



EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (January 2023)

Dear friends in boxing

Time is a precious matter, the older you become, the more you are aware of it.

We just lost a dear friend, **John Morris**, former General Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, who died at the age of 87. John was competent and helpful, a man not only interested in sports, but as well in theatre and charity, a true diplomat, able to get along with everybody. We miss him and beg his family to accept our sympathy and our sincere condolences.

Denys Berinchyk (UKR), came all the way from war to Tottenham, and conquered the EBU-Lightweight-title, defeating the former champion **Yvan Mendy (F)** in front of 70'000 people gathered to assist at Tyson Fury's WBC-Heavyweight title defence against Derek Chisora. The UK is the true cradle of boxing with several important tournaments every week. The fact that the UK is promoting our EBU-title between a French and a Ukrainian boxer shows that it has worth and that our champions are considered the best professional boxers in Europe.

The best protection of the boxers is a competent referee, who is able to take fast and correct decisions, such protecting the fighters. I recently assisted at a show where one of the boxers landed a hard punch on the «break» ordered by the referee. He was correctly deducted one point, but the referee forgot to provide the fouled boxer with some recovery-time and allowed the fight to continue, which resulted in a brutal KO. The referee is allowed to provide the fouled boxer with reasonable time for recovery, up to five minutes, and he should do it. This said I am fully aware of how difficult it is to have to react correctly within splits of seconds.

I was informed about **fake authorizations**, copied and falsified in order to allow boxers to fight in Europe. One of them was a South American boxer living in Spain, who submitted a falsified Spanish authorization. This is extremely dangerous because such boxers are taking risks without being medically checked.

I urge you to send your authorizations to fight only and exclusively from Federation to Federation and no longer to managers, promoters, matchmakers nor boxers, and to accept such authorizations only when they are sent by the licensing Federation!

Should you not be satisfied with the received authorization, please inquire directly at the issuing Federation. **We can no longer take the risk to allow boxers to perform that are not correctly licensed nor medically checked, not even and above all not in an emergency!**

Please show responsibility and care for all boxers not only for those that are licences with you!

I wish a **Very Happy New Year** to all of you 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 large initial 'P'.