

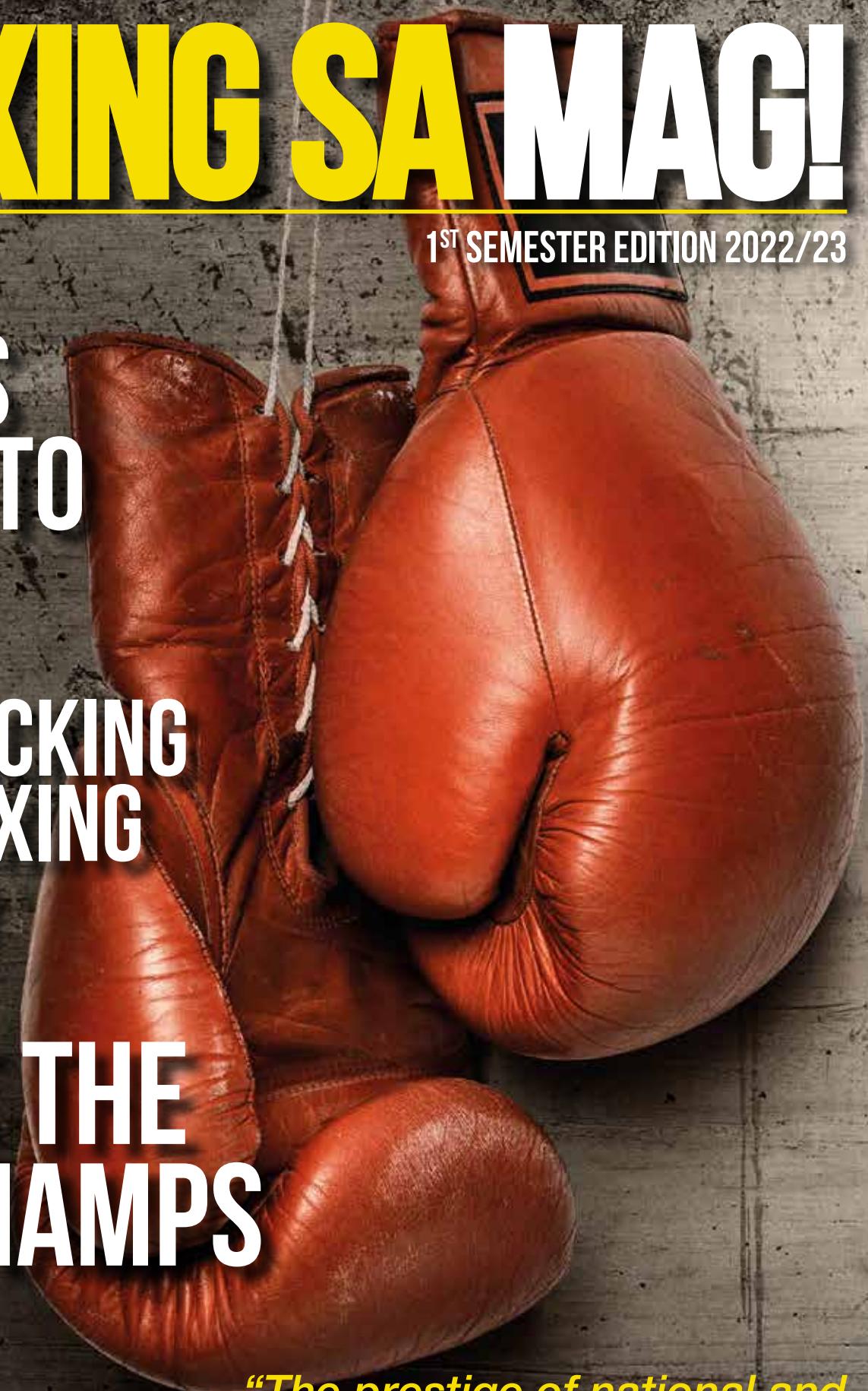
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THE BOXING
WORLD

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SA CHAMPS



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BSA IS HERE TO STAY

by Mr Luthando Jack, Chairperson of the Board

It is with a sense of pleasure and pride that I look back at everything that Boxing South Africa has achieved within the past six months, and with great anticipation of what our goals will achieve going forward into 2023.

COVID-19 did prove to be a knock-out round regarding boxing matches and attendance, however, I can confidently say that this is no longer the case. As a matter of fact, BSA can state that every weekend, a boxing match has taken place, proving that boxing as a sporting discipline is being re-engineered and enthusiastically received by our fellow citizens. A milestone achieved that has not been reached for several years in the past.

BSA's sole focus and drive has been on renewing, growing, and transforming the sport of boxing. To achieve this, there have been key principles identified and acted on, in a five-year strategic plan. This plan was decided and agreed upon by the Portfolio Committee in Parliament, the Minister of Sport and Associations with BSA. These key areas consist of the highlights below.

1. Corporate responsibility and sound financial governance have been achieved; however, it is endeavoured to improve on our auditing results of which we achieved an unqualified audit result for the 2021/2022 financial period. The Board is in sound and solid condition and has successfully turned boxing in the right direction, after all, the evidence proves that we keep our word and that BSA does achieve our deliverables. We are proud and motivated by these results as it proves to current sponsors and partners including potential sponsors, that boxing is a sport whereby they can rest assured that all matters are conducted legally and in line with our mandate as provided by Parliament and the Minister of Sport.
2. The well-known adage "it takes a village to raise a child" is applicable to our future strategy for building long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationships. BSA believes in establishing and leveraging off solid partnerships with members, affiliations, athletes, promoters, broadcasters, provincial government and parliament. Therefore, BSA has concluded Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with provincial departments, which have been welcomed with open arms into the boxing fraternity. Gauteng Province has started funding boxing matches in Kwa-Zulu Natal, Port Elizabeth and the Free State, to re-energise competitions and re-invigoration of audience participation.
3. BSA has created a Newly Elected National Professional Promoters Association (NPPA), which acts as the voice for duly elected promoters, provincial affiliates, athletes and the government. Boxing as a legislated sport managed according to an Act of Parliament is in the process of being re-invigorated according to our current sporting climate so that it is relevant and actionable in South Africa's social and economic climate. We are all interrelated and can thrive as a cohesive unit for



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the betterment of boxing, we are more together than one party on its own.

4. BSA, as a result of the above, is delighted with our three-year MOU, which we have concluded with the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) to have boxing on every TV unit in the country. We have not received airtime from SABC for a number of years, and this agreement will achieve a lot in our mutual goal of increasing the popularity of the sport and of every person involved in the boxing fraternity. How many of us remember matches of the past greats watched in the early morning, with great cheers of excitement when our champion knocks out an international competitor? Those days are back and will be even better with communities interested being sparked nationally and internationally – to be a global phenomenon! We strongly believe that this is and will be a strong catalyst in encouraging sponsorships and opportunities for our athletes to showcase their abilities to

the public. We want every champion to be recognised inside and outside our South African borders.

5. BSA is in the process of identifying and expanding various investment arms which have as of yet not been properly implemented, such as possible betting to take place, as this sector has grown exponentially in the last couple of years, indeed, for some of our citizens, this has become a national sport too. The mutual basis of fierce competition and loving to rise to a challenge is seen in both the sporting and betting sectors.

6. We are focused on harnessing burgeoning young talent and developing them as athletes from participation, identification, competing and sponsoring to becoming a champion of the discipline long after their retirement. Therefore, we are focusing on the mentorship of athletes not just inside the ring but outside as well, ranging from pension funds, medical aid etc. It is seen too many times in sports that our national talent becomes forgotten

in time and sadly become financially ruined as well. BSA is a solid partner that endeavours to remain with our athletes – from cradle to grave.

7. We have reached an agreement with the National Heritage Council which has been mandated in conjunction with BSA, in which we retain and maintain the heritage of boxing, celebrating boxing and boxers' achievements and biographies, as a national treasure.

It is clear that BSA knows where it has come from, where we are going and with whom in the next five years. As you read through our newsletter, you will see that we do not just "talk the talk", we "walk whilst boxing it" too!

I extend my thanks and gratitude for the strong team we have and for all parties' enthusiastic response and support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Luthando Jack 



FROM THE CORNER OF THE ACTING CEO

AN OVERVIEW OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS

by Mr. Erick Nsikayezwe Sithole, Acting CEO

It is a great pleasure for me to share with you BSA's past six months of achievements. I have previously indicated that this year is one that we are focusing on getting results fast. It is encouraging to know that we have and are continuing to invest every ounce of our collective energy towards our five-year strategy 2023/24 to 27/28 and its successful implementation.

Our journey started in December 2021, when the new Board of BSA was appointed. As a result, BSA determined a new vision in March 2021 that would focus on renewing, growing and transforming boxing to reflect our modern times. Buy-in from stakeholders was of utmost importance and we went on Board roadshows for 15 months. Based on the previous actions, BSA had a joint strategy meeting with the Minister of Sport in February, this year, which culminated in the development and adoption of the Turnaround Strategy 2023/24 – 2027/28. BSA identified five pillars, consisting of various programmes that are relevant to our objectives, of which we actioned the highlights below.

At the National Promoters Association Elective conference, a newly elected committee was inaugurated, and continuous engagement is taking place with Boxers, Managers, Coaches, Referees, and other key stakeholders regarding the establishment of national associations. To this end, we have negotiated with all nine provincial Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) that seek to focus on the development of boxing per province.

Our corporate image and brand-ability activities involved and culminated in redesigned communication channels and formats. Ranging from active social media and e-platforms e.g.: a YouTube channel, a website providing the latest credible informative and newsworthy information, with enhanced functionalities and quarterly

newsletters. In addition, BSA has made great strides in bringing boxing to every citizen's home screens as we have concluded a three-year agreement with SABC. In the coming new year Promoters from all provinces will have an opportunity to bid for SABC dates, this will increase the standard and the quality of boxing tournaments that our promoters must stage.

PROGRAMME 2: DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT

Sport must constantly evolve and develop, therefore the Renewal Committee is relooking at our assessment and accreditation programme for BSA Licensing, where workshops will be undertaken with stakeholders with the purpose of developing

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PROGRAMME 1: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

All our committees; Medical Committee, Ratings and the Sanctioning Committee, Finance, Organisational Development and Revenue Committee, Women in Boxing and Audit committee are fully functional. The WIB and Audit Committee welcomed the appointment of two new Chairpersons, Dr Nthangeneni and Ms S Mzizi respectively.

To be a first-rate sporting association, you need first-rate infrastructure. BSA is implementing an organisational plan that will expand our national footprint and brand recognisability. This has brought about several results.

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our licensees and professionalising the sport of Boxing in South Africa.

In a space of 6 months (April 2022 – September 2022) we have delivered a number of high quality boxing tournaments which have put the name of boxing on the map. We will continue with the strengthening of our compliance regulations to ensure the safety of our boxers and that of our fan base.

Two Boxing Conventions in Gauteng and KZN were hosted in partnership with both provinces. These conventions were a success since they produced a number of resolutions which are currently being implemented by BSA and all relevant stakeholders.

PROGRAMME 3: SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Sport for development touches many areas, thus BSA has focused on providing assistance to our athletes and other stakeholders in various programmes and activities. We are currently working towards the development of an investment programme for all boxers and BSA Licensees ranging from funeral cover, investment plans and medical aid options. We increased opportunities for women in boxing through the Women in Boxing Week in Durban, having school visits, municipal visits, workshops, tournaments (KZN, Gauteng and Port Elizabeth), and the breakfast session with the Deputy Minister. This endeavour was a huge success, and we have the mandate to roll out this endeavour nationwide next year. Nation-building and social cohesion support the boxing economy, in addition, it is a great vehicle for nation-building and social cohesion, consequently, we partook in boxing tournaments that celebrated Freedom Day Celebration, Youth Day Celebration and Nelson Mandela Day and Heritage Month.

PROGRAMME 4: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The operational environment of boxing has changed monumentally, and the landscape requires constant innovation and research regarding Information Technology, Social media platforms, Athlete enhanced performances, online and streaming content, etc. The list is extensive. BSA places itself at



the forefront of research and innovation for the SADEC countries, if not for the whole African continent. BSA is currently engaging with a number of research institutes for the purpose of signing an MOU that will ensure that BSA has access to the latest innovation research papers and e-knowledge management systems, including new automated application systems. This will assist BSA in its effort of introducing research based solutions.

PROGRAMME 5: BOXING HERITAGE

The heritage of boxing and athletes and contributors is important, and the legacy of this sport needs to be properly curated, stored, maintained and logged to create a timeline and time capsules that become an inherited gift to the nation and the boxing fraternity at large. BSA is working towards the establishing of the Boxing Museum, a Boxing Hall of Fame, the Boxing House and collecting all historical boxing documentation. BSA is working with various heritage institutes across the provinces to ensure that these projects become a success.

The time is now, let's take Boxing to its former days of Glory and beyond.

Keep boxing, keep moving.

Thank you

Mr. Erick Sithole 



BOXING SA IS ROCKING THE BOXING WORLD

by Mr Mandla Ntlanganiso, Director of Operations



As any boxer would tell you, the boxing match starts in your mind and heart long before you even reach the ring. Consequently, I must remind our readers what our tenants are for mental, emotional and physical preparation going forward when entering the arena of sports administration and development.

Our character and behaviour are guided by the four pillars of Professionalism, Leadership, Accountability, and promotion and inclusion of Diversity. Since boxing involves many stakeholders, we must cater for and include a number of parties in our mutually beneficial relationship, and it has delivered tangible results already within six months alone!

For the period of April to September, we have managed to have 44 tournaments compared to 19 in the same period in 2021. The following provinces in descending order achieved these results:

1. Gauteng Province: 17 tournaments
2. Eastern Cape Province: 13 tournaments
3. Kwa-Zulu Natal Province: 4 tournaments
4. Free State Province: 3 tournaments
5. Mpumalanga Province : 2 tournaments
6. Northern Cape Province: 2 tournaments
7. Western Cape Province: 1 tournament
8. Limpopo Province: 1 tournament
9. North-West Province: 1 tournament

Our most fruitful month was September when 11 tournaments took place, followed by July (eight tournaments), August and June were tied with seven tournaments with April coming in second last with six tournaments and May, the slowest month with five tournaments. These results are very heartening, and we are confident with the newly established newly elected National Professional Promoters Association (NPPA), these numbers will only grow from strength to strength!

The table below shows the number of sanctioned tournaments which took place

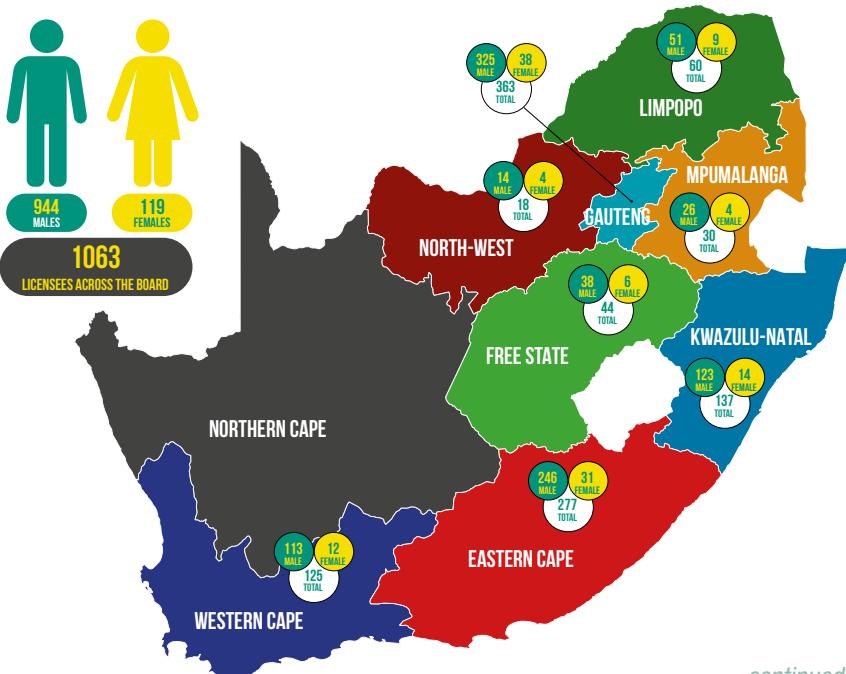
Categories	Year-to-Date
Development	6
Provincial	9
National	14
International	14
World Title	1

These tournaments are of critical importance to BSA and all stakeholders on all socio-economic spectrums for a variety of reasons. Amongst them are the prestige of our national SA title tournaments has been diminished in the past years, and is slowly but surely starting to become more illustrious to more involvement by promoters, since we have approached relevant parties with a spirit of "ubuntu". BSA also has seen an upsurge in the popularity of the provincial title tournaments as our relationship with the provinces has borne mutual excitement and commitment towards the promotion of boxing as a sporting discipline. We have

moved away from a form of invisibility to great interest being generated in these tournaments, and we are looking forward to the development of more tournaments than have been held to date.

BSA and our stakeholders are proud of Sivenathi Nontshinga for his performance at the IBF junior flyweight world champion title. It is with great pride that we can say that he fought bravely with courage, perseverance and great determination to claim this title. We are convinced and assured that with more world title championships, South African boxing athletes will become household names anywhere, everywhere and at any time!

As part of our movement towards growing boxing in SA, there is a pivotal role played by licensees. You are part of our ground-up promotion and encouragement of the sport in terms of tournaments, prizes, fans, attendees and aspiring athlete development. In the 2022/2023 period the following SA licensees' results are noteworthy:



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Boxer's Name	Opponent	Country	Date	Title	Results
Sabelo Ngebinyana	Ashley Sexton	London	Friday, 22 April 2022	Vacant IBF International	Won via TKO
Hekkie Buddler	Elwin Soto	Mexico	Saturday, 25 June 2022	Elimination	Won via UD
Mamelo Sithole	Romeo Nkisa	Botswana	Friday, 26 August 2022	Non-Title	Loss via UD
Cedric Chauke	Boifang Kenaope	Botswana	Friday, 26 August 2022	Non-Title	Draw
Sanele Maduna	Moabi Ngaka	Botswana	Friday, 26 August 2022	Non-Title	Draw
Zolani Tete	Jason Cunningham	London	Saturday, 02 July 2022	IBF, WBO International & Commonwealth	Won via KO
Sivenathi Notshinga	Hector Flores	Mexico	Saturday, 03 September 2022	IBF World Title	Won via SD
Tian Fick	Sergey Kuzmin	Russia	Saturday, 24 September 2022	Non-Title	Loss via UD

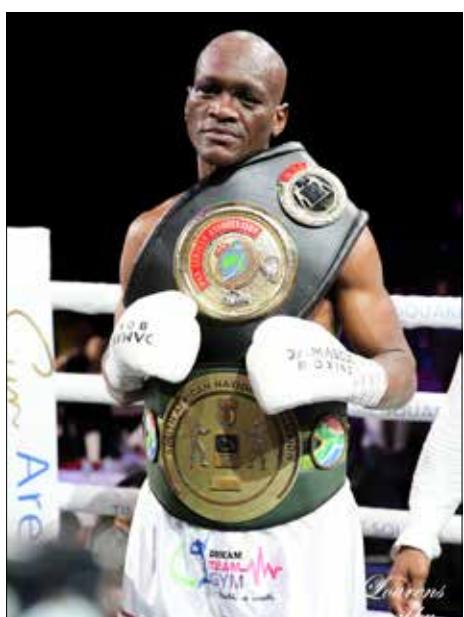
The table above shows the number of clearances issued for the period. In summary, the results were:

- Eight clearance letters were issued.
- Four wins.
- Two draws.
- One loss.
- One World Title – International Boxing Federation – Won.
- Three International – International Boxing Federation, World Boxing Organization and Commonwealth.

BSA is charged with growing boxing, and this includes tournaments and championships, not to mention new titles to be won by boxing competitors. The Eastern Cape Province launched a development programme in the second quarter on 24 June 2022. This initiative and other initiatives for development tournaments based in the Western Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal provide BSA and the boxing community with hope and knowledge that boxing is growing by leaps and bounds. 

The prestige of national and provincial championships must be brought back to the fore.

- Mandla Ntlanganiso, BSA Director of Operations



MEET THE SA CHAMPS!

MEN

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

WOMEN

WEIGHT DIVISION	NAME
Heavyweight	Keaton Gomes
Junior Heavyweight	Thabiso Mchunu
Super Middleweight	Asemahle Vellel
Middleweight	John Bopape
Junior Middleweight	Shervantaigh Koopman
Welterweight	Thulani Mbenge
Junior Welterweight	Prince Dlomo
Lightweight	Lusanda Komanisi
Junior Lightweight	Lunga Sitemela
Featherweight	Zolisa Batyi
Junior Featherweight	Bongani Mahlangu
Bantamweight	Ronald Malindi
Junior Bantamweight	Landile Ngxeke
Flyweight	Jackson Chauke
Junior Flyweight	Mpumelelo Tshabalala
Mini Flyweight	Bangile Nyangani

WEIGHT DIVISION	NAME
Junior Heavyweight	Razel Mohammed
Middleweight	Mapule Ngubane
Junior Welterweight	Hedda Wolmarans
Lightweight	Raider Muleba
Junior Lightweight	Nozipho Bell
Junior Featherweight	Matshidiso Mokebisi
Bantamweight	Sharadene Fortuin
Junior Bantamweight	Thema Zuma
Flyweight	Simangele Simangele
Junior Flyweight	Nozwelethu Nozwelethu



CHANGES AND COLLABORATION PAVE THE WAY AT BSA

THE NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PROMOTERS ASSOCIATION (NPPA)

by Mr Matiti

BSA has undergone several changes, amongst them have been the resignations that took place within the Senior Management ranks, who made a positive contribution towards the sport of boxing which we acknowledge and are grateful for.

Boxing by nature involves many key stakeholders, from Parliament, the Ministry of Sport, BSA, provinces, affiliates, clubs, promoters, athletes and supporters. It suffices to say each party plays an integral role, and all are united in re-establishing boxing as the sport of champions in South Africa, the African continent, and indeed the world. It is precisely this nature that is in the process of being addressed as boxing is the only sport in SA that is regulated by an Act of Parliament.

Let us quickly look at the current South African Boxing Act 11 of 2001, as the NPPA to a large extent was created to address the intentions, regulations and requirements so that it is more inclusive and more relevant to our current situation than an environment that existed 21 years ago. The Act intends:

- to provide a new structure for professional boxing in the Republic;
- to ensure the effective and efficient administration of professional boxing in the Republic;
- to recognise amateur boxing;
- to create synergy between professional and amateur boxing;
- to establish a Boxing Commission known as Boxing SA;
- to promote interaction between

associations of boxers, managers, promoters, trainers and officials and Boxing SA; and

- to provide for matters connected therewith.

It is clear from the above-mentioned that interaction between all parties must be focussed on actively promoting and facilitating synergistic relationships, and all matters that are involved in achieving those outcomes, are to be executed and actioned accordingly.

Within this context, it is important to note that boxers', managers', trainers', promoters' and officials' rights are integral to the operational heartbeat of boxing. Therefore, these parties' rights, obligations, rules and frameworks are governed by this Act, and this is why it is so important to have an Association that specifically looks at the practical, legislative and commercial aspects on behalf of these parties.

To provide a contextual application to the necessity of the NPPA is the entitlement of a previous champion to keep their belt which they won fair and square in the boxing ring. Sadly, the belt must be returned for financial reasons, however, even if a boxer won once, he or she was a champion once and should be remembered as one and thus entitled to keep it. World Boxing Organization, the International Boxing Federation, etc. champions are entitled to retain their belts. Another instance is the practical side of promoting and hosting a boxing tournament. An affidavit must be completed after a tournament has been completed where all funds' sources have to be provided. However, there is no section that deals with the funds invested to cover travel, athletes,



officials, judges and managers' expenses in partaking in the tournament. Another case in point where legislation has to be amended is when champion boxers want to compete and fight within other divisions but cannot. To amend legislation is a long process with a lot of administrative and procedural requirements, that are in many instances laborious, and not always responsive enough to the times we live in. NPPA aims to address this matter, amongst others, in a unified and collaborative stance, both in Parliament and SASCOC, in conjunction with BSA.

The seven-member executive committee consists of five official office bearers and two additional ex-officio members. They are:

1. Chairperson: Ayanda Matiti, award-winning promoter of Xaba Promotions and Events, from the Eastern Cape.
2. Deputy Chairperson: Lebo Mahoko, from the Free State-based company Dream Team.
3. Secretary: Zandile Malinga, trading under Durban-based Starline Boxing Promotion.

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4. Deputy Secretary: Phathutshedzo Dongola, former Limpopo-based professional boxer promoting under Champions Boxing Promotion.
5. Treasurer: Khaya Majeke – experienced sports administrator who promotes under KM Sport.
6. Head of Stakeholder Engagements: Jacob Mnisi of J4Joy International Promoter
7. Head of Communications, Branding and Marketing: Janie Hebler of Fifth Elements.

BSA and, indeed, broadcasters are also awaiting with abated breath, to see how the NPPA will actively encourage and promote sponsorships not only from the government but the private sector which deviated from boxing for a while due to a lack of interest and investment viability questionability. It has been heartening to see that more and more broadcasters are getting involved in elevating SA boxing on national and international broadcasting platforms. We are watching this space with great anticipation indeed!

It is not only the dream of BSA and NPPA but of every stakeholder in the boxing world, that each child in every village is able to watch and partake in the new-found glory of boxing champions and their battles of endurance, strength, courage and sheer doggedness to win – for themselves, their loves ones, for our nation. 

WHEN THE GLOVES ARE DOWN AND THE PROBLEM CALLS

Boxing has gone through difficult waters, and there has been an immense focus and drive from BSA to address stability, focus, strategy and stakeholder engagement. One of our key areas is to ensure that the athlete – the very person that stands in the ring, who fights in literal blood, sweat and tears – to achieve their aspirations. For many watching them, our aspirations are looked after when they are not actively engaged in that boxing ring.

As stated earlier in our newsletter by our honourable Chairperson Luthando Jackson, looking after the athlete from when they first ever think of stepping into a boxing match, to when they are retired due to their own will or for medical reasons or purely because it is time to retire, is part and parcel of BSA's mentorship. It is key that developing talent, professionally active athletes and then retired athletes are guided not only whilst competing but that their mental, emotional and financial needs and requirements are also met.

We know from our experiences as South Africans during lockdown due to COVID-19

how many people reacted, knowing their access to products such as alcohol and cigarettes was limited. We are also aware that many of our people, women, children and the vulnerable were exposed to or had to endure grievous bodily harm. When we raise our gloves, it is to a fellow competitor, with respect and a strong sportsman's code. What was experienced by many, does not honour the spirit of boxing.

Look for these signs as shown by a loved one or even yourself. Are they/you more irritated, aggressive, secretive, anxious, depressed, moody, trembling and shaking, having trouble sleeping and losing weight? There is a possibility that they are addicted. Below is a checklist that may assist as a guide, should you wonder if substances are problematic. 

1. Do you sometimes engage in behaviour that you didn't intend to do for so long, or to the frequency or degree that you did?
2. Have tried more than once before to cut down, or stop but couldn't?
3. Have you spent a lot of time drinking or time recovering from drinking too much?
4. Have you wanted to drink again so much you can't stop thinking about it?
5. Has drinking interfered with taking care of your loved ones or home, finances or job?
6. Are you continuing to drink even though it's causing arguments with family and friends?
7. Have you given up on things or activities that were once important, gave you pleasure or were interesting to you, to drink instead?
8. Are you carrying on drinking even though it's making you feel stressed out, depressed or anxious or making a health condition worse?
9. Have you needed to drink more, or more often or for far longer to get the same effect?
10. Have you experienced withdrawal symptoms like trouble sleeping, shaking, restlessness, irritability, agitation, depression, sweating profusely or other unpleasant physical or psychological symptoms?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, maybe you should take a closer look at your relationship with alcohol or other substances in general. It is better to face your competitor than trying to ignore it.



BOXING SA SAYS NO TO GBV

Boxing SA has been very active in promoting women in boxing and in having more tournaments that provide exposure to boxing as a sport.

One of our reasons, is that boxing is a tool that unites our people and is a sport that all genders can compete in. Limpopo Province recently hosted an international tournament to raise awareness of gender-based violence (GBV) to bring the fight against it into the boxing ring. Boxing featherweight national champion, Jeff Magagane defended his title against Zolisa Batyi in the main bout of the tournament. As he said, these tournaments are needed because it such a serious social concern. We believe it's not a "your problem" but, an "our problem". Let's get to know what GBV actually is.

WHAT IS GBV?

It means harmful acts that are committed toward a person or group of persons whose gender is viewed as being unequal, weaker and stereotypically regarded not as valuable, thus replaceable. It is a serious violation of human rights; it is life-threatening and a very big protection issue. Abuse of power of any kind against another that is in a weaker position is wrong. Keep in mind that GBV can happen to any person – it doesn't necessarily depend on race, age, religion, sexual orientation or gender, yes, men can be victims too.

WHAT DOES GBV LOOK LIKE?

It is and can include one type of harm or a combination that ranges from sexual, physical, mental and economic (financial) harm, whether it takes place in private or publicly. Remember, it also means threats of violence, coercion and manipulation. The perpetrators may include your intimate partner: spouse, family member/s, girlfriends, boyfriends, your fiancé or fiancée. Can be co-workers, friends, other acquaintances, strangers and even institutions such as churches, organisations



etc. In general, it tends to be committed by men against women and the perpetrator is often known by the woman. However, again, men can experience this too, and we do not discriminate according to gender.

HOW MANY TYPES OF GBV VIOLENCE ARE THERE?

There are many types and many forms, and can range from intimate partner violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, child marriage, female genital mutilation and what is known as "honour crimes" – keeping face crimes, and sadly many more.

• **Intimate partner violence (IPV)**

This type of GBV is relatively well-known and is the most common form of what we think GBV is, and ranges from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse including very controlling behaviours. The person who commits the GBV can be a current (and ex) intimate partner or spouse, whether the relationship is heterosexual or same sex.

• **Domestic violence (DV)**

This refers to violence that is committed against children by partners or family members, whether they are an intimate partner, a spouse, or other family members, such as aunts, uncles, grandparents etc.

• **Sexual violence (SV)**

Sexual violence can be defined as any sexual act that is being committed or tried to be committed, an attempt to obtain a sexual act, any unwanted sexual comments or advances, acts to traffic for the purposes of sexual acts or abuse, whether under direction or procurement, by any person irrespective of their association with the victim, in any location, which includes home and work. The victim has not freely given consent or was not able to refuse due to being forced, or due to drugs or drug facilitation. Forcing the victim to engage in sexual acts with any third party is also seen as sexual violence.

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- **Violence against women and girls (VAWG)**

GBV is generally directed against women and girls, and sometimes this is referred to as VAWG and not just GBV.

- **Violence against LGBTI people**

However, it does happen that people of all genders experience GBV. This would include groups of people that socially are not recognised as acting or living a life that is viewed as socially conforming. So, this includes lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and/or inter-sex people.

- **Indirect (structural) violence**

This is when societal structures exist where certain groups of people, genders, classes or nationalities have more access to resources and opportunities than others. This is then "built-into" macro and micro economic systems that also includes social and political systems.

WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?

There are several reasons why GBV happens and continues to happen, and can be individual, relationship, social and community based. For example, in intimate partner violence, the victim remains at home because of the fear of retaliation; no other means for financial support, their child/ren love the perpetrator, or the fear that they will lose custody of their child/ren, no support from family or friends, a fear of being stigmatised by society and because the partner still either loves the perpetrator or hopes or was promised, that things will get better soon and that they will change.

Other reasons can be due to gender-inequality, women having low social and economic status, high levels of violence in society in general, lack of women's rights, real legal consequences or support for the victim, society's broad acceptance of violence and high levels of violence in general.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

As a country we need to collaborate and contact police, prosecutors and courts. Make sure to report all cases of rape, sexual assault or any form of violence to a local police station or call the toll-free Crime Stop number: 086 00 10111.

You can visit the following for help, however there are many others that can assist:

- SAPS - Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit ("FCS Unit")
Emergency Line: 0800 428 428, "please call me": *120*7867# E-mail: Head.fcs@saps.gov.za
- The Gender-Based Violence Command Centre. Tel: 011 591 6803, SMS "help": 31531
- Childline South Africa. Toll-free helpline: 0800 055 555, Tel: 074 080 8315.
- Child Welfare South Africa. Tel: 011 975 7106, E-mail: info@childwelfaresa.co.za.
- Families South Africa ("FAMSA"). E-mail: National@famsa.org.za, Tel: 010 590 5920. 

WHEN THE GLOVES ARE PINK



When you think of boxing, what do you see? You see men sparring with their fists, drenched in sweat and blood. We don't normally think of women. Why is that? Simple really, especially in patriarchal society. The participation of women in boxing challenges gender stereo types and discrimination. In short, boxing is the perfect vehicle to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Women's boxing traces its beginnings to the 1720's in London. Throughout the ensuing decades, there were smatterings of exhibitions and bouts until the 1950's, when several fighters staged professional bouts. The ladies that strutted their gloves at that time were, most notably, Barbara Buttrick, JoAnn Hagan and Phyllis Kugler. When the United States lifted bans on women boxing in the 1970's, a number of ladies took up the challenge with glee. American Laila Ali (the daughter of boxing legend Muhammad Ali), Dutch Lucia Rijker (nicknamed 'The Dutch Destroyer' by press) and Canadian Jessica 'The Ragin' Rakocz stand out. For South Africa?

Sandra Leigh Almeida took up her gloves and boxed a way forward for great athletes to follow her footsteps like Phiwokuhle Mnguni. She was our first South African female boxer to turn professional. Equally as beautiful and brilliant Sandra has built a name for herself over the years, and she was rated number 11 in the world for Boxing and was undefeated in Thai-boxing. An enormous achievement for a young woman!

Why boxing? She states so succinctly: "Boxing is beautiful, and it makes you face your issues."

With this in mind, Boxing SA has built a plan to create awareness and greater access to female boxing. Additionally, we want to

encourage women to occupy administrative and managerial positions in sport and we made use of various engagement tools and initiatives with relevant stakeholder from media, sponsors and Women in Boxing Committee to this end.

The promotion of the women in boxing has been a challenge from lack exposure and media coverage (television, radio, print media and online) nationally and internationally to raise the profile of women in boxing. This is something that we want to address and can

be attributed to factors such as lack of funds including a small number of licensed and active women boxers in the country.

The development of the sport to encourage women to take part in the sporting code professionally has been a challenge that Boxing SA is addressing, in 2014 the Board of BSA established the Women in Boxing Committee to oversee the implementation of Boxing SA Women in Boxing flagship programme. The aim was to address the various barriers of entry and upward mobility

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for women in boxing. In 2018 the Board reviewed the mandate and operations of this Committee with a view to strengthen it and optimize its impact. Boxing SA has hosted several Women in Boxing programmes aimed at creating opportunities for women to take part in the sporting code and creating a conducive environment for the attraction, retention, and development of female licensees in boxing.

This year, BSA made major progress in beating stereotypes that litter the world of boxing, by hosting a Women in Boxing Week in KZN. The purpose of the Women in Boxing Week was to:

- Promoting female boxing in SA and profiling women in Boxing at national and international levels.
- Attracting women participation by creating an enabling environment which supports and nurtures their talent and careers.
- Promoting the Women in Boxing brand actively and positioning female boxing among other sporting codes where women participation is highly recognised and active in a media platform.
- Promoting Women in Boxing to be ambassadors for social cohesion and be involved in community development initiatives (Boxing against Crime, Boxing against Gender Based Violence, Boxing against Drug and Alcohol Abuse etc.).
- Educating and empowering Women in Boxing with various skills and developmental programmes.

The Women in Boxing Week consisted of several activities ranging from: a media launch in Durban, school visits in collaboration with SANABO, municipal visits again in collaboration with SANABO, workshops that addressed GBV, Brand management and sponsorships, Wealth and Financial Management etc. In addition, a few tournaments took place, and we had a Boxing Breakfast Session with the Deputy Minister of Sports and Recreation, Arts and Culture of the Republic of South Africa: Honourable, Ms Nocawe Noncedo Mafu.

The Women in Boxing Week was a rousing success and BSA will be investing more energy towards generating and creating a strong Women in Boxing going forward. ☺



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