

# McLaren Independent IBA Investigation



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## **Statement on Independent Investigation of the EUBC Men's Elite Championships in Yerevan 2022**

The EUBC Men's Elite Championships took place in Yerevan, Armenia (The Yerevan Championships), between 21 and 31 May 2022. This was a Confederation-owned tournament, sanctioned by the IBA.

The contested results of two semi-final bouts (188 – Ukraine v England and 193 Armenia v Spain) led to an 'in-ring' protest by the two losing teams (Armenia and Ukraine respectively), was the catalyst for subsequent events that led to the provisional suspension (suspension) of seven referees and judges (R&Js).

On 30 May 2022, the EUBC Board of Directors decided to suspend provisionally the following R&Js for alleged mistakes made throughout the Yerevan Championships: Sorensen Jorgen Hammar (DEN), Romero Hernandez Jose Juan (ESP), Rizzardo Maria (ITA), Gaspar Antonin (CZE), Maden Johny (FRA), Simon Radoslav (SVK), Innes Lee Martin (ENG).

McLaren Global Sport Solutions (MGSS) along with Harod Associates (together termed the McLaren Independent Investigation Team or MIIT) conducted the independent investigation in respect of the Yerevan Championships.

In result of the independent investigation, MIIT concluded there is no reliable evidence to suggest that the seven said R&Js suspended by the EUBC Board acted in any way in breach of the Code of Conduct.

The MIIT recommends that no further action be taken against the above named R&Js. They should all be fully reinstated. Their individual personal reputations must be cleared.

As a result of the MIIT investigations it was concluded that the EUBC Board acted exceeding its powers when they decided to suspend seven R&Js.

The MIIT full report on the Yerevan Championships has been referred to the BIU for further disciplinary proceedings.