

# **EBU -RATINGS STANDARDS**

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EUROPEAN BOXING UNION asbl  
Ratings Committee

## **Article 1 – Introduction**

The Rating Committee has been appointed and works according to Article 18.3 of the Constitution and Article 7 of the European Boxing Union Internal regulations.

## **Article 2 - Function of the E.B.U. Ratings Committee**

The Ratings Committee works and decides always subject to the agreement of the Board of Directors. Appeals from EBU members or Affiliated National Associations against decisions made by the Ratings Committee have to be heard and determined by the Disputes Settlement Committee (Internal Regulations 9.1)

The Ratings Committee will compile each month a table in each of the weight categories recognized by the Board of Directors (Boxing Rules Article 4), such table to be based upon boxing merit as well as results of the most recent contests up to the last day of the previous month. The ratings Committee will as well compile ratings for female boxers in weight categories recognized by Board of Directors.

Such ratings will be circulated amongst all members and Affiliated National Associations by the General Secretary before the 10th day of the following month. Ratings will also be published on the EBU website.

## **New article 3 – Eligibility**

To be eligible to be rated in the EBU ratings a boxer must be:

- (a) at least 18 years of age; and
- (b) domiciled in and a citizen of a European country; and
- (c) licensed at least one year by an EBU Affiliated federation or organization.

To be eligible to take part in an EBU-Silver-title-contest there are additional conditions according to separate standards.

## **Article 4 – Weights**

The weight categories recognized by the Board of Directors are defined in Article 4 of the EBU Boxing Rules and the Appendix to the EBU Boxing Rules - Female Championships.

## **Article 5 - Standards of Rating**

As a general rule the Ratings Committee at its complete discretion shall rate only boxers who are capable of competing for EBU, EBU-Silver or Female titles respectively, taking into account the boxer's general ability, recent performances, record and activity as well as the value of opponents. The boxer has to be active during the last 12 months in order to stay on the ratings.

The main standards of rating are the following:

- At least two (2) of the contests held in the last 24 months must have taken place in Europe and been sanctioned by an EBU Affiliated Federation, and at least five (5) of the boxer's last ten (10) fights must have taken place in Europe and been sanctioned by an EBU Affiliated Federation;
- Boxers who enter the ratings with fewer contests than 10 (see exception below) must have fought at least half of their contests in Europe and been sanctioned by an EBU Affiliated Federation;

Male boxers:

- The boxers must have fought, as a general rule, at least eight (8) contests, at least one of them scheduled to be over eight (8) rounds;

Female boxers:

- The boxers must have fought, as a general rule, at least four (4) contests, at least one of them scheduled to be over six (6) rounds;

As for the above mentioned mandatory number of at least eight (8) contests for male boxers, and at least four (4) contests for female boxers, there are the following exceptions:

- When a boxer defeats another boxer, listed in the EBU-, or EBU Female ratings,
- When a boxer defeats an outstanding boxer, not rated by the EBU,

he/she may be rated independently from the number of contests he/she has fought, always subject to the complete discretion of the Ratings Committee.

These exceptions are valid only if all other conditions according to the present standards have been met.

## **Article 6 - Introduction of a boxer to the ratings**

A boxer may be recommended to be rated by a member of the Ratings Committee or by written recommendation of his licensing National Association. Boxer can be rated only in one weight division at a time. He must have boxed at least one of his last two contest in the division he wants to be rated. When boxer engages in a title fight, he will be rated in the category in which the fight took place.

As a general rule no boxer will be newly included in the ratings after having been defeated in his last contest; it is to the discretion of the Ratings Committee to decide otherwise.

## **Article 7 - Removal from the ratings**

A boxer shall no longer be rated:

- if the Ratings Committee at its complete discretion no longer regards him/her as worthy contender.
- Except for the champion and the mandatory challenger, if he/she has been inactive for more than 12 months (after 8-month inactivity the rating shall start to be lowered)
- If he/she is no more licensed by an EBU Affiliated National Association
- If he/she is suspended by his/her National Association
- If he/she is reported, to public or to the EBU, having tested positive for forbidden substances (WADA), the boxer will be suspended from the ratings until the boxer's licensing EBU Affiliated National Association has given its final ruling in the matter and reported it to the EBU, following which the boxer's eligibility to EBU ratings will always follow any possible suspension ruling of his/her licensing EBU Affiliated National Association.
- If he/she is performing on meetings organized by federations or organizations not member of the EBU the rating commission will remove her/him from the ratings for 9 months (24/01/2013) and on request of the respective federation, he/she can be rated again.

A boxer holding a so called "European title" from an organization other than the EBU will not be rated. One year after he/she has relinquished this title he/she may be rated. The challenger cannot be rated for one year. They may be rated again on request of their Federations; if a boxer held such a title, and his Federation has to confirm at what time he/she relinquished it.

## **Article 8 - World Champions**

Current full World Champions of the WBC, WBA, IBF and WBO will not be rated as contenders, but mentioned as ineligible at the end of the rating list.

## **Article 9 - Official Challenger**

The Official Challenger will be always appointed by the Ratings Committee and such appointment shall be made known by the General Secretary at the moment of the confirmation of the previous championship contest; or in a case where reigning Champion or previously appointed Official Challenger relinquishes his/her position or becomes ineligible to contest the title for reasons specified in Article 7.

Unless otherwise decided at the complete discretion of the Ratings Committee the highest rated and available contender who accepts the nomination shall become next Official Challenger.

No contender marked with an asterisk (see Article 11) can be appointed as Official Challenger.

As a general rule no contender shall be appointed as Official Challenger immediately after having been defeated, unless the Ratings Committee at its complete discretion decides otherwise (e.g. if it is a close defeat in a recognized world title contest).

## **Article 10 - Loss of the status of Official Challenger**

If the Official Challenger loses in a contest after he has been appointed, he will lose his status unless otherwise decided by the Ratings Committee and he will be replaced by the highest rated and available contender, who accepts the nomination.

## **Article 11 - Withdrawal from a Championship Contest**

The Champion or Official Challenger, who has agreed with the contest either by agreement or purse bids, but withdraws from the contest, shall be fined 3300 Euros and shall not be allowed to fight for the EBU-, Silver- or Female title during the next following 12 months.

Such boxers shall be marked with an asterisk (\*). If the fines are not paid boxers will be removed from ratings until they have been paid.

## **Article 12 – Decisions**

All decisions of the Ratings Committee shall be determined by simple majority with casting vote of the President of EBU or if he is absent the chairman of the Ratings Committee.

A member of the Ratings Committee shall not vote in respect of any decision in which he has any direct or indirect interest.

## The EBU-Silver title

- From the 1st of September 2023 on the EBU-Silver title replaces the EU- and the EEU- titles.
- There is one monthly EBU-Rating for male and one EBU-rating for female boxers listing all boxers that merit a rating according to the EBU-Ratings standards.
- The actual EU-champion is automatically the new EBU-Silver champion, the actual EEU-champion is automatically the new EBU-Silver champion; if this is not possible because there is an EU- and an EEU-champion in the same weight division, the EU-champion prevails and is the new EBU-Silver champion and the EEU-champion is his official challenger resp. the next following official challenger.
- The first 20 of the rated contenders in each weight division are eligible to fight for the full EBU-title, always according to the EBU-Ratings standards.
- All EBU-rated contenders are eligible to fight for the EBU-Silver title, always according to the EBU-Ratings standards.
- The Silver champion is entitled to receive the no. 4 EBU-rating in each weight division; the EBU-Council at its full discretion may decide not to rate him at no. 4 if there is not enough merit.
- The EBU-Silver-title is available only in male weight-divisions with at least ten (10) rated boxers and in female weight-divisions with at least six (6) rated boxers.
- If no EBU-rated boxer among the first 20 contenders is available to fight for the EBU-title, the EBU-Council may on recommendation of the Ratings Commission decide to accept a lower EBU-rated contender as challenger.
- The EBU-fees and -expenses regarding the Silver title are the same as for the EU- and EEU-titles (Euro 2'000.- for all the divisions, Euro 1'000.-for the belt and expenses of Euro 400.- for each Ring Official and the Supervisor).