

## Boxing Scotland Newsletter – June 2021

### QUEEN'S HONOURS: BOXING SCOTLAND CEO AWARDED OBE

Boxing Scotland CEO Chris Roberts has said he is “overwhelmed, delighted and shocked” after being awarded an OBE.

The retired Major was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Military Division of the Queen’s Birthday Honours for services to British Army Boxing.

Chris joined Boxing Scotland earlier this year after a career in Her Majesty’s Armed Forces, where he served for 30 years with the Royal Army Physical Training Corps, which included more than 20 years as a member of the Army Boxing Association Executive Committee.

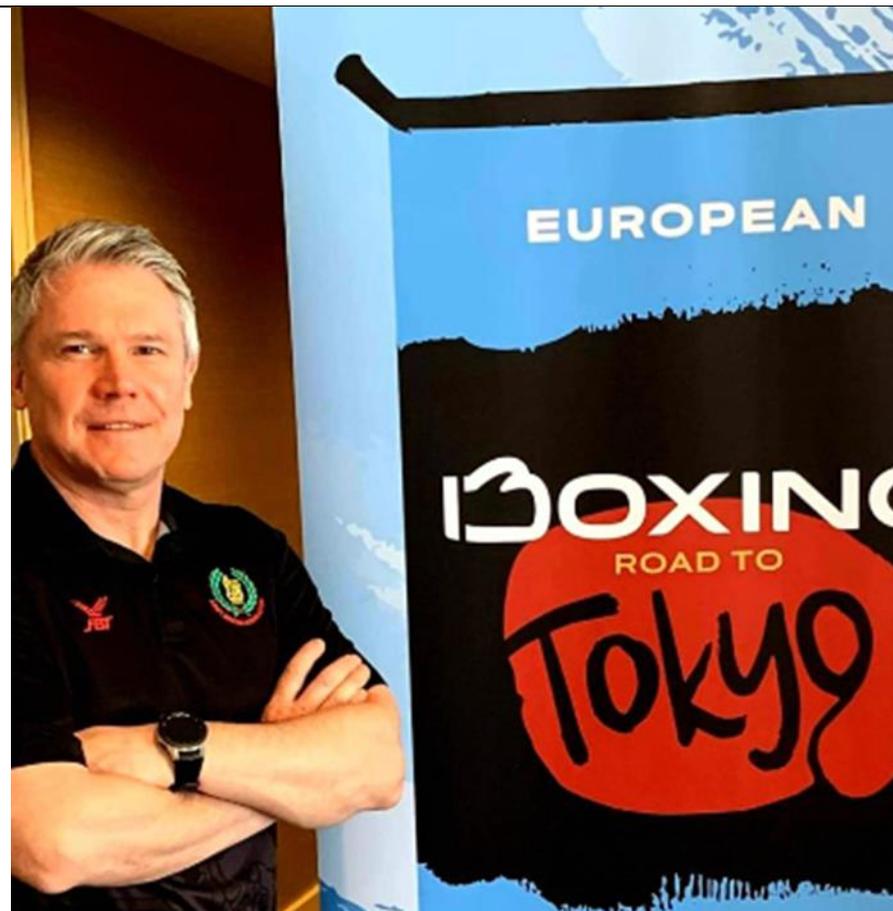
The retired AIBA three-star boxing referee and judge has a wealth of experience within the sport, having served as a GB Boxing competition manager, supervisor, evaluator and instructor, while having also acted as the International Federation Liaison Officer for the European Olympic qualifier in London last year.

In addition to this, earlier this year Chris was appointed to a prestigious international position after being named the new Chairperson of the AIBA Referee’s and Judges Committee.

“It certainly is difficult to describe the feelings I have right now but humbled by all of the great messages received over the weekend from so many fantastic people,” said Chris.

“I look forward to continuing to do what I enjoy, turning my hand from sport in the military, to supporting Boxing Scotland in the very same way, and more.”

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### **PERFORMANCE: PATHWAY PROGRAMME EXTRAORDINARY ASSESSMENT**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent postponement of the Pathway Programme, an Extraordinary Assessment will be delivered, to provide the appropriate boxers an opportunity to gain selection onto the Elite Boxing Group (EBG), Development Group (DG) or Next Generation Group (NG).

This will take place on the weekends of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> August and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> August (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August may also be required)

Clubs should only submit Applications for boxers who meet the following age criteria:

- Age: 2005 (Junior), 2004 (Youth), 2003 (Youth), 2002 + older (Elite)

In addition, each boxer should meet at least one of the following performance related criteria:

- Gold in at least one Scottish Open Championship in either 2018, 2019 or 2020 where they had to compete in at least one bout.
- And / or the club head coach deems the boxer capable of a competitive test match spar with any boxer within their weight category in Scotland i.e. Open Class. In this instance a brief explanation should be provided to support the application i.e., number of bouts won/lost, number of years as an active boxer, (training and competing) and any other performance related activity (national championships, box cups etc.)

Applications should be entered through the below link by 5pm on 1st July 2021. If the club is entering more than one boxer, please submit a separate application for each boxer. Any application not fully completed will not be considered.

[Performance Pathway Programme Extraordinary Assessment Application \(office.com\)](#)

**COACHING: COACH EDUCATION SCHEDULE: JULY TO DECEMBER 2021**

Boxing Scotland are delighted to announce the following schedule for our Level 1 to 3 courses up until the end of the year:

LEVEL 1 (max 20 participants):

- Sat 03rd & Sun 04th July \*ONLINE\*
- Sat 04th & Sun 05th September \*High Performance Centre or ONLINE tbc\*

LEVEL 2 (max 12 participants):

- Sat 17th July & Sun 08th August \*ONLINE\*
- Sat 04th & Sat 11th December \*High Performance Centre or ONLINE\*

LEVEL 3 (max 8 participants):

- Sat 02nd & Sun 03rd October \*High Performance Centre or ONLINE tbc\* (NO APPLICATIONS – this is Part 2 of L3 No 1 which was postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19)\*
- PART 1 Sat 13th & Sun 14th November \*High Performance Centre or ONLINE tbc\* & PART 2 2021

All successful applicants will receive all information prior to the course start date upon receipt of payment.

The course will start at 9am and finish at 5pm on all dates as shown above – please note the Level 2 & 3 courses are delivered over different weekends.

Applications should be e-mailed to your respective Regional Development Officer.

[Full story and further details – Click here](#)



**PERFORMANCE: EUBC UNDER-22 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Boxing Scotland had four boxers entered into the EUBC Under-22 European Championships in Roseto Degli Abruzzi, Italy earlier this month.

Sam Hickey, from Lochee Boxing Club, won his opening 75kg contest against Montenegrin Stefan Savcovic, with a confident, composed and controlled performance winning all three rounds on the judges score cards. However, unfortunately Sam would lose his next contest in a close battle against England's Ramtin Musah.

Elsewhere, Reese Lynch suffered extreme misfortune as he lost out to local boxer Matteo Ara of Italy in his 64kg bout. The Rob Roy Boxing Club boxer had an issue with his gumshield, which caused it to fall out four times during the contest, which saw him deducted two points by the referee and ultimately lose on the scorecards because of those deductions.

Kier Hardie's Ryan Carlin also suffered misfortune as his 52kg bout with Belgium's Zakaria Boudhi was stopped after suffering a cut barely one minute into the opening round. Bravehearts Tyler Jolly also lost his opening contest in a very close fight against world class Hugo Grau from France in the 69kg category.

Meanwhile, earlier in June seven members of the Elite Boxing Group completed a sparring camp in Sheffield, training alongside members of the GB squad.

Recent addition to the Boxing Scotland coaching team, Ricky Burns, was also on hand at the camp as he passed on his wealth of knowledge to the boxers. Ricky's experience and advice will be beneficial not only to the Elite Boxing Group, but to all of Boxing Scotland as a whole.

As previously communicated, and as per government guidelines, our Elite Boxing Group have been able to maintain international camps and competition which is essential for upcoming championships and the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

**CHILD WELLBEING AND PROTECTION COURSE: WORKSHOP NEXT MONTH**

Boxing Scotland will be delivering an online Virtual Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport workshop which will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 1800-2100. This course replaced the old-style 'Safeguarding and Protecting in Children Course.'

**PLEASE NOTE;** The workshop is a requirement for all registered coaches to have completed within the past three years. Club Child Protection Officers should also have completed the 'Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer' workshop within the past three years.

A reminder that the course has changed, and certificates will only be dispatched when individuals complete both modules. More information here; [Brighspace-information.pdf \(boxingscotland.org\)](#)

In order to complete the workshop, attendees must use the following browsers – Chrome, Firefox, Edge (not Internet Explorer).

If you have any learning needs or any further questions regarding the course, then please get in touch with your course organiser; [paul.coleman@boxingscotland.org](mailto:paul.coleman@boxingscotland.org)

Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport (CWPS) Course Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1800-2100

[Enrolment-and-payment-details.pdf \(boxingscotland.org\)](#)

Once names have been submitted, Enrolment Confirmation will come from [d2support@learninginsport.brightspace.com](mailto:d2support@learninginsport.brightspace.com) approximately 5 days before the workshop.

Names for the course must be passed to either Paul Coleman via the [enquiries@boxingscotland.org](mailto:enquiries@boxingscotland.org) or the West Region Development Officer; Paul Coleman either by email [paul.coleman@boxingscotland.org](mailto:paul.coleman@boxingscotland.org) or Telephone 07803 513699 or text.

[For a list of other Child Protection training dates – Click Here](#)





### **RETURN TO BOXING: UPDATED MEDICAL FORMS**

After a long and difficult year, Boxing Scotland is continuing its preparations for a return to boxing activity.

As such, Boxing Scotland is happy to share that the SME1 Medical Form has been updated and is now available to be downloaded for use.

Please be aware, older versions of the SME1 Medical Form are no longer valid and only Version 5 of the SME1 Medical Form will be accepted by Boxing Scotland.

As there has been a more than 12-month break in boxing activity, it will be necessary for every boxer to undergo a medical before registering for the 2021/22 season.

Information regarding affiliations and registrations for the 2021/22 season will be published in due course.

In addition to the SME1 Medical Form, there is a new requirement in the shape of the Boxer Covid-19 Self-screening questionnaire.

This should be filled out by the boxer before going to the venue for the Medical and handed to the Doctor before the Medical commences.

This should then be sent to Boxing Scotland along with the SME1 Medical Form.

These two Forms can be found available to download by clicking on the link below;

[Click here](#)

**PERFORMANCE: WORLD NO.5 MEGAN REID WANTS TO HELP  
ENCOURAGE MORE WOMAN TO AIM FOR SUCCESS**

World Number Five ranked boxer Megan Reid is hoping her own achievements within the sport can help inspire more woman to aim for international success.

The full-time member of the British Army boxing team and Boxing Scotland's Elite Boxing Group cracked the top five of the 64kg category in the AIBA World Rankings last year.

This achievement came off the back of a busy couple of years for the Leith Victoria boxer where, in addition to winning the Scottish Elite Championships in 2019, Megan also represented Scotland at the 2018 Women's World Championships in India, the 2019 Women's European Boxing Championships in Madrid and the 2019 Women's World Championships in Russia.

"I do realise that a lot of the young girls will look up to me as I am the only female on the Elite Boxing Group competing at these levels," said Megan.

"Hopefully they look up to me and aspire to get to the same level.

"I was 23 when I started. I am in the military, so it was with the army to begin with. I worked my way up from there and got into the army team.

"I then won the Scottish Championships and got myself onto the Elite Boxing Group.

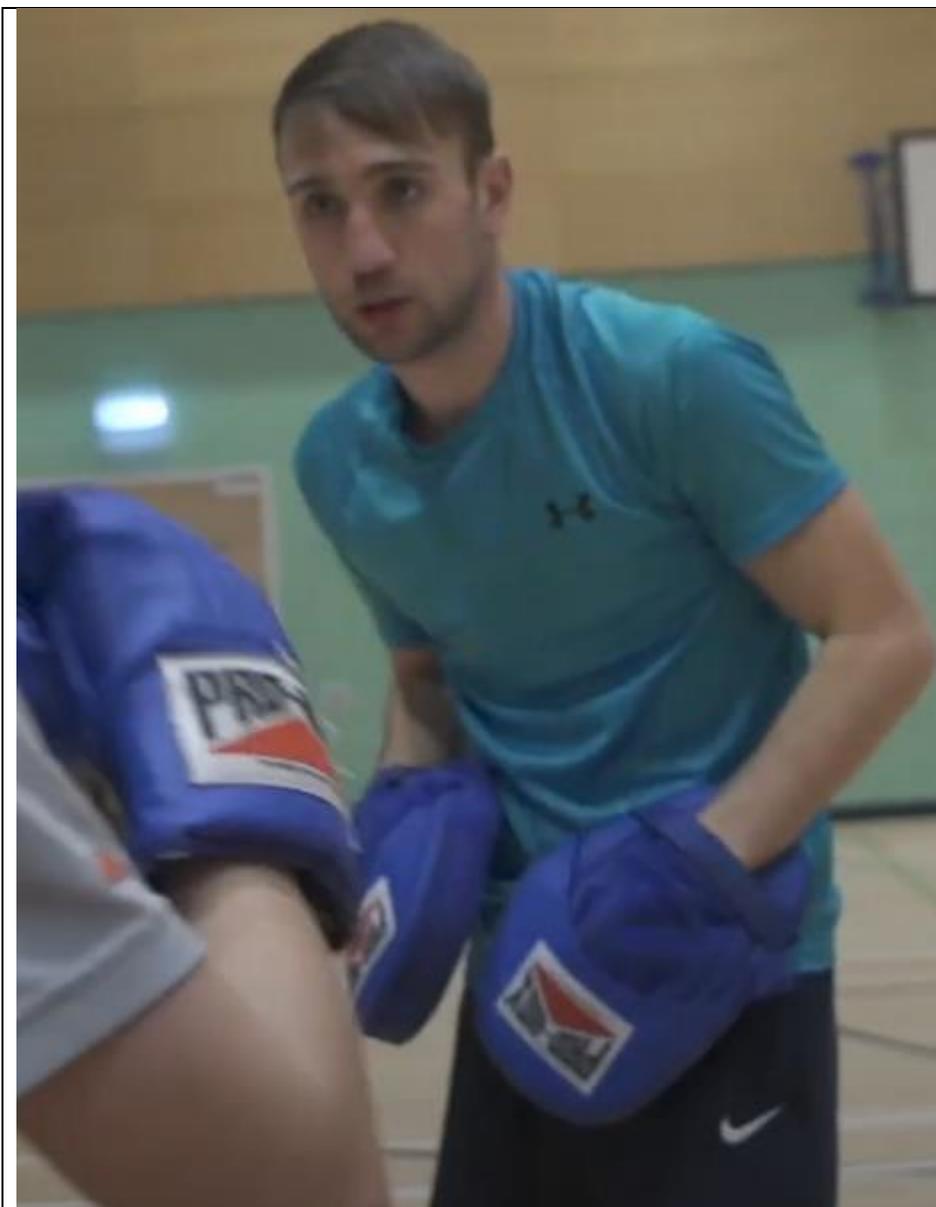
"I never thought I would reach this level, I was just doing it for a bit of fitness and to lose some weight. Then I started to enjoy it and see that I could compete at a high level as well.

"When I started believing in myself and realising that I could go far in a boxing career, that is when I got my head down and started training hard.

"I had never put on a pair of gloves before I was 23, and look where I am now."

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### **COACHING: NORTH WEST COACH KIERAN McMASTER KNOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A GOOD ROLE MODEL DURING THE PANDEMIC**

North West Boxing Club Coach Kieran McMaster insists the importance of being a good role model for young people has never been more clear to him.

In addition to helping coach at the Kilmarnock based club, the 24-year-old works for East Ayrshire Council as a Sports Mentor.

Kieran has mentored some of the most vulnerable young people in East Ayrshire, using boxing as a tool to build meaningful bonds to allow challenging conversations to take place on topics such as mental health, drugs and alcohol.

The coronavirus pandemic has limited his ability to do his job as normal, however the accomplished boxer has still strived to support these young people over the past 14 months.

“This year has been a tough one, however, during these difficult times I have been able to continue my work with young people and the importance of my input has not been lost,” said Kieran.

“I am a consistent male role model for a lot of young people who might not have parents, or have Dads.

“I am someone who they see every week and I build positive relationships with them.

“For a lot of these kids they struggle with authority or they struggle with members of staff.

“But I’m not a member of staff, I’m Kieran McMaster the boxing coach, the kids respond to me different and they let me in.”

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**COVID GUIDANCE: VERSION 19 PUBLISHED**

The Boxing Scotland Covid-19 Guidance Version 19 has been published.

Please find below a summary of some of the amendments.

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Under 18s only – Inter-Club sparring is only permitted in Levels 0-2. No Inter-Club sparring is permitted at Clubs in levels 3-4.

Clubs from level 3-4 areas and not permitted to travel outside their own Local Authority area and should not travel to other clubs within their LA area no matter how close.

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You should not share a vehicle with anyone from another household unless you absolutely have to in exceptional circumstances. It is recognised that people with additional support needs may need to car share and in these circumstances, they should also follow the appropriate measures, steps, and precautions where possible.

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Inter-Club Sparring is permitted at this time for under 18s from areas 0-2 however clubs must follow travel restrictions. No Car, Minibus sharing is permitted due to restrictions currently still in place. Local Clubs within walking distance or individuals that can be dropped off by parents/carers in levels 0-2 are allowed.

No Inter-Club sessions are permitted with activity from different local clubs and authorities in protection level areas 3-4

Clubs must ensure that their Risk Assessments are up to date considering all of the recent easing of restrictions and that Boxing Scotland holds a copy for all coaching activities. Contact Regional Development officers for information. Failure to follow these guidelines will void the club insurance policy.

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**BOXING SCOTLAND:**  
COVID-19 Guidance for returning to boxing activities

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Issue	Status	Date	Details of Change
Version 19.0	Approved	From 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Original document based on latest and available guidance – additions/changes in red

**UKAD: CLEAN SPORT WEEK**

Boxing Scotland was happy to support UK Anti-Doping's (UKAD) Clean Sport Week, which returned for its fifth year in late May.

Objectives of Clean Sport Week;

- Raise awareness of the hidden impact of doping on athletes and public confidence in clean sport
- Promote and celebrate clean competition in the run-up to the upcoming sporting events this summer and beyond
- Demonstrate the role that UKAD and sports play in maintaining a level playing field in UK sport
- Highlight the importance of athletes' roles and responsibilities within clean sport to the UK public
- Assist registrations for the new Clean Sport Hub and our 100% me Clean Sport App

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