist from the last ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships, has registered to compete at the bantamweight (54kg) once again. The Asian Youth silver medallist Eljay Pamisa is a fantastic talent, he moved up to the featherweight (57kg) and the 20-year-old boxer is ready to beat all of the stars in Astana.

Jericho Acaylar won the Palarong Pambansa in the schoolboy level still in 2017 and he bagged a bronze at the 2023 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships. The southpaw boxer will be making his debut at the lightweight (60kg) in Astana next month.

Mark Ashley Fajardo is only 19-year-old but he represented the Philippines at the Asian Games and also at the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event. The light welterweight (63.5kg) boxer is famous of his heavy shots and he had several KO victories in the international competitions.











Their U22 welterweight (67kg) boxer, Norlan Petecio is Nesthy's younger brother who made his international debut at the 2017 ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa. A new light middleweight (71kg) boxer, Tyler Tanap increased his skills in the last Australian training camp.

The Asian Schoolboys bronze medallist Robert Malunoc Jr. (48kg), the Palarong Pambansa silver medallist Jerome Lopez (51kg), Reinjel Vinas (54kg) and the Asian Junior bronze medallist John Steven Demaisip (60kg) were registered to compete in the men's youth part of the competition.

### Singapore's next generation will compete at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana

Singapore have registered record number of nine boxers including two girls to the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan which will be the next highlight in the boxing agenda.

The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

Singapore sent their boxers to the previous editions of the Women's World Boxing Championships, the Asian Games, the Southeast Asian Games and some of the recent ASBC Asian Boxing Championships as well.

A former national boxer, Mr. Ahmad Muhammad Ridhwan, and Mr. Muhammad Khidir Bin Saniff will be their coaches in Astana, both are among the young generations of trainers in Singapore. Their management and coaching staff built up a new national team and these talents could be their core for the next cycle.

Wann Chee Wai Kei competed in the last edition of the Women's World Boxing Championships and the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in 2023 therefore she has the experience to be competitive in the international stage.

Chee Zann Wai Yee is one of their elite national team members who are still in the U22 age group this year. The 22-year-old talent will be fighting at the women's lightweight (60kg) in Astana and she has the new experience from the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event as well.











Danny Chaw Yi Jie will be attending at the men's U22 flyweight (51kg) in Astana with some international contests on his background. The Penang Pesta Tournament winner Aadhi Prahnavh was also born in 2005 as Danny Chaw and he will be boxing at the light middleweight (71kg) among the U22 boxers.

Brandon Leong is the most experienced youth male team member who moved up to the lightweight (60kg) and will be turning to 18 this June. Sufi Irfan Bin Mohamad Idris (48kg), Clayden Teo (54kg), Abdul Wafi Bin Idris (57kg) and Gerald Chee (63.5kg) are all were born in 2007 and the upcoming event in Astana will be their debut in the youth age group.

#### South Korea's mission to earn their first U22 medals in Astana













South Korea selected eighteen boxers to participate at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships and their line-ups have medal expectations in Astana.

South Korea has never attended in any of the previous editions of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships, not in Tashkent, neither in Bangkok, therefore their objective is to get their first medals in this level of boxing.

The South Koreans bagged one silver and four bronze medals in the 2023 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Astana where several of their talents showed their fighting spirit and enthusiasm to boxing.

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The management of South Korean Boxing hosted their national selection event in December 2023 and further competitions have been arranged this year for these age groups.

The 19-year-old Lee Jong Heon has medal hopes at the men's U22 minimumweight (48kg) despite his lack of international experience. Jang Woo Seop (51kg) and Mun Ga Yeon (54kg) both will celebrate their 21st birth-days later this year and the duo won several national events in the previous two years.

Twelve youth talents have been selected to represent South Korea in the event and among them Jin Juan achieved a bronze medal in the 2023 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships and the 18-year-old boxer will be making his debut at the bantamweight (54kg) in Astana.

Shin Min Seung was another boxer from South Korea who bagged a bronze in Astana last November and he is still in the youth national team at the cruiserweight (86kg). Kim Eun Ji (50kg), Kim Ryeon Gyeong (52kg) and Park Ah Hyun (57kg) are their female youth team members and the trio have nice technical skills.











#### Sri Lanka will return to the international events in Astana

Sri Lanka will return to the international stage at the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Sri Lanka could not join the last edition of the ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships in 2023 due to their internal issues but the country claimed medals in the recent ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok.

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Mr. Asanka Indrajith Rajapaksha Pransukige and Mr. Sameera Karunarathna Meragal Pedige are the coaches of their U22 national team and their management selected finally four boxers to participate in Astana.

Boxing Sri Lanka arranged their National Championships in the beginning of the year and the country is planning to host more national competitions in 2024 following their financial difficulties and economic depression which affected the whole country.

Sri Lanka has strong traditions in the smallest weight class and their new minimumweight (48kg) boxer in the U22 national team is Ismath Mohammed Salmaan Faris, a 19-year-old talent, who achieved a bronze at the Penang Pesta Tournament.

Pasindu Godakandalage Umayanga Mihiran is the biggest name in their U22 national team and he is also one of the key elite boxers in Sri Lanka. The Elite National Champion was quarter-finalist in the last edition of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok and he is dreaming of a medal at the flyweight (51kg) in Astana.

Yasidu Vidurinda Mahadiulwewa Premaratna is another boxer who competed at the Penang Pesta International Tournament in Malaysia. The 20-year-old lightweight (60kg) talent bagged a silver medal in Penang and he used the recent months to upgrade his skills.

Vimarshana Heshan Jayasinghe Ambarpol Gedra is the youngest in the U22 national team, he celebrated his 19th birthday only this month but he has already international experience as well. The light welterweight (63.5kg) boxer earned a silver medal at the Penang Pesta International Tournament in Malaysia last December.











### Chinese Taipei will compete with 23 boxers at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships

Chinese Taipei sent record number of boxers to Astana in 2023 and their delegation size is also huge once again which contains 23 talents in the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships where the teams will arrive on April 25.

The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

Chen Tsai Chun is the team manager of the delegation and two of the physiotherapists have been involved to the travelling squad as well. Among their seven coaches, Kao Chih Yuan, and Chiu Ching Ya had bright careers in the past as boxers in the international stage.

Chinese Taipei earned a historic gold medal in the ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships in Astana last November and their talents bagged medals also in the youth part of the competition, furthermore at the Junior World Boxing Championships.

The management of Chinese Taipei Boxing involved seven boxers to their U22 national team and their No.1 female talent Guo Yi Hsuan will not be there in Astana due to her duties at the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event.

Liu Yu Shan competed at the ISF Gymnasiade and the Youth World Boxing Championships in 2022 and the talented boxer could be their top weapon in the U22 level. Chiu Ching Yu and Tsai Chen Yu both competed at the recent ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships and they were upgraded to the U22 national squad. Kao Tzu Heng has also more than five years of experience in the sport and he could be a weapon for them in Astana.

Chinese Taipei selected altogether 16 youth boxers to the forthcoming championships including several newcomers in the national team. Pan Yan Fei, Chen Yu Chen, Chou Po Chun, Lai Chi Lin, Wu Yu En, Zheng Yun Ju, and Wang Yu Tang all have experience from the last year's youth competitions.

The coaches of the U22 and youth national teams are expecting to earn medals in Astana and continue their strong development in our sport.











#### Shafiyev, Zoidov, Rakhimov, Murodzoda and Sufijonov leads Team Tajikistan in Astana

Tajikistan have registered a strong delegation with more than 20 boxers to the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Tajikistan earned one gold medal in the 2022 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Tashkent and three bronze medals in the last edition in Bangkok. The Tajik youth boxers shined in the previous editions with several medals in Amman and in Astana.

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The Tajik U22 female boxers are mostly newcomers in the international stage but Fariza Yokubova (52kg) and Dilnoza Nurimova (60kg) both have strong national results. Khangoma Isoyeva is their lone female boxer in the youth national squad but she competed already in two editions of the ASBC Asian Boxing Championships during her career.

Mekhron Shafiyev won the last two editions of the Tajikistan National Championships and he represented the country at the Asian Games and at the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event as well.

Meroj Zoidov was quarter-finalist at the 2023 Men's Elite World Boxing Championships before his 19th birthday and the strong bantamweight (54kg) boxer has huge potentials in Kazakhstan's capital.

The National Champion Khusravkhon Rakhimov competed already in all levels of boxing, he spends his last year among the U22 boxers and he has the potential to earn a medal at the men's featherweight (57kg).

Abubakr Murodzoda achieved a silver medal at the 2019 ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships in Fujairah when he was only 15-year-old. The Tajik lightweight (60kg) boxer has excellent technical skills and he is aiming for the title in his division in Astana.

Dovud Makhkamov competed in the last edition of the Men's Elite World Boxing Championships in Tashkent and he has medal hopes at the light middleweight (71kg).











Mekhrodjiddin Barotov (48kg), Shakhboz Khaitov (80kg) and Bakhman Rasulov (92kg) also have international background in their U22 national squad.

The 17-year-old Meroj Sufijonov moved up to the flyweight (51kg), he won almost all of his international bouts in the recent two years and he is one of the favourites in Astana as well. Muinkhodzha Muminov (48kg), Anushervon Fazylov (54kg), Damir Muybalikhonov (57kg) and Ruslan Gafurov (63.5kg) all competed in several championships and they are strong hopes for Tajikistan in the men's youth competition.

#### **ASBC** medallists will compete for Thailand in Astana



Thailand will host the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event but the country has several medal chances also in the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Thailand hosted the last edition of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok on January 2023 where their boxers bagged three gold, four silver and two bronze medals on home soil. Thailand has also impressive number of quotas for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and their boxers are in strong shape based on the recent international results.











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Thipsatcha Yodwaree was bronze medallist in the 2023 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships and she has five years of international experience. The 21-year-old minimumweight (48kg) boxer has strong hopes for at least a medal in the upcoming competition in Astana.

Thailand's 20-year-old female flyweight (52kg) boxer, Lalita Chainarong joined the junior national team in 2019 and she earned several medals in the various international competitions including the ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships.

Natnicha Chongprongklang has beautiful technical skills at the women's featherweight (57kg) and following her silver medal at the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships, she is one of the best girls in their U22 squad.

Natthapong Thumacharoen is Thailand's best minimumweight (48kg) boxer currently, he bagged a bronze medal in the 2023 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships and he has seven years of routine in the competitions.

Phuthanet Rodsuk was silver medallist in the last edition of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships and he competed at the Boxam Elite Tournament as well. Rattapol Kadamduan increased also his experience in Spain starting the year in a combination of events and training camps.

Thailand is trying to build up a new squad in the younger age groups, their Panisa Kattipirot is a new addition to their female youth team, the 17-year-old boxer will have the chance to compete for Thailand in Astana.

#### Timor Leste will make a historic ASBC debut in Astana

Timor Leste has never competed in any of the ASBC competitions in the past and the country will make its debut in Astana, Kazakhstan soon. The management of the Asian Boxing Confederation supported the participation of Timor Leste in the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships.

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Nekson Viktor Talise and Benjamin Alves De Assis are the officials of the team and they selected three U22 male boxers to compete in Astana, Kazakhstan which is a historic step from the developing Southeast Asian country.

Antonio Nicolau Hau Da Silva is a 22-year-old boxer who can show his skills for the first time in a huge championships. Deonizio Dovi Monteiro Ramos and Shevanio Malefama Dos Santos Henriques both have joined the U22 age group this January and the two teenagers will be making there international debut in Astana in the upcoming days.

East Timor, or several times called it as Timor Leste, became independent from Indonesia in 2002 and joined to the international boxing events quickly in that year. Their biggest achievement was the 2021 SEA Games when the country earned one silver and one bronze medal. Further of their boxing highlights were at the 2019 and 2023 editions of the Southeast Asian Games where East Timor claimed two bronze medals.

East Timor competed first in the Asian Games in the Busan 2002 edition where two boxers, Felix Alexandrino Barreto (51kg) and a former Indonesian national team boxer, Victor Ramos (60kg) represented the country in the multisport event. Further two boxers, such as Yefferdson Isaac Ramos (48kg), and 24-year-old Othnel Negrito Manuel Baptista (57kg) represented the country in the Doha 2006 Asian Games.

East Timor sent record number of four boxers to the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games to China where Abilio Orlando Dos Santos (49kg), Artemio De Conceicao (52kg), Othnel Negrito Manuel Baptista (56kg) and Hendri Martins Borges Pereira (60kg) attended in the boxing event. Da Conceicao and Baptista lost only by points decisions from more experienced rivals which showed their slow progress in the Asian boxing map.

Two boxers from the country as Lionel Parada (56kg) and Elio Edito Da Silva (69kg) represented East Timor in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games. East Timor sent record number of five boxers to the last Jakarta 2018 Asian Games where Jose Barreto Quintas Da Silva (49kg), Joao Barbosa Neto (52kg), Elisio Raimundo Gaio (56kg), Savon Monteiro Ramos (60kg) and Apolinario Da Costa Alves (64kg) competed in the multisport event.











### Turkmenistan registered 21 boxers for the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships

Turkmenistan registered 21 male boxers to the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan from April 25.

The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

Turkmenistan was very near to qualify boxers to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games through the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event. Their boxers shined also in the recent ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan last November.

Mr. Tenilbek Dzhumakulov is the head coach of the national team who selected 10 U22 and 11 youth talents for the upcoming Asian Championships. Mr. Durdymammet Kuljayev, the Secretary General of the Turkmenistan Boxing Federation, will be the team manager in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Alisher Orazbayev achieved a silver medal at the 2019 ASBC Asian Schoolboys Boxing Championships and the 19-year-old bantamweight (54kg) talent will be making his debut in the U22 age group in Astana.

Lebap region's Guvanch Ahmedov has just joined the U22 age group this January as Orazbayev but he was bronze medallist at the strong Liventsev Memorial Tournament in Minsk and he is a medal hopeful at the featherweight (57kg).

Asghabat's 19-year-old Muhammet Babayev competed at the 2023 Men's Elite World Boxing Championships in Tashkent and he is one of the top names in their U22 national team who will fight for at least a medal at the light middleweight (71kg).

Ahal region's Artykmammet Shokhratgeldiyev celebrated his 20th birthday a few weeks ago and the heavyweight (92kg) boxer represented Team Turkmenistan at the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event as well.











Muhammetguly Yklymov (60kg), Azizbek Matyakubov (63.5kg), Jeyhun Tagaymuradov (67kg), Begench Akmyradov (75kg), Arslan Nurchiyev (80kg), and Rakhat Mollamyradov (86kg) are their further registered U22 boxers for this event.

Turkmenistan's flyweight (51kg) talent, the 17-year-old Sanjar Hamrayev, the Asian Junior silver medallist, will make his debut in the youth age group. The ASBC Asian Junior Champion Dayanch Durdynepesov also joined the youth national team and he will fight at the welterweight (67kg) in Astana.

Ashgabat's Mustapa Muhammetdurdyyev was bronze medallist at the 2023 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships in Astana and the heavyweight (92kg) boxer is aiming a better result in the new edition.

Resul Arslanov (48kg), Meylis Shardudyyev (54kg), Mekan Sabyrov (57kg), Ysmayyl Gurbanberdiyev (60kg), Mergen Hojammaedov (63.5kg), Shukuralla Annayev (71kg), Abdyrakhman Yklymov (80kg) and Mekan Durdyyev (+92kg) are their further selected youth boxers for Astana.

#### Nawwaf Al-Zahmi is ready to earn a historic medal for Team UAE in Astana

The United Arab Emirates can send finally three boxers to the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships to Astana, Kazakhstan.

The United Arab Emirates hosted several national and regional competitions since last September which supported to increase the routine of their boxers. The United Arab Emirates hosted two of the Asian Championships in 2021 and their talents competed in all of the ASBC competitions.

The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

Jawaher Abdulla Ghareb selected to participate at the women's light flyweight (50kg), she would celebrate her 19th birthday in the first competition day. Unfortunately, due to her injury and some other issues, she is not able to compete in this outstanding championship.











Nawwaf Al-Zahmi is only 20-year-old but he is one of the elite national team members as well who competed in the Asian Games, the Arab Sports Games, the Men's Elite World Boxing Championships and recently at the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event. He won two competitions in the last one month including the Ramadan Sports Games in the United Arab Emirates.

Abdulla Alshehhi, who competed for UAE at the 2023 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships, won the Gulf Countries Youth Games and he is their most experienced youth boxer who will compete at the welterweight (67kg) in Astana. He won all of the gold medals in the previous editions of the UAE Open Boxing Championships and other national competitions as well.

Nawaf Said will be their second youth male boxer in the upcoming championship in Astana following their busy schedule in the previous weeks.

### Dozens of Asian Champions will represent Uzbekistan at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships













Uzbekistan is aiming for the top of the podiums in several weight categories in the upcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan. The Uzbek U22 and youth squad contains several previous Asian Champions, and World medallists as well.

Uzbekistan claimed 14 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals in the last edition of the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships in Bangkok and the country became the best in that event on January 2023.

The Uzbek team finished as runner-up in the 2023 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships behind Kazakhstan with 8 gold, 8 silver and 4 bronze medals which they achieved in Astana last November.

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The selection competitions for the Uzbeks were held in December 2023 and the beginning of the year in the national level. The youth and U22 boxers competed in various international competitions in Spain, in Romania, in Bulgaria, in Azerbaijan and other countries as well.

Among their female U22 boxers is Nigina Uktamova who qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games at the bantamweight (54kg) and she will use the event in Astana for a preparation. Farzona Fozilova (48kg), Gulsevar Ganiyeva (50kg), Feruza Kazakova (52kg), Mokhinabonu Abdullayeva (63kg), Aziza Zokirova (75kg), and Oltinoy Sotimboyeva (81kg) all have several international titles during their career.

The female youth team has also medallists from the previous Asian Junior and Youth Boxing Championships. Jasmin Tokhirova (48kg), Zilolakhon Yusufova (52kg), Uzukjamol Yunusova (54kg), Rukhshona Shakarova (66kg), the three-time Asian Champion Oysha Toirova (70kg), Sanobar Bozorboyeva (75kg) and Sobirakhon Shakhobiddinova (+81kg) are all were named among the favourites in Astana.

The U22 male boxers have strong options for the gold medals in Astana such as Shodiyorjon Melikuziev (48kg), the Asian U22 Champion Asilbek Jalilov (51kg), Khujanazar Nortojiyev (54kg), Shavkatjon Boltayev (67kg) and Javokhir Ummataliyev (75kg) as well. Fazliddin Erkinboyev is a fantastic sensation at the light heavyweight (80kg), he won all of his recent competitions. Jakhongir Zokirov is on Bakhodir Jalolov's pathway, the strong super heavyweight (+92kg) boxer is the defending champion at the ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships as well.











There were several surprises in the recent Uzbekistan Youth National Championships but the registered main team has strong international experiences as well. Abdulaziz Abdunazarov (51kg), Sobirjon Tastanov (54kg), Mironshokh Norkosimov (60kg), Abdullokh Tokhirov (63.5kg), Makhsudkhon Meliyev (92kg) and Shakhzod Polvonov (+92kg) all have impressive technical skills.

#### Asian medallists will strengthen Team Vietnam in Astana



Vietnam sent record number of boxers to the last edition of the ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships to Astana, Kazakhstan in 2023. Their management decided to repeat almost that number in the next competition, Vietnam's best 16 boxers will compete at the forthcoming ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships later this month.

Vietnam earned medals in almost all of the previous editions of the ASBC Asian Boxing Championships including the junior, youth and elite age groups. One of their boxers have qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and Vietnam achieved several strong boxing results in the recent years.











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Mr. Pham Thanh Hai selected the 16-strong team but he will be supported by experienced coaches as Mr. Nguyen Dinh Quan and Mr. Le Duy Phuong. Among the 16 boxers, 12 is the number of women's athletes which is their priority in Vietnam.

Nguyen Thi Ngoc Tran, the bronze medallist from the 2022 Youth World Boxing Championships, is the top name of the U22 national team, she will compete at the light flyweight (50kg) in Astana. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Tran will celebrate her 20th birthday on the day of the official draw of the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships.

Nguyen Huyen Tran is another boxer in the U22 national squad who competed for Vietnam in several international events, including the Asian Games and the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event. The 20-year-old boxer will participate at the women's featherweight (57kg) with strong medal chances.

Pham Thi Quynh Anh won most of her contests during her career and the 158cm tall talent could be a surprise at the women's U22 minimumweight (48kg) in Astana. Tran Thi Kim Chi (54kg), Do Thi Linh Chi (63kg) and Nguyen Thu Trang (70kg) are the further female boxers in the U22 national team. Nguyen Duy Anh (60kg), Dam Ngoc Duc (63.5kg) and Nguyen Duc Ngoc (67kg) will strengthen Team Vietnam in the men's part of the competition.

Luc Thao Thanh was bronze medallist at the 2023 ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships and the 16-year-old boxer joined the youth age group this January. She will compete for Vietnam at the women's flyweight (52kg) in Astana but Nguyen Thi Tuyen Mai (48kg), Song Thi Kim Ngan (50kg), Vu Thi Tom (54kg), Tran Thi Truc Han (57kg) and Tran Thanh Tuyen (75kg) are all aiming for medals in Astana.

Pham Dang Luu is the only male boxer in the youth national team but he claimed a silver medal at the 2023 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships. The 178cm tall boxer kept his weight, he will compete at the middleweight (75kg) in Astana once again.











#### Yemen planned to participate with three youth boxers in Astana













Yemen is a developing boxing nation and the war-affected country invested a lot of efforts to participate at the ASBC Asian U22 & Youth Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan but the country did not get a transit visa to the competition.

Several of their boxers competed in the Arab Sports Games, the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships, the Asian Games, the Mohamed VI Trophy and the Aitenov Brothers Youth Tournament last year which supported their international preparations.

Yemen was near to get a medal at the 2017 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships and their dream is to make a breakthrough in the upcoming events. Yemen has not the best facilities, financial background but their boxers are emotional and they have at least three national events per year. The 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 born boxers will be able to compete at the U22 age group in Astana, Kazakhstan. Boxers who were born in 2006 and in 2007 will be eligible to participate in the youth age group in this specific continental event.

Mr. Faisal Al-Husaini is the most experienced coach in Yemen who supported the boxers from the ringside in the major championships in the recent seven years. Mr. Shaban Al-Omairi helped him in the training sessions and following their work, they selected three youth boxers for the Astana event.

Ali Al-Fadhli, Shaaban Al-Qadani and Mohammed Al-Wahedi all were born in 2006 and they are spending their second year in the youth age group. All of the three boxers are National Champions in Yemen and they had strong sparring sessions on the road of the preparations.











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