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**To: BSA LICENSED PROMOTERS**

**From: BOXING SOUTH AFRICA (BSA)**

**Date: 28 September 2020**

**Re: DELIVERY OF TOURNAMENTS REQUIREMENTS**

On 6 August 2020 the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture issued the Covid-19 Regulations on sport, arts and culture giving permission for the resumption of events subject to BSA submitting an Operational Plan outlining the measures to be put in place for a safe delivery of a tournament in line with the Covid-19 Regulations and Disaster Management Act Regulations.

BSA submitted the Operational Plan which was drafted taking into consideration the unique needs and resources of each promoter whilst adhering to the standard requirements and the four cornerstones of the Disaster Management Act Regulations to manage the potential exposure to COVID-19, namely;

- Social distancing;
- Protect and detect;
- Communication (including contact tracing);
- Cleaning and hygiene

The Minister, on 16 September 2020, gave BSA's Operational Plan approval and thus giving permission to resumption of tournaments under the following guidelines and requirements which must be adhered to for each tournament at each stage of the tournament application and delivery.

## 1. DELIVERY OF TOURNAMENTS:

**1.1.** All tournaments will be held behind closed doors, i.e. **without any spectators**, and will only include a predetermined number of persons who are directly involved in the tournament or its delivery; i.e. Boxers, Trainers, Seconds, Ring Officials, Journalists, emergency medical services, ringside physicians, security personnel, broadcasting and venue support staff.

**1.2.** Promoters are required to submit a tournament application to BSA at least 30 days prior to the date of the tournament for sanctioning by BSA. BSA will sanction each tournament in line with the with the prescripts of the Boxing Act No. 11 of 2001, the Boxing Regulation, 2004, BSA policies

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and rules as well as the approved BSA Operational Plan ensuring that each tournament is delivered with the highest safety standard in place therefore minimising the spread of the Coronavirus.

## 2. PRE-TOURNAMENT

### 2.1. Testing and isolation:

BSA has partnered with Ampath laboratories for the testing of boxers. All BSA annual licensed boxers who are contracted to a tournament must be tested 30 days before the tournament at BSA's cost as a once off arrangement. Testing will be carried out under the supervision of the BSA's Medical Committee Chairperson, Dr. Robert Selepe or any BSA designated medical doctors in different provinces.

Subsequent to testing the boxer and his/her camp will be expected to:

- Wear a mask at all times whilst commuting to and from the gymnasium and reasonably during training.
- Self-isolate, as far as reasonably possible, only leaving their place of residence for training purposes.
- Submit to weekly screening until admission to the eco-isolation environment.
- Undergo testing 7 days before admission to a bio-safe environment and continue with daily screening.
- Ring Officials will be also be required to undergo testing at least 48 hours before the tournament and will be required to self-isolate thereafter.
- Should any person test positive during any time leading to the tournament, the predetermined process and guidelines by the National Department of Health guidelines will be followed, i.e. he/she will be required to self-isolate and self-monitor for at least 10 days and to provide details of the people he/she has been in contact with in the last 2 days at least. In instances where a person is unable to self-isolate, for whatever reasons, isolation facilities around the country will be recommended.

**Note: BSA will only cover the initial boxer's test and any subsequent tests will be for the account of the Promoter. All other testing, e.g. trainers, managers, ring officials, will be for the Promoter's account.**

### 2.2. Training

Isolated training must be practised at all times to mitigate the risk of infection and this also includes the period in the bio-safe environment. No family members or other members of the public are allowed to shadow or visit any boxer and/or his/her camp during the time at a bio-safe environment.



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All attendees will be required to complete a Screening Questionnaire attached herewith and marked as Annexure A.

## **2.3. Pre-medical Medical Weigh-In:**

Pre-medical medical weigh-in will take place 7 days before a tournament or as directed by BSA and each camp will be examined at 30 minutes intervals to ensure compliance to isolation requirements. The wearing of masks and face shield is mandatory for everyone during pre-medical weigh-in.

All attendees will be required to complete a Screening Questionnaire attached herewith and marked as Annexure A.

## **2.4. Weigh-in:**

Weigh-in will take place 24 hours before the tournament and each camp will be examined and weighed-in at 30 minutes interval to ensure compliance to isolation requirements. The wearing of masks and face shields is mandatory for everyone during pre-medical weigh-in.

All attendees will be required to complete a Screening Questionnaire attached herewith and marked as Annexure A.

## **3. TOURNAMENT DAY**

### **3.1. Venue**

Each tournament venue must have been decontaminated at least 24 hours before the tournament and seating arranged in such a way that social distancing is maintained. This can be done by ensuring that an empty chair is maintained between any two seated people.

Everyone entering the venue is required to,

- i. Produce official accreditation or authorisation to enter the venue.
- ii. Complete the Screening Questionnaire attached herewith and marked as Annexure A.
- iii. Wear a face mask and a face shield in the case of ring side personnel and Ring Officials.
- iv. Undergo screening, preventative and tracking measures before entering venue. This includes, taking of temperature, sanitizing of hands and recording of personal details which will be kept for a period of no less than 6 months.

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Additional measures in place at the venue are as follows.

- i. Each camp must be allocated separate change rooms which serve as isolation rooms during the tournament.
- ii. Each change room must be manned by an official to prevent unauthorised entry .
- iii. Each camp is restricted to a maximum of four persons, i.e. the Boxer, Trainer Manager and Second.

### **3.2. During the tournament**

- i. Each boxer, trainer and second must wear a mask until commencement of the fight.
- ii. Boxers shall, with no exception, not share water bottles, towels or mouthguards.
- iii. After each bout, the Boxer's gloves, tapes, bandages and well as the camp's gloves should be disposed-off in a disposable bag and disposed-off in a safe manner.
- iv. The Referee shall, during the fight, wear a mask and rubber gloves.
- v. Judges for each bout are required to wear a mask and a face shield in addition to the mask. This will also be applicable to ringside personnel and support crew, such as ring side physicians and photographers.
- vi. Where reasonably possible, Ring Officials are encouraged to avoid contact with the Boxers, except when in the ring to which masks and rubber gloves should be worn at all times.
- vii. Social distancing is compulsory for all personnel sitting at the ringside and no persons other than those directly involved in the tournament is allowed to sit by the ringside.
- viii. No ring girls are allowed for any tournament. In case of broadcasted tournaments, use of digital visuals and voice announcement of each round should be used to display the round number.
- ix. Live, delayed or recorded broadcasting is encouraged to be undertaken off-site, where possible, to reduce the number of people at the tournament venue.

### **4. POST-TOURNAMENT:**

The Compliance Officer for each tournament must, after each tournament, ensure that:

- i. The venue is decontaminated and/or disinfected in line with the set Covid-19 guidelines.
- ii. Records of persons attending the tournament are kept for a period of no less than six (6) months post the event.



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Additionally, all persons involved in the delivery of a tournament must immediately contact a physician should they experience any flu like symptoms or illness within the first 3-5 days after the tournament and also take the necessary precautionary measures, such as self-isolation, until such time that they have been cleared by a medical practitioner.

Should you have any questions and/or suggestions please feel free to send them to [directorops@boxingsa.co.za](mailto:directorops@boxingsa.co.za).

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