



EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) - NEWS

Dear friends in boxing

I am happy that the EBU, after the Covid-pandemic, is able again to offer and organize an EBU-Ring Officials' seminar, which will take place in Liège (Belgium) on Saturday, 29th October, 2022, during which our experienced instructors **Guido Cavalleri** and **Massimo Barrovecchio** will do their best to show us how to correctly score and referee our EBU-titlefights, and I do hope that as many Ring Officials as possible may participate.

We will profit from the occasion to hold an EBU-Council meeting previously to the Ring Officials' seminar as well in Liège (Belgium) and discuss various matters, like to improve the EBU-agreement (boxing authorizations are to be sent from Federation to Federation, minimal suspensions for boxers after having been stopped by KO and TKO are extended), like lifting the restrictions for EBU-Ring Officials who are working for other European titlefights, like procedures for antidoping controls etc.

As agreed at our Last General Assembly two new British Ring Officials will join the EBU, the BBBC Star Class referees Mr. **Kieran Michael McCann** and Mr. **Kevin Parker**, welcome to the EBU!

It was my pleasure to personally meet in Madrid Mr. **Domingo Matas Prado**, President of the Spanish Professional Boxing Commission and Vice-President of the EBU as well as Mr. **Carlos Utrillo**, the hard working Chairman of the EBU Ratings Committee. We met at the offices of the Federación Española de Boxeo at the Calle Ferraz, and continued in a restaurant nearby for lunch.

An excellent EU-Superfeatherweight-titlefight took recently place in Belfast (UK) between **Eric Donovan** (Ireland) and **Kalil El Hadri** (F). Donovan won the title but the contest was so close and Kalil El Hadri did so well, that the EBU granted an immediate rematch. The scores of the EBU-judges are not contested, it was a matter of close and clear 10:9-rounds. During that fight the excellent referee **Anssi Perajoki** (FIN) demonstrated how a boxer has to be counted when prevented from falling by the ropes after having received a punch.

Former EBU-Heavyweight champion **Joe Joyce** (GB) did very well, stopping world class Heavyweight Joseph Parker (NZ).

In order to recover from his fights a boxer needs a rest without sparring, even after having won. After every stoppage defeat (KO and TKO) a suspension is mandatory. For the suspension the controlling Federation is responsible, acting on recommendation of its local ring doctor. Such suspensions have to be indicated to the EBU, which runs a suspension list. All the EBU-affiliated Federations will respect such suspensions.

Please show responsibility and care for all your boxers!

I do hope to meet all of you soon again and thank you for having read these EBU-News; your comments are always welcome

With my warmest personal regards

Peter Stucki, EBU-President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Stucki', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.