

Women's Olympic Boxing in 2012

In the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games, boxing is the only sport that excludes women.

AIBA, the International Federation for boxing, has joined girl and women boxers around the world to support the inclusion of women's boxing in the 2012 Games in London.

Over 120 countries organize women's Olympic-style boxing, and its popularity grows.

World Championships in women's boxing: 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, and 2008.

Boxing is inexpensive to learn, and competitions require few resources. Participants are diverse in socioeconomic status, race, and ethnicity. Champion boxers represent countries around the world.

Women's Olympic boxing can take place in the same venue as the men's event.

Women's amateur and professional boxing is televised in many countries.

11 weight classes for boxers provides diversity and promotes safety.

Boxing's IF (AIBA) supports women's inclusion in the Olympic Games, and hosted two women's bouts at the 2007 Men's World Championships in Chicago.



St Louis 1904. A women's boxing match (Olympic display event).
Credit: IOC Olympic Museum Collections

2001 World Championships.
Credit: AIBA



Girl and women athletes hope for Olympic inclusion in 2012.

