



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

Dear boxing friends

While the overwhelming majority of the EBU-family accepted and signed the EBU-agreement for safety and health for our boxers, five of our affiliated Federations still did not agree. This means that it might be dangerous to engage their licensed fighters because the minimum suspensions might not be respected, and it might as well be risky to authorise our fighters to perform under their control because we do not know their medical standards. I beg those Federations to please reconsider and stay part of our EBU-family, which wants our sport of boxing to be as safe as possible. At a later date we will have to let it know who does not agree with the EBU-agreement!

The EBU just celebrated its 75th birthday, not yet with champagne but with a beautiful big birthday cake. We are by far the oldest professional boxing Federation of Europe. Furthermore we try hard to authorize only the best to fight for our titles by respecting the order of our ratings, which makes our champions **the top of Europe!** Unfortunately other, mostly international Federations are popping up with their new European titles, which have less worth as their championship fights do not rely on correct ratings and are simply arranged by promoters. We don't want our rated fighters and our excellent Ring Officials to be involved in minor fights and beg them to understand that this is against the quality of professional boxing in Europe. Please consider, if you want the European champion to stay on top of European boxing, then stay loyal with the EBU!

From the 1st September, 2023 on there will be one title less as the EBU replaces its EU- and EEU-titles by the EBU-Silver-title. This new title may be won by European boxers licensed by our member Federations and they will be fought according to special EBU-Silver-ratings.

Another EBU-improvement is the quality of our championship gloves. From the 1st September, 2023 on only recognized gloves are allowed according to a special list. This became necessary as we noticed that some gloves are losing quality and become dangerous during the contest, above all when they get wet.

If the EBU is looking for an official challenger to fight the EBU-Champion, it has to respect the order of the EBU-ratings, and will ask the boxers (or their managers or Federations) if he agrees. Once the rated boxer has agreed, the EBU-General Secretary will give time to the two contenders in order to find a fight-agreement. If no agreement can be found, the EBU-General Secretary will ask for purse offers to be submitted. The highest bidder will be authorized to promote the EBU- Championship contest; the EBU-Champion will receive 60% and the Challenger 40% of the total purse offer, free of any taxes. Should the boxer disagree to fight after the purse bid or after having signed the fight agreement, he will lose the title or the status as official challenger, he will be fined and no longer be rated. All the details may be found on our EBU-WebPage www.boxebu.com

And a boxing anecdote: When I accompanied the referee for the final instructions of José Luis Castillo (MEX) before his World title fight against Diego Corrales (US), Tony Weeks asked for his questions; Castillo answered in Spanish: «Can you count from one to ten?»

Please show responsibility and care for all boxers not only for those that are licensed 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, appearing to read 'Stucki', is positioned below the printed name of Peter Stucki.