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PJSC GAZPROM ANNOUNCED AS GENERAL PARTNER OF INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION (AIBA)

International Boxing Association (AIBA) and PJSC Gazprom join efforts as the company receives the status of the General Partner of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

The parties have concluded a cooperation agreement until the end of 2022. This makes PJSC Gazprom the General Partner of all major AIBA competitions, including the Women's and Men's World Championships.

'AIBA's financial health is one of our main goals. That is why the partnership with major global companies is essential for us in order to face the challenges that face the boxing family. Today I am pleased to announce that PJSC Gazprom has become the General Partner of the International Boxing Association. This is a tremendous and extremely significant step for us. The company has been actively involved in the development of sports, and now supports the values of boxing. We are grateful for the vote of confidence and we are sure that we have struck a productive partnership and are looking forward to many new joint victories ahead,' said AIBA President Mr. Umar Kremlev.



EUROPEAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (EUBC)

AIBA WAIVES HOST FEE FOR THE YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP IN POLAND, AND GRANTS HOST FEDERATION CHF 500'000 FOR COVID EXPENSES

Due to the circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, AIBA Board of Directors decided to exceptionally change the conditions of the Host City Agreement concerning host fees for the 2021 Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships.

AIBA shall exceptionally renounce to request the Polish Boxing Federation to pay host fees (the pre-agreed amount of CHF 500'000) for the 2021 Youth World Boxing Championships.

AIBA shall grant the Host Federation of the 2021 youth major event a unique and exceptional contribution to their additional costs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of CHF 500'000.

'It is our mission to support our National Federations, especially the ones who undertook to host major events in these difficult pandemic times. I am positive that the Board of Directors have made the right decision to support Poland and exceptionally to waive the host fee. The LOC and Polish Boxing Federation did their best to make the tournament happen despite all the difficulties. We are looking forward to seeing the first boxing World Championships since the pandemic broke out,' AIBA President Mr. Umar Kremlev said.



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LOCAL ATHLETE ANDRIY PETUHOV AWARDED THE BEST BOXER OF THE 15TH NIKOLAI MANGER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT IN KHERSON, UKRAINE

Boxing Federation of Ukraine and Boxing Federation of Kherson region hosted the International boxing tournament (group A) dedicated to the memory of the honored coach of Ukraine Nikolai Manger, held in the Ukrainian city of Kherson on April 1-7.

The adult men boxers from 10 countries competed at the 15th Nikolai Manger International Tournament. This competition is the one of the preparation stages for the national teams for the European Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event to be held in Paris, France, on June 4-8.

The host country, Ukraine, was represented by the greatest number of athletes. Boxers from Armenia, Moldova, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Namibia, Croatia, Azerbaijan, Israel and Uzbekistan also took part in the event. The strong composition of the tournament participants is evidenced by the fact that many of them had already received Olympic licenses for Tokyo-2020. In particular, Africa's champion Junias Jonas from Namibia, who holds the title of the best boxer of the African continent, as well as competing at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro



in 2016 and winning licenses for Tokyo-2020. The African confirmed his high class, becoming a champion of Magera Memorial in the 63 kg weight category.

As predicted, the team of Ukraine took the first place in the final ranking; the team was led personally by the Head coach of the National team Leonid Loivsky. The host team won 14 medals, including 5 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze. The tournament's runners-up were for Armenian team who won 10 awards - 2 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze. Thanks to the performance of Junias Jonas, Namibi took the third place, winning one gold medal.



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THE HUNGARIAN LÁSZLÓ PAPP, THE FIRST THREE-TIME OLYMPIC CHAMPION BOXER BORN 95 YEARS AGO

One of the world's top boxers of all time, László Papp, was born ninety-five years ago today.

He was born in Budapest's 13th district. Initially, Papp preferred football, but, thanks to his father, he soon took to boxing. After World War II, he worked for the state railway company and trained at the state railway's club BVSC. It was a stroke of luck that he got his big break. Papp arrived as a spectator to a boxing tournament in 1945, but when the adversary of star-fighter, Gyula Bicsák, failed to show up, Papp's trainer asked him to be a substitute. Papp shocked everyone when he knocked Bicsák out in the



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the second round. As a result, Papp was immediately selected to join the national team, and just four days later, he repeated his initial success by defeating his Austrian adversary. Over the course of four days, he went all the way from being a nobody to being well-known and feared by many.

Later training with the legendary boxing coach Zsigmond Adler, Papp, an amateur, won Olympics three times as a middleweight in London in 1948, a light middleweight in Helsinki in 1952 and a light middleweight in Melbourne in 1956. He was a two-time European champion as well, scoring 55 first round knockouts during his amateur career. Following his triumphs, no-one ever won three gold medals for 20 years. Only two legendary Cuban boxers, Teófilo Stevenson and Félix Savón, were able to join Papp in accomplishing such a feat.

In 1957, he began his professional boxing career. At the time, boxing was prohibited by communists but Papp, the only one in the Eastern bloc, managed to get permission to fight provided that he would box abroad only. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to compete for the World Championship title as Hungary's communist leaders unexpectedly denied him an exit visa in 1964. This major upset ended his professional career, the disappointment that would haunt him until his dying day – despite retiring undefeated.

Following his retirement from competitive boxing, he became the coach of the Hungarian amateur team. Late in his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and passed away at the age of seventy-seven on the 16th of October in 2003. Besides winning a number of prizes and awards, Budapest's biggest, and Hungary's most important indoor sport and concert venue, the Papp László Sportaréna, is named in his honor.

On the 95th anniversary of László Papp, a commemoration was held at Farkasréti Cemetery by the Hungarian Boxing Federation attended by István dr. Bajkai – the president of the Hungarian Boxing Federation, István Kovács, Secretary General of the International Amateur Boxing Federation, Tóth Zsuzsanna – the Secretary of the Hungarian Boxing Association and Krisztián dr. Kulcsár President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee.

István Kovács, Secretary-General of the International Amateur Boxing Federation (AIBA), said in his commemoration speech that Laszlo Papp had already been praised as a "Pista" because at the beginning of his career he was able to box for the National Team at the hands of the legend, and despite the fact that at the age of 21 he became a European and then world champion, László Papp was often restrained in his praise.

According to István dr. Bajkai, president of the Hungarian Boxing Federation, "Hungary is the land of heroes, and now we commemorate the greatest hero of Hungarian boxing", László Papp, who kept up the spirits in the hopelessness of an inhuman age in his compatriots, similar to the Puskas Football Gold Team and the Legendary Water Polo Team.

Krisztián dr. Kulcsár, President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee (MOB), emphasized that he had been a "gentleman of boxing" – a world-renowned member of the Hungarian Olympic movement and the fourth Hungarian to receive the IOC Olympic Medal.



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Here you can see some pictures and results from the recent TV-broadcast international Duel match vs Finland team.

On March 20, a Duel Match was held in Vejle, Denmark. It resulted in a 6-2 victory for Denmark.

The full Dual Match can be watched here:

https://www.dr.dk/drtv/se/landskampen_244917



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ASIAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (ASBC)

THE RECORD NUMBER OF THE BOXERS ATTENDED IN THE KYRGYZSTAN JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the regional qualifications, the Kyrgyz Junior National Championships was held in the historical city of Osh. The record number of 283 boxers including 15 girls attended in the Kyrgyz Junior National Championships.

Boxers born in 2005 and in 2006 were eligible to attend the junior national event which was a qualification competition before the international tournaments. Women's boxing is developing in Kyrgyzstan, and six champions have been crowned in the female part of the national event.



ASBC's Asian School Boxing Championships silver medalist Bekzat Ergeshov was the main favorite for the gold at the pin weight (46kg) and he accomplished that goal but he had to do his very best in the final bout vs Mavlon Tursunov. The light bantamweight (52kg) was in the most crowded category contended by 27 boxers and won by Baktybek Uulu. Vadim Baurin had won all previous national events among schoolboys, and he continued his winning ways at the welterweight (66kg) in Osh.



National Boxing Federation of Kyrgyz Republic

MACAO BOXING ASSOCIATION HOSTED THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021 MACAU BOXING OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESSFULLY IN MARCH

This tournament is focused on youth and Women boxers in Macao and also invited boxers from cities in Chinese Guangdong Province. Coaches expected they would get more real fighting experience. Macao boxers did well and bagged many victories. The remaining two seasons are to be held in August and December, respectively.



https://www.instagram.com/macao_boxing/

AMERICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AMBC)

The National Boxing Federation of Honduras has held a number of meetings lately in order to discuss the application of a new club to join the Federation, present the new website of the National Federation providing a good navigation

experience to the users who visit the website. The federation also discussed the preparation of the athlete Maria Antunez who will represent our country on the Pre-Olympic games to be held in Argentina, which is also the qualifying stage for the Olympic games in Tokyo.

Thanks again for the opportunity to share and be a part of the AIBA Family and to let our Federation join this wonderful communication strategy of.



<https://www.instagram.com/federaciondeboxeo/>

The Barbados Boxing Association is launching a community Project titled “Gloves over Guns”. This project is held in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Community Empowerment and is scheduled to commence as soon as the COVID-19 situation allows.

The goal of the Barbados Boxing Association is to create champions, both men and women, inside and outside of the ring. As a powerful driver of social change, the BBA will utilize the boxing platform as a vehicle to support young people on a grassroots level to effect positive change for themselves and for the society at large. The BBA governs the boxing sport at the amateur level to ensure best practices are observed at all times while continuing to expand the social and sporting footprint of the sport throughout communities across Barbados.

Given that the Barbados Boxing Board of Control have shown that they are willing to support projects of the BBA, every effort will be made to collaborate with that organization to secure their support.



<https://www.instagram.com/barbadosboxingassoc/>

The Elite Panamanian National Team have arrived in Bogota, Colombia, where they will conclude their preparation prior to the Olympic qualifiers to be held in Tokyo.

The Panamanian delegation comprises the former world champion Atheyna Bylon (69 kg), Orlando Martinez (57kg), Martin Perez (52kg), Jonathan Miniell (63kg) and Eduardo Beckford (69kg). The coaches are Jesus Martinez and Gustavo Caicedo.

They will be returning to Panama on April 27th and will travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina on May 6th where the Olympic qualifiers will be held.



<https://www.instagram.com/fedebop/>

AFRICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AFBC)

KENYA NATIONAL BOXING TEAM (HIT SQUAD) PARTICIPATION IN AFRICA ZONE 3 BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 IN KINSHASA DRC.

Kenyan National Boxing Team popularly known as Hit Squad had been in training for 5 months without participating in any tournament, so Zone 3 boxing championship was like God sent opportunity because we needed badly to gauge ourselves against teams from other countries as we prepare for Tokyo Olympic games and commonwealth games to be held in Birmingham in United Kingdom next year.

Prior to travelling for the Africa Zone 3 boxing championship, we received news from IOC Boxing Taskforce that two of our boxers namely Elizabeth Akinyi and Elly Ajowi in welterweight and heavyweight categories respectively had qualified for Tokyo Olympic games through ranking, and this means Team Kenya will have 4 boxers at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Kenya sent a team of 16 members to Kinshasa, 4 women and 12 men. The team performed fairly well winning 1 gold medal, 5 silver medals and 6 bronze medals.

One of the outstanding bouts of the championship was between two boxers



Hit Squad medalists at Africa Zone 3 boxing championship from left: Cosby Ouma (bronze), Hezron Maganga (bronze), Elizabeth Akinyi (bronze), Boniface Mugunde (silver), Christine Ongare (silver), Elizabeth Andiego (Bronze), Joshua Wasike (silver), Nick Okoth (silver), Lucystacy Achieng (bronze) & Elly Ajowi (gold)

that have qualified for Tokyo Olympic games featuring Africa Olympic qualifiers super heavyweight gold medalist Maxime Yegnong of Cameroon and Africa Olympic qualifiers heavyweight bronze medalist Elly Ajowi of Kenya. Ajowi who had received news of qualifying for the Olympic games prior to the championship through IOC boxing taskforce ranking, seemed to be motivated by the news and fought like a true warrior on his way to outpointing the powerful Cameroonian on split points 3-2 and winning his first ever gold medal for Kenya.

Elly Ajowi of Kenya (blue) crying tears of joy as he wins a split point decision against Maxime Njiayo Yegnong of Cameroon in super heavyweight bout of Africa Zone 3 boxing championship 2021 in Kinshasa.

Democratic Republic Of Congo who sent two teams to the tournament emerged overall winners of the championship with 9 gold, 6 silver & 9 bronze, Mozambique were the runners-up with 2 gold medals, Kenya was 3rd with 1 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze medals, Cameroon were 4th after winning 1 gold, 1 silver & 3 bronze, Libya finished 5th bagging 1 silver medal & 1 bronze & Burundi finished in 6th position with 1 bronze medal.

Most of the boxers who have qualified for Tokyo Olympic Games did well in the championship. However, Cameroonian welterweight Mangué Ayissi Albert failed to make it to the final bout of the championship which was disappointing considering he had won the gold medal in the Africa Olympic qualifiers. Cameroon's head coach Mr. Alain Didier reported that middleweight Wilfred Seyi was unwell and had not traveled with the team for the championship.

The coaches of different teams preparing boxers for Tokyo Olympic Games really appreciated the initiative by the zone 3 secretariat and the leadership of AFBC for organizing the championship. Special mention goes to DRC National Federation President General Ilunga Luyoyo and Secretary General Mr. Pierre and Zone 3 president Mr. Bertrand Mendouga who went out of their way to

Team Mozambique golden girls Raddy Gramane (left) & Alcinda Panguana



Tokyo Olympic bound Christine Ongare of Kenya jump in the air to celebrate her victory against Havyarimana Ornella of Burundi during Africa Zone 3 boxing championship 2021 in Kinshasa DRC.

ensure that the tournament takes place in these tough times of Covid-19 pandemic. The coaches managed to maintain the fitness of their boxers, and when they resume the next phase of preparation, they will work on the weak points they noticed while strengthening the positive aspects.

Lack of tournaments has been a real shortcoming in Africa; the last time boxers from sub-Saharan Africa participated in competitive bouts was during the Africa Olympic qualifiers 2020 in Dakar Senegal over a year ago.

Olympic qualified boxers require more bouts to be able to adequately prepare to compete for medals during the Olympic Games. According to Kenyan head coach Benjamin Moses, “we need about two international tournaments to be in the best shape for the Olympic Games” However Covid-19 pandemic has hit most of the countries hard and it’s very difficult for the boxers to train as most of the countries are in lockdowns.

Here in Kenya, we were not able to assemble a team for world junior championship in Poland since we could not organize a tournament to select a team, as boxing in the country has been suspended as well as all sporting events as a result of 3rd wave of Covid-19 raging in the Country.

Kenya National team boxers preparing for Tokyo Olympic Games will be vaccinated against Covid-19 before they resume the next phase of preparation in the coming week after the Easter holiday.



Kenyan National Boxing Team for Africa Zone 3 boxing championship in Kinshasa at their training base at AV Fitness in Lavington Nairobi

