



1. BSA TO HOST NAMIBIAN BOXING FEDERATION

Boxing South Africa (BSA) is set to host the Namibia Boxing and Wrestling Control Board.

The meeting is aimed at sharing knowledge with Namibians on the following:

- Regulate and administer Boxing in a country;
- Discuss the role and functions of Board – Sub Committees i.e. Sanctioning, Ratings, Back to Basics, Medical, etc.
- The Boxing Awards project;
- The development of Women in Boxing programs, etc.

The meeting, requested by Namibian Boxing Federation, comes after BSA's positive turnaround under the executive leadership of the Acting CEO Mr. Erick Nsikayezwe Sithole & Board Chairperson Mr. Luthando Jack and their colleagues.

Some of the radical, visible moves that continue to contribute to the enhancement of boxing in South Africa include; taking back boxing to the public by reviving television relationships, bringing the prestige to the National Title, developing Women in Boxing Development programs and hosting successful Boxing Awards event early this year, during a well-attended ceremony. Due to the disruption of COVID-19, this was the first Boxing Award since 2019.



BSA continues to impress and improve the sport with the initiative to empower and give well-deserved recognition to female boxers and promoters.

Janine van Wyk of Namibia Boxing Federation said they are looking forward to this session. 

2. BSA APPOINTS NEW CHAIRPERSON OF RATINGS COMMITTEE

BSA has appointed a new Ratings Committee Chairperson, Mr. Willem Ignatius Saayman, following the resignation of Andre de Vries.

Saayman, who is very experienced and knowledgeable in boxing, is a recognised South African Licensed Matchmaker since 1987 with the Various International Matchmaking licensee, which permits him to match specific countries boxers.

From 1989 to 2002 he was an Africa Editor for Independent World Boxing Rankings (IWBR). During that time IWBR was also the official rankings for the original WBU, then called IBO.

Since 2002 IWBR is known as Boxrec.

From 1998 to 2001 he was designated as the Ratings Officer at the BSA.

From 2012 to 2017 he was the Ratings Chairman BSA.

He matched more than 300 tournaments in 16 countries and have been involved with international fights throughout the world – working with all major and minor Sanctioning Bodies, Broadcasters and Media.

Saayman, who will serve the organisation as the chairperson alongside two other members, said this is an honour to him.

"It is always an honour for me to serve in Boxing, no matter the category. Boxing is the part of my life, and I will always give the best I can and, as I said it, doesn't matter if I'm the matchmaker, an agent or event coordinator," said Saayman.

This is not the first time Saayman has served as chairperson at the BSA, as he held the position before De Vries. Coming back to the position Saayman said he looks forward to once again serving BSA with integrity.




"It is not the first time that I am chairperson for the Ratings Committee, it is not even for the first time that I'm serving on the Ratings Committee. But I believe that each time I am part of the BSA, try and bring the very best of BSA.

"To me it is important to always understand two things from the rankings. As I was told this many years ago, when do rankings, you must be both objective to see results and you must be subjective to be able to identify when it is a talented fighter who needs to move forward. Talented fighters need to be recognised as soon as possible and I think rating offices must not be afraid to do that and push that boxer," he concluded.

BSA'S FULL RATINGS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr. Willem "Willie" Saayman

Member : Mr. Khulile Radu

Member: Mr. Mesuli Zifo 

3. BOXING FRATERNITY MOURNS THE PASSING OF THE SA BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION MALINDI

BSA fraternity sadly mourns the passing the reigning bantamweight champion. Ronald "King" Malindi. Malindi was shot twice, in the chest and behind the head, in Westbury, last month while he was in his car.

Malindi, the lanky fighter from Venda, who is known for his entertaining dance moves when celebration in the ring, survived the incident, and was rushed to Helen Joseph Hospital where he later succumbed on Friday the 7th of October 2023

Gauteng Boxing Provincial Manger Lehlohonolo Ramagole has confirmed the news.

"I am devastated to announce that Boxing has lost another one of its sons Ronald "king" Malindi, who succumbed to death due to head injuries after shootings," said Ramagole.

When the shooting happened in September, the reports were sketchy around the incident. And a visible saddened Ramagole continued to pour out his heart about the late fighter.

"Malindi was one of the most talented, enterprising Bantamweight Champion of his generation. He was handsome, Flamboyant, suave, and streetwise. He also had a roving eyesight and a work rate of a note," Ramagole added.

The Gauteng Boxing fraternity sent their heartfelt condolences to the Malindi family.

"As Gauteng pugilist entrusted administrator, we send our deepest sympathy to the Malindi family," said Ramagole in conclusion.



Below is Malindi Boxing Record – He was the current reigning South African Boxing Bantam Weight Champion. 

Name: Roland "King" Malindi

Division: Bantam weight

Fights: 19

Wins: 19

KO: 9

4. BSA SET TO INVESTIGATE THE WBF SAGA

Following the controversy that took place in Pretoria, Sunday 1 October, in the fight of World Boxing Federation (WBF) Intercontinental Bantamweight title between Akani Sambu and Joshua Studdard, BSA is set to investigate the matter.

The bout saw Akani Sambu win the WBF Intercontinental Bantamweight title, defeating Joshua Studdard by unanimous decision who gave a lasting impression when he chased down Sambu in the last rounds, while Sambu dominated the first six rounds.

At first Studdard was incorrectly announced as the winner because of two judges filling in their scorecards incorrectly and the decision was reserved to Sambu being crowned the rightful champion.

The correct scores were 117-111, 115-114 and 115-113 for Sambu.

BSA is set to investigate the matter after an official complaint was lodged by BSA Licensee Joshua Studdard. 📺



5. BSA GOES FROM STRENGTH-TO-STRENGTH WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE *RISE OF WOMEN IN BOXING SERIES 5 AND 6*

Rising from strength-to-strength BSA is heading to Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape to launch the ongoing initiative of the rise of Women in Boxing Series 5 and 6.

Mpumalanga will see Infinity Boxing Promotion Hosting Series 5 on the 22 October, while they will launch it on 16th of October at The Ridge Casino, Hotels & Entertainment in Emalahleni.

Arnold “Squire” Nododile of Infinity Boxing Promotion said he is excited despite having challenges of few women boxers in Mpumalanga.

“I am very excited that the Rise of Women in Boxing is finally hitting Mpumalanga. I believe that we are one of the provinces who need this initiative the most as we have so much talent but lack opportunities for women to compete professionally on a regular basis,” said Nododile.

“In 2022 Mpumalanga had three professional female boxers registered with BSA. This year we have none whatsoever, this is because the lack of opportunities has discouraged the capable and qualifying female athletes from taking part in professional boxing in the province. Plus, registering, and renewing licenses every year comes at a cost to all licensees, so when they do not get fights, they cannot make an income and therefore end up struggling even with the registration fees. So, this initiative will encourage all the talented, capable, and qualifying female athletes to participate in professional boxing in our province, knowing that now there is a

promoter in their province who will prioritize them for opportunities”, he added.

Nododile concluded that they are looking forward to welcoming a new broadcaster into the boxing industry and all the stakeholders and sponsors who took an interest in supporting the rise of women in boxing in the Mpumalanga province.

Meanwhile the Eastern Cape promoter Mbali Zantsi of the Sport-light Zantsi Boxing Promotion could not withhold her excitement.

Zantsi reminiscing about the initiative they once tried in the province “All women in boxing” with only 5 women, said this is a dream come true for them.

“I’m excited because it is coming back to Eastern Cape, because this is where it all started – with the girls from Eastern Cape. Thinking back about those first five women that I started the “All women in Boxing” with, it really is a dream come true to have the event in the Eastern Cape, as this is where most female fighters are.”

“We have a number of women that have shown interest and are champions in their respective fields, and it is going to be lovely to showcase their talent in their own backyard,” Zantsi explained.

This initiative that is committed to empower women in and off the ring is set to take place in all nine provinces. The country has

already witnessed its positive turnup for women, by women and Zantsi reckons BSA is bringing women in boxing dreams to reality.

"It's quiet exciting for me and I cannot over emphasize that, and it is exciting for girls as well. These opportunities used to only happen in August, celebrating in women's month and November during 16 days of Activism.."

INFINITY PROMOTION LINE-UP 22 OCTOBER 2023

Female WBA Pan Africa middleweight title: Mapule Ngubane (SA) VS Charity Mujwiri (Kenya)

SA Jnr featherweight title: Matshidiso Mokebisi (champ) VS Monalisa Takane (Challenger)

Jnr lightweight 6 Rounds: Bernice Ferreira (SA) VS Mitchell Mubaya (Zimbabwe)

Bantamweight 6 Rounds: Sazisiwe Simon (SA) VS Pamela Mutanga (Zimbabwe)

Jnr Flyweight 6 Rounds: Asanda Simelane (NW) VS Emihle Ntunja (WC)

BSA had a chat with the veteran ring announcer, Sipho Mashego, who had this to say about this bill:

MAIN BOUT: FEMALE WBA PAN AFRICA MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE 10 ROUNDS

Mapule Ngubane (SA) VS Charity Mujwiri (Kenya)

Mapule Ngubane Ranked No 2 by WBA behind Pound for Pound Champion Claressa Shields will look to consolidate her position as a credible challenger for WBA honours, but first she will do battle on the maiden Infinity WIB Tournament against Charity Mujwiri of Kenya for the Vacant WBA Female Pan Africa Middleweight Title. Mapule Ngubane is no stranger to the big stage and has an impressive record of 11 Wins, 8 Losses, and 3 Draws while her opponent has chalked up 5 Wins, 3 Losses, and 1 draw. This is a bout not to be missed as both boxers will look to improve their World rating fortunes.

FEMALE SA JNR FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE

Matshidiso Mokebisi (Champion) VS Monalisa Takane (Challenger)

This bout will seek to settle unanswered questions stemming from their previous bout which ended in a draw. Since then, there has been a lot said by both camps and finally Infinity Promotions presents the principals an opportunity for atonement and there can be only one victor in this one.

The Champion boasts an impressive record of 16 Wins, 10 Losses, and 2 draws whilst the challenger has registered 4 Wins and 1 draw.

Fans will be treated to a boxing feast.

INTERNATIONAL FEMALE JNR LIGHTWEIGHT 6 ROUNDS

Bernice Ferreira (SA) VS Mitchell Mubaya (Zim)

Exciting Unbeaten Female boxer Bernice Ferreira looks to maintain her dominance in the Jnr Lightweight Division unbeaten in 4 contested fights as she squares up against Zimbabwe's Mitchell Mubaya, with a record of 3 Losses, and 1 draw.

These two Boxers will come to fight as they will be looking at chalking up a win in this encounter.

FEMALE BANTAMWEIGHT 6 ROUNDS

Sazisiwe Simon (SA) VS Pamela Mutanga (Zim)

High-riding, newly crowned, NW Provincial Bantamweight Champion, Sazisiwe Simon, will look to another impressive performance against a strong opponent in Pamela Mutanga who always comes prepared for battle. Expect fireworks in this contest which will pit two hungry tigresses going toe to toe in this WIB encounter.

Simon is unbeaten in three fights whilst Mutanga has a record of 1 win, 2 Losses and 2 draws.



FEMALE JNR FLYWEIGHT 6 ROUNDS

Asanda Simelani VS Emihle Ntunja

2023 BSA Prospect of the Year Nominee Asanda Simelani returns to the ring after a successful encounter in the WIB Series 2 in NW and she meets highly talented Emihle Ntunja on this Infinity Promotion Series 5 of WIB. Simelani has chalked up 2 Wins and 1 defeat whilst her opponent Ntunja has a record 1 Win and 5 Losses.

This bout will definitely provide, nonstop, entertainment.

EASTERN CAPE BILL 28 OCTOBER 2023

Vacant SA Female MiniFlyweight: Thobela Nyanda VS Yonelisa Poni

Main Supporting Bout: Female Flyweight Contest 6 Rounds: Thapelo Bokwe VS Okuhle Mthi

Catchweight Contest 6 Rounds: Owethu Rula VS Namhla Mankayi

Female Lightweight 6 Rounds: Sinoyolo Melane VS Abongile Lubambo

Female MiniFlyweight 6 Rounds: Unathi Sityotyo VS Sibabaliwe Gwebityala

Mashego Eastern Cape will be in for a great spoil in this bill that will have some of unbeaten boxers knuckling up together to maintain consistency.

VACANT SA FEMALE MINIFLYWEIGHT TITLE

Thobela Nyanda VS Yonelisa Poni

Fascinating bout featuring two promising female boxers who will be vying to claim honours as they headline the Zantsi Showtime Productions bill. Thobela Nyanda will enter the ring boasting an unbeaten record 2 Wins with 2 KOs whilst Yonelisa Poni has registered 1 Win and 1 Loss.

Expect sparks to fly in this main event.

MAIN SUPPORTING BOUT: FEMALE FLYWEIGHT CONTEST 6 ROUNDS

Thapelo Bokwe VS Okuhle Mthi

This duel will set the venue on fire when two unbeaten female flyweight face off on this WIB tournament. Thapelo Bokwe has won both of her two contests whilst Okuhle Mthi has opened her professional account with a win. Both boxers will be looking to impress the judges and continue their winning streak.

CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST 6 ROUNDS:

Owethu Rula VS Namhla Mankayi

Another exciting bout on the cards is when the Current EC Provincial Female Flyweight Champion with a record 3 Wins and



3 Losses comes up against equally competitive Namhla Mankayi with a record 1 KO in as many fights. Both fighters will be looking to record a win in this encounter.

FEMALE LIGHTWEIGHT 6 ROUNDS:

Sinoyolo Melane VS Abongile Lubambo

Sinoyolo Melane hopes to chalk up her first win after making a losing debut and she will hope to overcome a determined opponent in Abongile Lubambo who has won 1 fight with 2 losses and 1 draw.

These fighters will be eager to register a win on this Zantsi Showtime Production WIB Bill.

FEMALE MINIFLYWEIGHT 6 ROUNDS

Unathi Sityotyo VS Sibabaliwe Gwebityala

Unathi Sityotyo will hope to continue her winning form after registering a KO in her previous fight, but Sibabaliwe Gwebityala will be standing in her way as she will also be looking at registering her 2nd win in as many fights.

Boxing fans should look forward to non-stop action on this WIB Bill.

FEMALE CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST FOUR ROUNDS

Sinesipho Poni VS Zizo Skoti

Sinesipho Poni will be looking to change her fortunes on this Zantsi Showtime Productions Bill as she has lost via KO in her previous 2 Fights, and she comes up against Zizo Skoti, who drew her debut fight, will be looking at scoring her maiden win on this WIB Bill. Expect an all-out war in this encounter. 🥊

6. MEDI SEES OFF MASAMBA IN THE SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST

Jason Medi won the Super Middleweight title on Friday 6 October, in the event promoted by BRD Boxing Promotion at Turffontein racing course, Johannesburg.

Medi made a light work of Jackson Masamba on the night when he conquered him first-by-first round KO.

Malindi who indicated that the bout was a surprise still reckons that "it was a good and toughest fight on paper, but not in the ring."

Despite the fight ending shortly, the new Super Middleweight champion said he is still happy to have put down one of the experienced fighters.

"I feel good anyone would. I beat a good, experienced boxer and it happens to be the biggest win of my boxing career, so I feel good and excited," said Medi. 🇿🇦



7. SA OLDEST BOXER MAHLANGU STILL TOO HOT TO HANDLE

South Africa's oldest, active boxer Bongani "Dance Shoes" Mahlangu continues to prove that age is just a number after he dramatically defended his South African junior-featherweight against Luthando Mbubulwana at Vodaworld, Midrand, on Saturday, September 30.

Hailing from the Vaal small township Boipatong, "Dance Shoes" started boxing at the age of nine, when he was introduced to the sport by his father Joshua Mahlangu as a discipline tool.

Since then, the 44-year-old has regularly been stuck in the ring, making a total of 35 fights. And he took us down to where it all started.

"I started the sport of boxing in 1986, it was my father who introduced me to it because I used to beat other kids in the street. He said I must go fight my peers in the ring and if I didn't pitch in training, my father punished me," said Mahlangu, who later fell in love with the game.



As an amateur, he participated in the 2004 Summer Olympics, with a fight against Azerbaijan's Rovshan Huseynov. The match of the lightweight division ended with a win for Huseynov.

In 2006 he made his first pro debut and won the South African junior featherweight title, when he stopped Siviwe Hasheni in the ninth round. Mahlangu still vividly recalls the moment.

"I qualified for the 2004 Olympics, but I did not receive much recognition because I was still a nobody, I was still new in the sport," Mahlangu added.

"After the Olympics I went to All Africa Games, and Commonwealth Games, after that I turned professional in 2007 and I went to Baby Champs, and I beat everyone," Mahlangu recalled.

Like most of other journeys in the minority sport in the country, the journey has not been all glitters and glamour for the Gauteng born fighter. At some point in 2010 and after he said he was without a Promoter though he was affiliating every year.

"I lost my number 1 in Eastern Cape 2009. I was affiliating every year, but I did not have

fight, then I was back in 2012, in 2013 I also got a chance.

Even in 2014 it was still difficult for me, but I had a bout in Eastern Cape in 2015, thanks to those who made it happen."

"I have experienced quite a lot of challenges in this journey, and I do hope that I will get recognition as a history maker," he added.

Mahlangu who is the reigning South African junior featherweight champion has a 21-year-old son Bheki Maitse who is also a boxer in the featherweight division.

In his April bout history was made when the bill featured the first-ever father-and-son combo in the same tournament in the country, it happened again in Midrand in just ended month, September.

Dance Shoes proudly explains the experience of having his son with him in sport as very special.

"I believe I am the only boxer who has a son who bouts professional, and it inspires me to stay humble, but it is also very exciting for me. As for my son, I vowed to myself to be there for him and help him with everything he needs so that he does not

experience the challenges I encountered," said Mahlangu.

In that April bill this year Mahlangu floored Mduduzi Mzimela in the fifth round, while in July 2022 he took off Ayabonga Sonjica, in what came as a shock to experts and bookmakers alike.

Mahlangu says he is still going to put some hard work and take advantage of his strength to remain in the ring until he is 50 years old.

"Once my son gets to Junior division weight, I will move to my normal weight – Bantamweight. I am still going to continue to fight because I want to fight for the World, I think will retire at the age of fifty..

"My aim is to fight until I am 50 years old to become a complete history maker and I want to make noise in the four corners of world. I also want to fight out of my race as I have never done so before," Mahlangu concluded. 🌍

8. BSA UPCOMING EVENTS

THE RISE OF WOMEN IN BOXING SERIES 5 – 22 OCTOBER 2023

THE RISE OF WOMEN IN BOXING SERIES 6 – 28 OCTOBER 2023



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