

Boxing Scotland is today happy to share with clubs and members more details for the upcoming 2020/21 season, specifically:

- Affiliation and Registration costs.
- Boxing Scotland AGM
- Insurance costs.
- Medicals.
- Coach and Officials Badges.
- Boxing Scotland Training courses.
- Boxing Scotland Performance and Pathway programme.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the membership for their continued support and patience with our phased return to Boxing during this unprecedented period, not just within the sporting world, but on a global scale.

As we enter this uncharted territory together, it is important that we adapt to the ever-changing conditions that we face and safeguard our sport for future generations.

It goes without saying that the health and wellbeing of our boxers, staff, members, partners, supporters, family and friends are our number one priority and that measures are being implemented continually to ensure that this is being managed as effectively as possible. We know our boxing community is good at pulling together at times of difficulty and we are sure it will be no different in this situation. Clubs are the backbone of our sport and will be critical to our recovery from this situation. We will continue to develop our plans as to what a post-lockdown boxing world looks like and will continue communicating all key decisions and advice as appropriate.

We are fully cognisant of the disruption that this period of inactivity and suspension has caused for you all. We are currently planning not just for this year, but also for the next year (2021-22), and we see the next two-years as being critical as we look to work ourselves through this period of disruption.

We fully recognise that there are wider consequences as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and that all clubs and members are having to plan with a great deal of uncertainty.

While we appreciate that it has taken time to get this information out to clubs and members, we hope it will be understood that we have had to liaise with various partners in order to ensure the information we are providing is accurate and deliverable.

In addition, it is important to note that there are still more decisions to be made ahead of the 2020/21 season (e.g. our National Championships) however we felt it better to update our membership as to where we currently are.

We will review these actions again over the next few weeks. The basis of our position will always be to start from the advice provided by the Scottish Government.

When it is safe to do so, we look forward to seeing Boxing Clubs up and down the country reopening their doors and welcoming their communities back in.

## **2020-21 Affiliation and Registrations**

We understand that Clubs across Scotland have faced issues due to lack of income whilst gyms have been closed over the past four months. With that in mind, the decision has been made to reduce club and membership re-affiliation by 50% for the 2020/21 season.

### **Re-affiliation costs for clubs and members affiliated to Boxing Scotland for the 2019/20 season;**

Membership Costs	2019-20	2020-21
Club Re-Affiliation Cost	£200	£100
Re-Registered Boxer	£10	£5
Re-Registered Coach	£5	£2.50
Re-Registered Official	£5	£2.50

\*Please note – These reductions are offered to clubs and members who were affiliated or registered to Boxing Scotland for the 2019/20 season only. Any new clubs or members would have to pay the usual fees.

**Details on submission of the 2020/2021 Boxing Scotland Ltd Affiliation Agreement will be shared in due course.**

## **Boxing Scotland AGM**

With the AGM scheduled to take place virtually on **Sunday 30th August at 1pm** we must clarify that in order to hold **voting rights clubs must be affiliated** in accordance with the Boxing Scotland Articles and fees received in cleared funds by **5pm on Friday 28th August**. Further information on motion submissions will be released in due course.

## **Insurance Costs**

One of the benefits of being a registered member of Boxing Scotland is that we arrange insurance designed to protect you whilst you are taking part in the sport.

We ensure that affiliated clubs are fully supported by legal & insurance benefits for members which will provide peace-of-mind insurance cover for your clubs during boxing activity.

Our Insurers have **extended our policy cover by 1 month**, to allow ongoing discussions to continue for the new season. This means that all pre-COVID-19 affiliated clubs will remain covered under the Boxing Scotland Insurance policy for the month of August. **Please note**, there will be a requirement to pay the insurance fee before **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** to ensure seamless insurance cover is provided for clubs.

## **Coach and Officials Badges**

All current season 19/20 Coach and Officials Badges will also remain valid until the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020. This will give the office the necessary time to process badges and return them to clubs so a continuation of sanctioned training can continue.

## **Medicals**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak the members of the Boxing Scotland Medical Commission are required first and foremost within their immediate roles.

We are currently in discussion with the Medical Commission on the matter of medicals completed prior to COVID-19. We will have more information on this matter, in due course.

At this time, re-registrations for boxers, coaches and officials are not being processed by Boxing Scotland, so please do not send into the Head Office until updated otherwise.

## **Boxing Scotland Training Courses**

- **Boxing Scotland Coaching Courses** – These are all postponed until at least September, when an assessment will be undertaken as to when Coaching courses are able to return.
- **Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport Workshops** – Those who have a Child Protection course certificate that expires between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 will have until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to complete a new workshop and bring themselves up to date. Child Protection training is continuing to be delivered by **sportscotland** via a virtual online training module - <https://sportscotland.org.uk/training/>

## **Boxing Scotland Performance and Pathway Programme**

As per Scottish Government guidance previously published relating to the “Resumption of Performance Sport”, our Elite Boxer Group could have returned to indoor socially distanced training earlier this month. However, National Coaches Craig McEvoy and Mike Keane decided to continue to adhere to the same guidelines as our member clubs, as they felt returning to the High-Performance Centre (HPC) would be inequitable at this stage. However, as International Boxing has begun to recommence throughout different continents, with multi-nation competitions already taking place within Eastern Europe, it is essential our Elite Boxer Group return to the HPC Daily Training Environment as soon as possible. Working closely with Sportscotland, our Performance Director and National Coaches are working towards a return to the HPC on 4th August 2020.

Regarding the Performance Pathway Programme, in particular the next cycle of Regional Training Sessions, an announcement will be made towards the end of August as to when the first Regional Sessions will take place.”

Boxing Scotland would once again like to thank you for your continued understanding and patience throughout this unprecedented period. Please stay safe and best regards.

