



EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (January, 2025)

Dear boxing friends

December, the last month of the Year, always offers the opportunity to look back. Although I prefer to look ahead I can proudly confirm that in 2024 we had 22 EBU-male-, 14 EBU-female- and 12 EBU-Silver championship contests, in total 48 EBU-title-fights, most of them in the UK, then in Italy, France and Spain. With around 1'100 licensed professional boxers the BBBofC is by far the most important of the EBU-affiliated Federations.

Please allow me to especially mention our affiliated **National Professional Boxing League of Ukraine**, which promotes boxing although being in war and constantly attacked by Russia. Ukraine produces quite a number of champions, above all their national hero, the undisputed Heavyweight Champion of the World **Oleksandr USYK (UKR)**. The rematch **USYK vs. FURY** gathered again millions of spectators all over the world and is in fact the essence of boxing. The contest was close but correctly scored by the three judges, whose score was the same, all in favour of the better technician and more active contender **Oleksandr USYK, the pride of Ukraine!** The first fight **Fury vs. Usyk I** was just elected as fight of the year 2024.

It seems that for the time-being European Heavyweight-boxers are the best. The well elaborated WBC-Heavyweight-ratings list as its top-ten three Europeans, four British and three other fighters.

In December, 2024, the WBC-Convention took place in Hamburg (Germany) and honoured the **European Boxing Union (EBU) as Federation of the Year**.

The European Boxing Union (EBU) wants to have as its champion the best European boxer of each weight category and tries to achieve this goal by using its ratings. The champion has to defend his title against the highest rated available contender. If the title is vacant the two highest rated available contenders will be authorized to fight for it. It may be that the highest rated contenders are not available, for medical reasons or because of other obligations ; then the following rated contender may step in. The EBU wants as well that its affiliated Federations work well, respecting medical and suspension standards, authorizing fights with care and responsibility. The EBU affiliates only one member of each European country, which has to respect the EBU-standards and which is respected by all the other member Federations. To be an EBU-member means to work well, not only for championship-fights, but for all the other fights under their control as well.

With my urgent appeal to take care of all boxers, champion or challenger, home- or foreign fighter I wish to all of you

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR !

With my warmest personal regards

Peter Stucki, EBU-President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Stucki', is positioned below the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P'.