



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

Dear boxing friends

As we all know, the **EBU** is not Europe's governing body for professional boxing; the **EBU** is a Championship-organization which controls all the Championship contests with **EBU**-titles at stake.

On the other hand the **EBU** is a democratically formed organization consisting of the national Boxing Federations of the European countries, which awards its titles according to correct and unbiased ratings.

For the time-being the **EBU** has affiliated 39 European member Federations and two provisional members.

We can look back on a long tradition of champions and championship contests celebrating this year our **75th anniversary**.

We are not only a long lasting Continental Federation we are as well a responsible one as our main goal is to make boxing as safe as possible for our athletes. This includes all boxers licensed by our affiliated national member Federations and all fights taking place in our member countries.

In order to set some safety guidelines we agreed a couple of years ago on a Safety Agreement between **EBU**-affiliated Federations. Its purpose is to ensure medical protection, drug-free boxing, competent and safe refereeing, correct and neutral judging and generally as much safety as possible for all boxers involved.

Some important items are:

- boxers will always be licensed by the **EBU**-affiliated Federation of the country where they are living, as only this Federation is able to control the boxer and his activities in and outside the ring;
- we authorize fights only when the licensing Federation has agreed, and such authorizations have to be sent from Federation to Federation; this is to avoid fake authorizations;
- we respect minimal medical standards and medical suspensions as it becomes more and more evident that we need to protect our athletes.

Please have a look at the annexed amended draft of our **EBU**-agreement, which I intend to submit to our member Federations for signature again at our coming General Assembly in Malta.

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

I 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 read 'Stucki', is placed below the printed name of the EBU-President.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN EBU-AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS

In order to ensure medical protection, drug-free boxing, competent and safe refereeing, correct and neutral judging and generally as much safety as possible for all boxers involved, the undersigned EBU-Affiliated Federations agree herewith independently from the EBU to observe the following standards for all the contests they approve of:

1. General

- 1.1. Boxers will always be licensed by the EBU-Affiliated Federation of the country in which the boxer is living, provided there is such a Federation. Exceptions are possible only with the written authorization of that Federation.
This principle is applicable from on.
In case of queries art. 4 will apply.
- 1.2. No EBU-Affiliated Federation will license a boxer nor an official who has been licensed before by another EBU-Affiliated Federation or who is living in another country without the written authorization of that Federation.
- 1.3. No EBU-Affiliated Federation will allow a boxer nor an official to take part in a contest (in their home country or abroad) that does not fulfil the medical or federal requirements or is not under supervision of an EBU-Affiliated Federation, provided there is one in the country where the contest is scheduled to take place.
- 1.4. No EBU-Affiliated Federation will allow a boxer, who is licensed by another EBU-Affiliated Federation, to box under its supervision without having checked his license and his authorization to fight, issued by his licensing Federation. These authorizations have to be sent directly by the licensing Federation to the supervising Federation, and not to the boxer, manager nor promoter.
- 1.5. No EBU-Affiliated Federation will allow a boxer, who is not licensed by another EBU-Affiliated Federation to box under its supervision without having checked his license, his authorization to fight and all the necessary medical tests, which shall not be older than 12 months.
No short or day-license shall be accepted.
- 1.6. No EBU-affiliated Federation will take care of any contest taking place in a foreign country within the jurisdiction of another EBU-Affiliated Federation, provided there is such a Federation, unless that local Federation agrees in writing to collaborate. In any case the boxing-rules of the local EBU-Affiliated Federation will apply on all non-title-contests.

- 1.7. The competence for antidoping-rules and –controls lies always with the independent and recognized antidoping institution in the country in which the contest takes place, provided there is such an institution.
For antidoping controls independent of any contest the competence lies with the local institution in the country in which the boxer is living.
- 1.8. No EBU-Affiliated Federation will allow a boxer to take part in a contest from the EBU-suspension list, provided there is a valid reason for the suspension.
- 1.9. All EBU-Affiliated Federations will inform the EBU within 10 working days of all suspended boxers (full name, nationality, affiliated Federation, reason of suspension, expiration date of suspension have to be indicated)
The EBU-Office will keep up a suspension list for medical reasons (stoppage defeats, medical problems), for having been found doping positive or for criminal reasons (having been sentenced to prison). Financial or contractual issues are no reason for suspension. Exceptions may be agreed by the EBU Council.
- 1.10 All EBU-Affiliated Federations will inform the EBU-General Secretary or the Chairman of the EBU-Ratings Commission within 10 working days of all results of contests held under their supervision and of all results of their licensed boxers.

2. MINIMAL MEDICAL STANDARDS

- 2.1. No EBU-Affiliated Federation will allow a boxer to participate in a contest that has not respected at least the 28 days rest after having been KO or TKO in his last contest. After two stoppage defeats within one year the rest is at least 60 days, after three stoppage defeats within one year the rest is at least 90 days. Exceptions are possible in case of stoppage defeats due to body-punches. Longer suspensions are possible; the decision lies always in the discretion of the local ring doctor.
- 2.2. No EBU-Affiliated Federation will allow a boxer to participate in a contest that has not respected all other rest periods directed by order of any doctor of an EBU-Affiliated Federation and in co-operation with the boxer's licensing Federation for any other medical reason.
- 2.3. No EBU-affiliated Federation will allow a totally unbalanced, onesided and dangerous contest, taking place only in order to favour the local boxer
- 2.4. All EBU-Affiliated Federations will apply the following same minimum medical standards on the yearly examinations (at least once a year) of their licensed boxers:
- Physical examination to include full explanation of any adverse medical history past or present;
 - MRI-and MRA-scan of the head;
 - Blood tests for HIV and other venereal infections (shorter periods may be applied by the local Federation);
 - Detailed examinations of the eyes by an ophthalmic optician or surgeon (retina);
 - Vaccination against Hepatitis B or negative attestation and negative attestation for Hepatitis C (shorter periods may be applied by the local Federation)

3. INSURANCE

- 3.1. We recommend that all boxers should have an insurance for major injuries at home and abroad.

4. QUERIES

- 4.1. The EBU is not responsible for the fulfilment nor for the enforcement of this present Agreement.

All EBU-Affiliated Federations agree that any queries regarding the Agreement may be submitted to the arbitration of the EBU, and that the result of this arbitration may be made known publicly.

All EBU-Affiliated Federations agree to publish a list of those EBU-Affiliated Federations which have signed this Agreement.

All EBU-Affiliated Federations agree to the EBU-Secretary General to always make known if an EBU-Affiliated Federation having signed the Agreement does not respect it.

Signed by the following EBU-affiliated Federations: