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By Email

Dear Club Secretary

R&J and Working Officials

As we start the 2014/2015 season, we have many reasons to celebrate our recent success in growth and performance.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and commitment in the development of our sport.

However, I write this letter to all affiliated clubs to highlight a serious concern.

There are still a number of clubs that do not have a working official.

The shortage of Officials has been a problem for a number of years. However, in light of the fact that in the last three seasons we have seen a 60.1% increase in registered coaches and a 20.8% growth in boxers and no increase in the number of officials, this is now a serious problem. One that, if not addressed, will start to have an impact on our ability to grow and sustain our championships.

In the next sixty (60) days I will ask the Officials working group to consider the best course of action to help clubs recruit working officials before we reach a situation where we look at clubs eligibility to enter boxers into championships.

I would politely ask you to make a serious, concerted effort to recruit one or two working officials if you do not have any.

Training programs and schedules are currently being developed for this season for new officials so let's work together to make our growth sustainable.

Yours in Sport

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