



## EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) - NEWS

Dear friends in boxing

Our new Council-member, Mrs. **Jekaterina Krilova** (Latvia) assisted me to supervise the EBU-Bantamweight title fight between **Alessio Lorusso** (It) and **Sebastián Pérez** (Spain), in Monza (It), on 14th October, 2022, and I thank her for her effective help. She has all the knowledge and ability to supervise title fights on her own.

The new Ring Official from Latvia, Mr. **Vladislavs Kadikis**, scored that fight as EBU-judge and did well.

During the rules meeting it turned out that there was no official Adrenaline at disposal of the corners. The Italian doctor declared that Adrenaline may be dangerous because it increases the blood pressure, and for that reason the law in Italy forbids to non medical persons to apply Adrenaline. In professional boxing a solution of 1 : 1000 Adrenaline and distilled water has been used for a very long time already in order to treat bleeding cuts **without any problems**. The EBU asks for official Adrenaline in order to be sure that a solution of 1 : 1000 is used and not something stronger and dangerous. As there was no official Adrenaline I had to allow the corners to use their own haemostatic with the risk that it was dangerous. The refusal of official and regular Adrenaline solution had the opposite effect as the haemostatic the corners were using might have been a dangerous one.

For all EBU-championship contests an antidoping control after the fight is mandatory. For these antidoping controls the local Federations are responsible; most Federations delegate their responsibility to their countries' national antidoping authorities. It may however happen that in the very last moment before the title fight this national authority is unable to perform, e.g. for lack of staff. It happened recently to one of our affiliated Federations, as the doctor, appointed by the national antidoping authority, fell out because of COVID. The parties and even the controlling Federation were informed too late and the fight took place. Of course the defeated fighter asked for a rematch, which had to be granted for obvious reasons. In future the EBU-Supervisor will have to deal with this problem at the Rules Meeting, and it has to be decided whether or not the fight will take place under such circumstances, and, if the contest takes place without antidoping control, both parties have to renounce on a rematch. Of course the antidoping control after the fight stays mandatory, and, only when the antidoping control falls out in the very last moment, such a ruling may be applied.

According to the EBU-safety agreement most Federations have signed, there are minimal suspensions to be applied for the defeated boxer in case of KO or TKO. The responsibility for such suspensions lies with the ring doctor of the controlling Federation as well as of the licensing Federation. That means, should the controlling Federation not suspend in such cases, the licensing Federation has to check whether or not a suspension is necessary. It is however in the interest for the health and for the protection of the defeated boxer that he is **always** suspended after having been KO'd or TKO'd by punches to his head.

**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, which appears to be 'Peter Stucki', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.