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**DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION  
DEPARTEMENT VAN SPORT EN ONTSPANNING**

**No. R. 760**

**29 July 2005**

**SOUTH AFRICAN BOXING ACT, 2001  
BOXING AMENDMENT REGULATIONS**

The Minister of Sport and Recreation has under section 34 of the South African Boxing Act, 2001 (Act No. 11 of 2001), and after consultation with Boxing SA, made the Regulations in the Schedule.

**Schedule**

under Government Notice No. R. 368 of 26 March 2004.

### **Substitution of regulation 17 of Regulations**

2. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 17 of the Regulations:

#### **“Title bouts, challenges and sanctions**

**17:** (1) A challenger for a provincial or South African title, as the case may be, shall submit his or her challenge to Boxing SA on a form similar to Annexure J.

(2) By submitting a challenge, a challenger warrants that he or she is in training, is fit and willing to meet the champion at least 30 days after Boxing SA has approved the challenge.

(3)(a) A national or provincial title holder may make a voluntary title defence against any of the rated boxers on Boxing SA's rating list, subject to the challenge being approved by Boxing SA in writing.

(b) Within 30 days after the challenge referred to in paragraph (a) has been approved by Boxing SA, the title holder shall make appropriate arrangements with a promoter to stage the fight not later than 90 days after the date of approval of such challenge.

(c) If the title holder does not make the appropriate arrangements within the 30 day period or does not fight within the 90 day period referred to in paragraph (b), for whatever reason, the option of a title holder to make a voluntary defence shall automatically fall away.

(d) A title holder must defend his or her title against the official challenger designated by Boxing SA within three months of being called upon to do by Boxing SA in writing or within three

months after the last voluntary defence by him or her or after expiry of the 30 day period referred to in paragraph (c), whichever is the earlier.

- (e) If a title holder is not able to defend his or her title within the time limits contained in this regulation, Boxing SA may order that he or she defend his or her title without payment in a gymnasium or other suitable venue chosen by Boxing SA and if the title holder refuses or neglects so to defend his or her title, Boxing SA may declare the title vacant.
  - (f) The official challenger for a national or provincial title shall be the number one rated boxer on Boxing SA's ratings list.
  - (g) If the official challenger contemplated in paragraph (f) is not willing to challenge for the title for whatever reason, the opportunity of being the official challenger shall pass to the next highest rated boxer on Boxing SA's rating list.
- (4)(a) No boxer may at the same time hold ~~two~~ national or provincial titles in different weight categories.
- (b) A boxer, on winning a second title, shall within 14 days of doing so, notify Boxing SA in writing which title he or she wishes to retain and the other title shall then automatically become vacant.
  - (c) If a boxer fails to notify Boxing SA as contemplated in paragraph (b), Boxing SA shall, with regard to the circumstances and facts of the case, determine which title shall be vacated.
- (5)(a) If a national title holder wins a world championship title of an organization recognized by Boxing SA, whether in the same or different weight category, Boxing SA shall as soon as possible declare the champion's national title vacant.

(b) If a boxer loses a world championship title, contemplated in paragraph (a), Boxing SA may –

(i) offer that boxer the opportunity to contest the title declared vacant in terms of paragraph (a); or

(ii) if there is an existing contractual agreement between two other boxers to contest that vacant title, recognize that boxer as the next mandatory challenger for the title.

(6) When considering the sanctioning of a bout, Boxing SA may **also** take into account:-

(a) information presented to it by the promoter, manager, matchmaker or agent;

(b) information obtained by itself through its own research;

(c) the activity records of the boxers, especially the last three bouts the boxers were involved in;

(d) the boxing ability of the boxers; and

(e) whether the opponents of the respective boxers were international, continental or local boxers.

(7) If a provincial champion wins a national championship, Boxing SA shall as soon as possible declare his or her provincial title vacant.

(8) A national or provincial champion shall forfeit his or her title-

(a) if he or she is defeated in a championship bout sanctioned by Boxing SA and at the same weight at which the boxer won that title;

(b) at the discretion of Boxing SA, if he or she ~~is~~ convicted of any criminal offence while the boxer is the holder of a title;

- (c) if he or she is found guilty of misconduct as a boxer;
- (d) if he or she refuses to defend that title after receipt of a challenge approved and a date given for such title bout by Boxing SA;
- (e) if he or she ~~is~~ for any reason unable or unwilling to defend that title when required to do so by Boxing SA;
- (f) if he or she for any reason ceases to be registered in terms of regulation 2; or
- (g) if he or she fails to achieve the specified weight at the weigh-in for the championship contest as contemplated in regulation 23(4)(d).

(9) No rematch shall be stipulated in any boxing contract, nor be made a condition of any bout, whether for a title or otherwise.

(10) Subject to the provision of subregulation (11), a boxer shall not without the prior written permission of Boxing SA be permitted to take part in a subsequent bout-

- (a) within 14 days after a bout that lasted less than six rounds.
- (b) within 21 days after a bout that lasted between six and 10 rounds (both inclusive);
- (c) within 30 days after a bout that lasted more than 10 rounds.

(11) A boxer shall not take part in more than six bouts in a year, except with the prior written permission of Boxing SA.

(12) Where promoters make disputed claims to stage a title fight and Boxing SA is of the opinion that the good name and reputation of Boxing SA could be prejudiced by such dispute or by the delay occasioned thereby in staging that particular title bout, Boxing SA may call for purse bids to be

submitted to it by promoters and offer the opportunity to stage that particular title bout to the highest bidder upon the terms and conditions that Boxing SA may determine.

(13) The procedure to be followed during the purse bid process contemplated in subregulation (12) shall be determined by Boxing SA.”

### **Short title**

3. These Regulations shall be called the Boxing Amendment Regulations, 2005.

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