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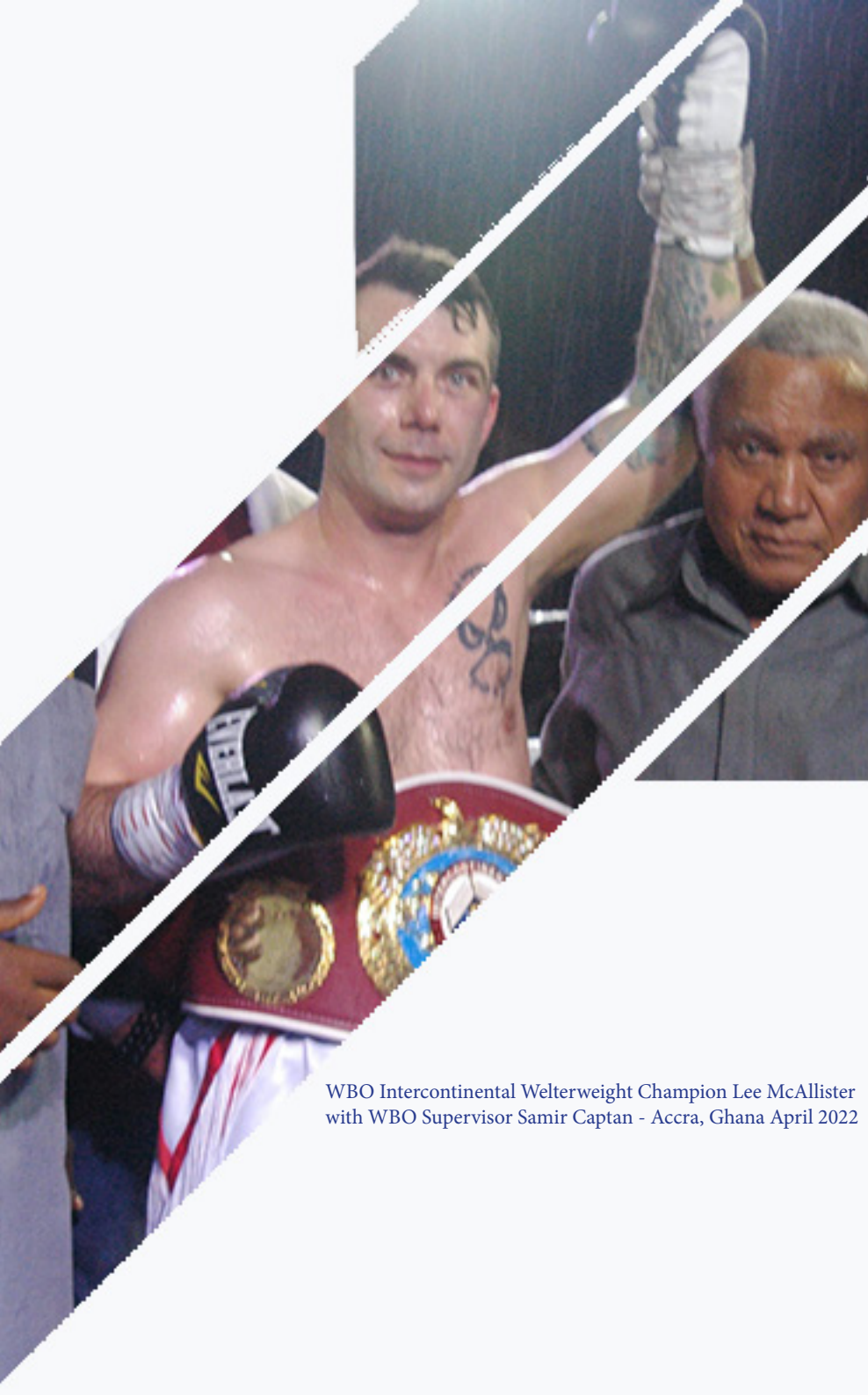
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WBO Intercontinental Welterweight Champion Lee McAllister
with WBO Supervisor Samir Captan - Accra, Ghana April 2022

British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA)

Established in April 2016 the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) is a Professional Boxing governing, licensing and sanctioning organisation that operates primarily, but not exclusively, in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

The British & Irish Boxing Authority’s primary focus, health and safety wise, is the raising of medical protection standards for the sport, to ensure that the health & safety of the young men and women that participate in the sport is of the highest level possible.

To this end BIBA recruited highly qualified specialists to the BIBA Medical Advisory Board and have introduced a number of crucial and highly important health & safety and/or medical initiatives for the sport, which are covered in this presentation.

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) became the first European Professional Boxing Commission to become one hundred percent compliant with the American Federal Act – 15 US Code Chapter 89 Professional Boxing Safety of 1996, commonly known as the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act

Since Inception the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) Record Keeping has been the domain of Fight Fax, The Official Record Keeper for the sport of Professional Boxing since 1984

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Referee Ian John-Lewis holds Zara Johnson's arm aloft following her victory over Natasha Boyes - Mansfield, Notts February 2023



ABOUT FIGHT FAX

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Fight Fax soon became the Worldwide leader in Record Keeping, due to the accuracy of record keeping and unquestionable reputation, which ultimately led to receiving Official Record Keeper status from the Association Of Boxing Commissions (ABC).

In 2001 Fight Fax was purchased by long time record keeper and company employee Anibal Miramontes, who headed the Fight Fax team until his passing in 2021.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & OFFICIALS

THE BIBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) comprises of some of the most respected people within boxing, each dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of their license holders and boxers that compete on events sanctioned by the BIBA.

BIBA EVENT OFFICIALS

Whilst the majority of BIBA officials are well established in their roles, due to previously working on professional and/or amateur boxing events in the UK under the supervision of other organisations, there are now a growing band of officials who earned their stripes via in-house training as well as shadowing and working BIBA sanctioned events.

Secretary General Marianne Marston and Event Supervisor
Alejandra Ramirez - Aberdeen June 2023



GIANLUCA DI CARO: VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Gianluca’s career within the Boxing world began, at the invitation of legendary Heavyweight Champion of the World Smokin’ Joe Frazier, Gianluca went on to market other stars such as two time Cruiserweight Champion of the World Steve ‘USS’ Cunningham as well as major Championship boxing events in the USA before returning to London in 2009.

On his return to the UK Gianluca partnered with one of the UK’s top coaches and manager Johnny Eames at the TKO Boxing Gym in Canning Town, London, where he marketed the famous East End fight factory’s 45 strong stable of boxers.

In 2011, at the request of the European Boxing Union (EBU) Gianluca co-founded the Malta Boxing Commission (MBC), the official professional boxing governing organisation for the Islands of Malta, Gianluca was also appointed Marketing Director for the Luxembourg based World Boxing Federation (WBF).

In 2016 Gianluca resigned from his executive roles at the MBC to focus on his new role as Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Professional Boxing Governing Organisation the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA).



JOHNNY EAMES: VICE PRESIDENT & BOXER AND BOXING DEVELOPMENT

Johnny Eames, who was one of the UK’s most successful professional boxing manager-coaches of recent years, started boxing at the age of 18 for Broad Street ABC. During his time as an amateur boxer Johnny had 45 fights with 20 wins and boxed such luminaries as former WBC light heavyweight Champion Les Stewart and former British and European Champion James Cook. Johnny then spent 18 years as an amateur coach, 12 years with West Ham, alongside Micky May, and had coached a high level of national amateur Champions during this time.

In 2002 Johnny successfully applied for his British Professional coaching license. In 2006 Johnny moved into management and event promotion, and then in 2006, with backing from long time team sponsor Tony Brinton, opened the TKO Boxing Gym in Canning Town, London, as a base for his stable of Champions, which included no less than two World Champions – Kevin Lear and Graham Earl – five British Champions, one Commonwealth Champion, one English Champions and seven Southern Area Champions. By 2010 the TKO had in excess of 45 professional boxers based there, including the WBO World Champion Billy Joe Saunders, IBF International Champion Kevin Mitchell, British Champion Leon Williams etc. based at the gym, as well as attracted top coaches, such as Jimmy and Mark Tibbs.



HEROL GRAHAM: VICE PRESIDENT & MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADOR

Herol ‘Bomber’ Graham is a three-time world title challenger, he is generally acknowledged as one of the best British boxers of the post-war era to have never won a world championship.

During his twenty year pro career Herol fought 54 times, winning 48 including victories over champions Lindell Holmes, Ayub Kalule and Vinny Pazienza.

Whilst Herol never won a World Championship, he did rack up an enviable list of championships both in the Light Middleweight and Middleweight divisions including British, Commonwealth, European and World Boxing Council (WBC) International.

Since retring from the ring Herol battled depression but has emerged from the darkness and through his role as VP has become a Mental Health Ambassador and assists boxers struggling in similar ways that he had. His biography, Bomber: Behind the Laughter, which was published in 2011 was received extremely well by the boxing world.



CHRIS WARDROPE: CHAIRMAN

A Corporate Banker with over 30 years experience, Chris was awarded a Fellowship by the Chartered Banker Institute for services to Banking.

His association with boxing also extends back over 30 years, including being involved in the amateur code, as both a fighter and trainer for many years.

More recently within professional boxing, Chris has served for a number of years as the UK & European Co-ordinator and Supervisor for the World Boxing Foundation (WBF). During his time with the organisation Chris has worked closely with the WBF President Mick Croucher in promoting and developing the sanctioning body across the globe.

With strong experience as a supervisor / inspector, Chris has also carried out these duties not only for the WBF, but also in world title fights for the World Boxing Union (WBU). In addition he is a published boxing writer and fight artist.



MARIANNE MARSTON Bsc (Hons): SECRETARY GENERAL

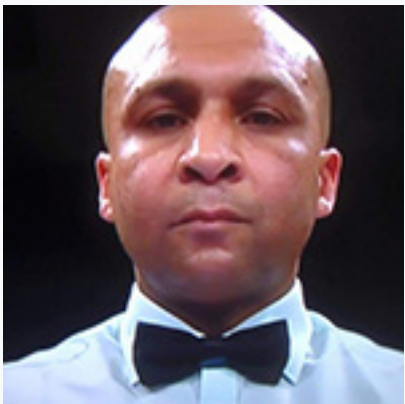
Marianne, a well known Championship Winning Professional Boxer, is the protégé of the legendary Heavyweight Champion of the World, Smokin’ Joe Frazier, who discovered, managed and co-trained her.

Whilst stateside Marianne was also mentored by two time Cruiserweight Champion of the World Steve ‘USS’ Cunningham’s and signed to his pro fight team.

Following Joe Frazier’s passing, Marianne returned to the UK and continued her professional boxing career under top UK coach/manager Johnny Eames at the TKO Gym.

Marianne was selected by BBC News as the lead colour presenter for Female Boxing for their London 2012 Olympics Boxing Coverage.

In 2016 Marianne was appointed to the board of the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) as Director of Boxing and France based Royal Boxing Organization (RBO)



IAN JOHN-LEWIS: HEAD OF RING OFFICIALS

A former amateur and professional boxer, he has used this vital experience when he became a referee. In 2000 he became Britain’s first and still only Black A Star referee.

In 2010 he became the youngest British referee to be the ‘man in the middle’ at the WBC world heavyweight championship and in 2018 was voted the worlds best boxing referee by his qualified peers.

Now in his 30th year as an official he has refereed 1044 championship bouts, mostly in Britain, and 77 championship contests overseas in 19 different countries including; Italy (15), Denmark (6), Germany (11), France (4), Japan (8), Spain (3), Poland (5), South Africa (2), Turkey (3), Belgium (1), Canada (3), Romania (1), Sweden (1), Russia (5), Zambia (1), Finland (2), USA (3), Saudi Arabia (2) and Gibraltar (2).

In addition, Ian also judged 442 bouts, of which 305 were Championship contests and again whilst most were in the UK, he also travelled the world on judging



PROFESSOR MICHAEL GRAHAM: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER & CHAIRMAN (WALES)

Professor Michael Graham MBChB; PhD; FRSM; BASEM; MICR; MCSFS; PCCMH; APIL Expert; FSB joined the BIBA Medical Advisory Board (BIBA MAB) in 2017 with a remit to develop additional boxers Health and Safety procedures,

In 2018 Professor Graham was appointed Chief Medical Officer and immediately recruited other top specialists such as Professor Julien S Baker, Professor Bruce Davies and Dr John Pates to the BIBA MAB.

Professor Graham is the leading researcher in projects that involve close collaboration with hospital consultants, which has resulted in multiple publications in peer reviewed international journals and international presentations and is also currently the visiting Professor to the Ningbo University in Zhejiang, China.

Professor Graham led the esteemed team that produced the internationally published papers “Direct Hits to the Head During Amateur Boxing is Associated With a Rise in Serum Biomarkers For Brain Injury” & “Should an Increase in Cerebral Neurochemicals Following Head Kicks in Karate Influence Return to Play?”

Professor Graham and his esteemed team are currently researching the short-term and long-term effects of head injuries in Rugby, as well as Boxing.



JACK WAY: VICE-CHAIRMAN

JackWay is a former World Champion Boxer, but he is much more involved in the sport than just a boxer, Jack owns the top gym in Ashford, Kent, The Double J Boxing Gym.

In addition Jack is a successful business man in the hospitality sector, including owning a public house and a seafood company.

Back to boxing Jack has a hstory of developing young boxers, one of his current charges won not only a National Title in her first year but also the Harringey BoxCup in her division.



MARTIN ROGAN: CHAIRMAN (IRELAND)

Martin had a stellar career that see him not only add some big scalps to his belt but also achieved Tournament and Championship success.In April 2008 Martin won the Matchroom Boxing ‘Prizefighter’ Heavyweight Tournament, after beating Alex Ibbs in the Quarter Final by second round TKO. In the Semi-Final he conclusively out pointed David Ferguson and earned his place in the final, where he beat David Dolan by unanimous decision to lift the coveted Prizefighter Trophy.

Eight months later Martin beat former Olympic Gold Medallist Audley Harrison in a non-championship contest, which was main support for Amir Khan versus Oisin Fagan World Boxing Association (WBA) International Championship at the ExCel Arena in London. Just two months later Martin won the Commonwealth (British Empire) Heavyweight Crown with an eleventh round stoppage victory over Matt Skelton.

In 2012 Martin challenged for the Irish Heavyweight Crown at the Odyssey Arena Belfast, against none other than World Boxing Council (WBC) World Heavyweight Champion Tyson Fury.

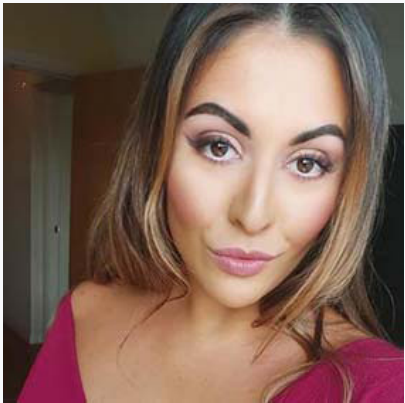


IAN LONGSTAFF: CHAIRMAN (SCOTLAND & NORTHERN AREA)

Ian is a boxing man through and through, having been involved in the sport as both boxer and coach for over thirty years. Ian boxed internationally for the Scottish National Amateur Squad and was the Scottish Heavyweight Champion.

He was born in Sunderland and boxed for many clubs in his home region as well as in London , Germany, Portugal before relocating to Aberdeen.

Besides being the Chairman of BIBA's Scotland Area board he is also a Championship winning trainer and right hand man to six time, five division World Champion Lee McAllister' in the development of the new Elite Boxing Training facility in Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.



ALEJANDRA RAMIREZ: HEAD OF EVENT OFFICIALS

Alejandra is a mindset and trauma coach, working with individuals to help them build a better SELF-relationship, enhance their mental resilience and to create a better future. She also delivers in-person presentations and workshops within corporate organizations on topics related to mindset and mental health.

Alejandra is without doubt one of the top female professional boxing officials in the world today.

Alejandra was the supervisor and headed up the all female team of officials that officiated the first all female professional boxing event LET BATTLE COMMENCE - THE LIONESSES that took place in the United Kingdom in April 2021.



CHRIS BOYLE: LICENSE HOLDERS REPRESENTATIVE

Chris is not just the BIBA licenses holders representative on the BIBA board but also is the main course leader for the APBC Cut/Cornerperson courses.

Chris is one of the UK's top coaches and managers, he has personally developed and managed the careers of two world champions and numerous regional champions.

Chris runs the XBox Academy in Worksop, where he not only trains his burgeoning professional stable of boxers but also develops an amateur team that compete on the Amateur Boxing Alliance circuit.

Team - Officials		
SUPERVISORS	TIME KEEPERS	CHAMPIONSHIP REFEREE - JUDGE
Gianluca Di Caro	Gianluca Di Caro	Ian John-LewisA StarReferee/Judge
Chris Wardrope	Chris Wardrope	Jeff HindsA StarReferee/Judge
Alejandra Ramirez	Gemma Jacobs	Charlie CardonaA StarReferee/Judge
Marianne Marston	Charlie Cardona	Roger BarnorA StarReferee/Judge
Charlie Cardona	Carla Fox	Adrian ThorneA StarReferee/Judge
Jack Way	Steve Tighe	Wayne AlexanderAReferee/Judge
INSPECTORS	Adrian Thorne	Carla FoxAReferee/Judge
Gianluca Di Caro	Nigel Beavan	Lee MurtaghAReferee/Judge
Chris Wardrope	Ken Honnibal	Steve TigheAReferee/Judge
Alejandra Ramirez	Mark Wakefield	Chris KellyAReferee/Judge
Charlie Cardona	Jean Weaver	Jack GoodwinAReferee/Judge
Adrian Thorne	Amy Cardona	Matt ScrivenAReferee/Judge
Caitlin Sullivan	Nicola Scullion	Liam BonnerAReferee/Judge
Fred Little	Kenny Ho	James AncliffAReferee/Judge
Marianne Marston	Scott Phizacklea	Jody MeikleAReferee/Judge
Jennie Boyle	John Pollard	Shane CharlesAReferee/Judge
Terry Clarke		Ben WatkinsonAReferee/Judge
Sarah Cardona		Adam PuttockAJudge
Edward Law		Gianluca Di CaroAJudge
Stephanie May		Julius FrancisAJudge
Kenny Allan		Jean WeaverAJudge
Dave Porter		
Ross Gordan		
Zakaria Hajaji		
Barry Beattie		
Nick Laidman		
Sarah Holdsworth		
Jack Way		



MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD & RINGSIDE MEDICAL TEAM

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) endeavours to ensure that each Medical Officer appointed by BIBA as a Ringside Medical Officer, has thorough knowledge of the most common injuries which can occur during the course of a boxing match.

To assist them in this area, each Medical Officer appointed by the British & Irish Boxing Authority is provided with a copy of the Association Of Professional Boxing Commissions (APBC) Ringside Medical Handbook, which covers all aspects of injuries etc that can occur during competition.

On the day of a tournament, or if a Championship event the day before the tournament, one of the BIBA Medical Officers appointed for an event will attend the official weigh-in.

Following the official weigh-in, each boxer is required to undertake a medical examination and is questioned on his/her medical history. In the cases where the BIBA Medical Officer is unsatisfied about the condition of either boxer, he/she will not sign the medical certificate which would allow the contest to take place. This applies to all boxers whether permanently licensed by BIBA or those from overseas.

No tournament will be allowed to commence without at least one appointed BIBA Medical Officer sitting at ringside, or an ambulance on standby staffed by at least two fully qualified and equipped paramedics.

At least one of the BIBA Medical Officers appointed for a boxing tournament must be practised and qualified in the management of an unconscious or partially conscious patient and in effect this either means a Consultant Anaesthetist or a Consultant in an Accident or Emergency Unit at a hospital or previously had been a Consultant in an Accident or Emergency Unit at a hospital.

Although the Referee is in sole charge of a contest and is the only person authorised to stop a contest, a duly appointed BIBA Medical Officer for an event may be called upon to inspect an injury if so required by the Referee and of his/her own volition may visit a boxer's corner during the one minute interval between rounds should he/she feel there is any cause for concern.

BIBA Medical Officers have the power to impose or extend a medical suspension on a licence regardless of whether or not the boxer has won, lost or drawn the contest.

No boxer is permitted to leave a venue after a contest without having been cleared fit to do so by one of the BIBA Medical Officers in charge.

According to the Regulations of the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA), Medical Officers at BIBA licensed boxing tournaments can only be appointed by BIBA Head Office. This is to ensure that the Medical Officer is fully qualified and conversant with the APBC Ringside Medical Handbook.

In addition the BIBA are able to call upon a number of specialists Consultants, in the UK and Europe, within the fields of neurology, neurosurgery, Psychology, orthopaedic surgery, ophthalmology and cardiology, which ensures that they have the best treatment available for their license holders as well as are able to keep abreast of developments within these specialist areas.

Dr Mark Xuereb uses Infrascanner on boxer Damon Booth to check for possible swelling or bleed on the brain as Paramedic Tea Cekic watches on - Malta September 2017

Team - Medical Advisory Board



Chief Medical Officer:
Professor M.R. Graham MBChB;
JCPTGP; Ph.D; FRSM; MPhysoc;
BASEM; MICR; MCSFS; PC-
CMH; APIL Expert; FSB



Chief Consultant Surgeon:
Mr Ken Park MB ChB; FRCSEd;
MD; CCT general surgery



Chief Sports Psychology Officer:
Distinguished Professor Brad
Donohue BA, Ph.D.



**Regional Chief
Physiotherapy Officer
(Southern Area):**
Mark Heffernan BSc, MCSP



**Professor of Applied
Physiology and Regional
CMO (Wales):**
Professor Bruce Davies Ph.D,
FACSM,



**Professor of Applied
Physiology and Regional
CMO (Scotland):**
Professor Julian S Baker Ph.D,
D.Sc, FPhysiol, FHBA, FRSB,
FICR, C.Biol, C.Sci



**Deputy Regional CMO
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Dr. Rajeev McCrea-Routray
MBChB BMedSci(hons)
DipSportMed (IOC) MFSEM
DCH



**Chartered Performance
Psychologist and Regional
CMO (England):**
Dr. John Pates PhD; Mphil; BA (Jt
Hons), PGCE, PDip.



**Regional CMO (Southern
Region)**
Dr. Yousef Rashid M.D. MB BS
(London 1992) MRCGP DFFP
RCOG



Chief Medical Officer (Malta)
Dr. Mark Xuereb M.D. M.R.C.
Psych.(UK) M.C.E.M.(UK)
M.M.C.F.D.

Team - Ringside Medical Team

RINGSIDE DOCTORS

Professor M. R. Graham
Dr K. Park
Dr. R Routray
Dr Y. Rashid
Dr B Rashid
Dr M. Xuereb
Dr J. Oates
Dr Browne
Dr Rana
Dr L. Eccles
Dr A. Chalue
Dr Johnson
Dr M Pervaiz
Dr A Diamond
Dr R. Sydney
Dr A. Nath
Dr. Wallace
Dr. H. Hepburn
Dr. M. Balavage
Dr L. Riddell
Dr S. Henderson
Dr D. Fallaha
Dr D. Shields
Dr Sunday
Dr Wallace
Dr. C Emorby
Dr. H Rashid
Dr A. Haslett
Dr. S Akpuluonu
Dr A. Carr
Dr Mhaka
Dr D. Tweedie
Dr L. McCulloch
Dr B.M. Michaels
Dr Sonam Sherbaz
Dr Hossain

PARAMEDIC TEAMS

MediSport Paramedics and Doctors
Chasetown First Aid and Medics
Ajuda Paramedics.
ABC Paramedics
PMSMedical Services
A&E Emergency Services
SELKent
Glengormley Ambulance & Rescue
ABC Falkirk
Salop Medical Services
Impact Medical Services
P.A.S. Medical Services
Zed Medical Limited
St John's Ambulance
FAMS Medical
Event Medics Service
OMASS
TAC Healthcare





Teen star Hollie Towl in action against Cara MacLochlainn on the First All Female Professional Boxing event in the UK - Let Battle Commence 'The Lionesses' which was a behind closed doors event during the pandemic and broadcast live on FITE - Aberdeen April 2021

BOXER LICENSING & MEDICAL

The most important category of all, these are the exceptional men and women who compete, without whom, the sport would not exist at all. As such the health and safety of the boxers is the British & Irish Boxing Authority primary concern.

Whilst the British & Irish Boxing Authority, do not have a policy to actively recruit boxers, we are willing to accept applications for licenses. To be eligible for a British & Irish Boxing Authority license, applicants are required to prove a reasonable level of amateur boxing, or other pugilistic sport such as Kick Boxing, experience.

For novice boxers it is also required that a full contact sparring test session, against a licensed boxer of the same weight, to ensure that they have suitable ability to compete.

It is a requirement that applicants undertake a full medical, as well as blood screening, for HIV, Hepatitis C Antigen, Hepatitis B Antigen, Hepatitis B Surface Antibody, on application as well as annually for the duration of their license. It is also a requirement that the applicant undertakes an MRI/MRA scan on application as well as annually for the duration of their license.

To ensure the health and safety of a competitor at an event, the competitor must also undertake a pre-contest medical.

Also that at the conclusion of the bout that the competitor is inspected immediately by the official BIBA Ringside Medical Officer as well as undertake a post-bout medical.

Should a boxer suffers a head injury during a competition, it is imperative that he or she are transported to the nearest neurosurgical unit as rapidly as possible.

To ensure that this is possible the British & Irish Boxing Authority contact the local A&E as well as the nearest Neurological centre to inform them that an event will take place, as well as provide direct telephone contact from the Ringside Medical Officer to the nearest A&E or Neurological unit to ensure that they will be on full alert and expect an injured boxer.

London, UK - 25th May 2023



Press Release: Scan.com become Official Partner of the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA)

Earlier today Gianluca Di Caro, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) announced that medical imaging portal Scan.com has become an Official Partner of the London based Professional Boxing Governing, Sanctioning and Licensing organisation. Following the announcement Mr Charlie Bullock, Co-Founder and CEO of Scan.com spoke briefly about the partnership; “Our partnership with the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) embodies our commitment to making medical imaging accessible for everyone.

“By joining forces with BIBA, Scan.com facilitates an ongoing preventative and diagnostic scanning service for boxers, to make sure that excellence in performance is underpinned by the highest standards of healthcare.

“As we expand globally, we are continuing to build upon our existing roster of partnerships with sports teams, clubs, industry bodies, and their healthcare professionals, so that imaging is always available to support the wellbeing of athletes worldwide.”

BIBA Vice President and CEO Mr Di Caro added; “It’s a true honour to announce that Scan.com have become an Official Partner of the British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) and even more so to announce that Scan.com have been appointed as the official providers of Medical Imaging (MRI/MRA) for BIBA boxers licensing medical requirements.

“As an organisation BIBA has always had a positive and proactive approach with regard to the Medical and Health & Safety aspects of the sport.

“BIBA have a highly qualified, ten strong, Medical Advisory Board headed by Chief Medical Officer Professor M.R. Graham MBChB; JCPTGP; Ph.D; FRSM; MPhysoc; BASEM; MICR; MCSFS; PCCMH; APIL Expert; FSB.

“This exemplary Medical Advisory Board have introduced numerous initiatives and processes to ensure that boxers competing on BIBA sanctioned events receive the highest levels of care, Medical and Health & Safety wise.

“From day one BIBA have led within the field of Head Trauma Awareness and Prevention within the sport, initially by developing the industry leading Association of Professional Boxing Commissions (APBC) Accredited Head Trauma Signs and Symptoms training courses for officials and coaches.

“In 2017 BIBA became the first Commission to have hand held Infra-scanners ringside at professional boxing events, and in 2023 BIBA will become the first to have a mobile MRI/MRA imaging unit on-site at the upcoming Lee McAllister (Assassin Promotions) promoted event at the Rich Energy Arena in Aberdeen on the 3rd June.

“Working closely with Scan.com we are positive will lead to further initiatives and processes that will help reduce the level of head trauma related incidents within our beloved sport.”

About Scan.com UK: <https://uk.scan.com> / US: <https://us.scan.com>

Scan.com’s mission is to make medical imaging accessible for everyone. It offers an appointment booking engine for patients, a portal for referring providers, and an API for digital health partners, across the UK and the USA. Scan.com is reinventing the complex infrastructure underpinning the medical imaging industry, to become the single interface for diagnostic imaging that connects patients and providers. With results delivered in as little as a week, Scan.com significantly streamlines imaging from end to end, reducing waiting times and improving patient care outcomes.

Scan.com was co-founded by clinicians Jasper Nissim and Dr Khalid Latief, who experienced inefficiencies when trying to organise diagnostics for their patients. Teaming up with CEO Charlie Bullock and COO Oliver Knight, they bootstrapped an automated alternative. Scan.com’s 2021 \$2m seed round, co-led by Oxford Capital and YZR, and backed by notable angel investors including Tom Blomfield (ex-Monzo) and Evelyn Bourke (ex-BUPA), launched the company full-time. Supercharged by a subsequent \$2.2m extension in 2022 and a \$12m Series A in 2023, the team is now 30-strong across the UK and US.

BRITISH & IRISH BOXING AUTHORITY BOXER’S MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

All Professional boxers, competing over bouts of 4 x 3 minute or 6 x 2 minute duration and above are required to undertake a full medical, as well as blood screening, eye test and an MRI scan annually.

In the case of a boxer applying for a professional boxers license for the first time a MRI/MRA is required – there is no additional fee for the MRA.

The medical and blood screening can be undertaken by any doctor, including the boxer’s own GP, cost wise this may vary depending on the doctor undertaking the medical, in our experience the cost ranges between £125 (€160) and £250 (€320) maximum

Boxers are required to take photo ID to enable the doctor to verify your identity before undertaking the medical and blood screening, as well as the agreed payment.

The eye test can be undertaken by any high street optician, in our experience the cost ranges between £10 (€13) and £25 (€33).

As above - Boxers are required to take photo ID to enable the optician to verify the identity before undertaking the eye test, as well as payment.

Due to the BIBA having a contract with Scan UK the cost of the MRI or MRI/MRA is reduced to £420 (€485) however for the MRI or MRI/MRA to be at this reduced cost the BIBA head office are required to make the referral, as such when tbooking the boxer must provide head office the following details;

- Full Name
- Address
- Contact No:
- E.Mail Address:
- Date of Birth.

As above - Boxers are required to take photo ID to enable Scan UK to verify identity before undertaking the scans, as well as payment.



Steve Sunners in action against Jose Aguilar -
Liverpool September 2019



HEALTH & SAFETY, MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) are the indisputable industry leader, with regard to boxer Health & Safety.

2016 was a terrible year, head injury wise, in our beloved sport, there were three serious head trauma injuries and one fatality in the UK alone, as such from day one the BIBA board decided to focus on developing health & safety procedures and initiatives in an attempt to try and reduce the number of bleed to the brain injuries in our sport.

In January 2017 BIBA recruited leading head injury specialist and forensic scientist Professor Michael Graham to the BIBA Medical Advisory Board (MAB)

In March 2017 BIBA became the first boxing commission world-wide to introduce the potentially life saving Infrascanners at all events.

In June 2017 BIBA attained accreditation from the Association of Professional Boxing Commissions (APBC) for their industry leading Duty of Care and Head Trauma Signs & Symptoms training modules.

The modules are now standard on all APBC courses including the Referee/Judge, Event Officials, First Aid, Coaches and Corner/Cut Person Courses

In April 2018 BIBA launched a Health & Safety Executive website, that not only covers Health & Safety advice, resources and information for boxers, but also features Mental Health awareness information and resources.

More recently the BIBA MAB team initiated specific research projects into both Head Injuries and Female Concussion as well as began exploring the potential use of telemetric diagnosis to monitor the health and safety of boxers in competition and send to the medical team ringside via desktop, tablet, or a smartphone in real time.

Professor Graham demonstrating the Infrascanner on Jonah Roche from InfraScan - Newport, Wales March 2017



London, UK – 3rd February 2017.

Press Release: Hand Held Infra-Scanners, That Detect Brain Bleeds, Introduced For Professional Boxing Events In The United Kingdom.

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) are set to introduce hand held Infra-Scanners, that can detect Brain bleeds, at events sanctioned by themselves in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

Sky News' Health & Science Correspondent, Thomas Moore, highlighted the benefits of the use of the Infra-Scanners, that can detect brain bleeds with an accuracy of 90%, often before any symptoms such as headaches or confusion become apparent, following the death of Mike Towell last year at an event sanctioned by the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBofC).

In the article Mr. Moore stated “Compulsory brain imaging using Infra-Scanners could be “massive” for boxers who risk death from professional competition.”

On announcing the introduction of Infra-Scanners, that will be available ringside at events sanctioned by them, BIBA Vice President Gianluca Di Caro said. “We are extremely proud to be the first to introduce Infra-Scanners at events in the United Kingdom and Ireland, as we whole heartedly believe having them ringside will significantly prevent further tragedies within our sport.”

Before expanding further and explain what had led to the decision to introduce the use of Infra-Scanners at BIBA events; “Following two major head injury incidents last year, one that resulted in the death of Mike Towell, even though neither were on events sanctioned by ourselves, the BIBA board had decided to actively seek solutions regarding improving the way that injuries such as these can be detected as quickly as possible.

“The first move we made was to appoint renowned forensic sports scientist Professor Michael Graham PhD to our Ringside Medical Officer & Medical Advisory Board.

“Professor Graham led the esteemed team that produced the internationally published papers “Direct Hits to the Head During Amateur Boxing is Associated With a Rise in Serum Biomarkers For Brain Injury” & “Should an Increase in Cerebral Neurochemicals Following Head Kicks in Karate Influence Return to Play?”

“Professor Graham and his esteemed team are currently researching the short-term and long-term effects of head injuries in Rugby as well as preparing, in conjunction with ourselves and a prestigious UK University, a long term research project to assess cognitive function following brain trauma.

“Around the time of the appointment of Professor Graham, our CMO, Dr. Louise Eccles, proposed that we should investigate obtaining Infra-Scanners, as the use of these would massively assist in detecting problems such as a bleed on the brain quickly, especially as there is only a limited amount of time to assess the location of such an injury.

“Following Louise’s advice, I contacted the manufacturers and am extremely proud to say that the initial trial unit will arrive later this month, hopefully in time for the 26th February event in Bradford, that features two ten round International contests.

“We have initially ordered two Infra-Scanners which will be operated by Professor Graham and Dr Eccles at our events, and are aiming to order a further eight units over the coming twelve months, so that every BIBA Ringside Doctor will have an Infra-Scanner available by 2018.

“Both the appointment of Professor Graham and the introduction of Infra-Scanners, are just two pro-active decisions made by ourselves with regard to Boxer Health & Safety, there are more to come, as Professor Graham and another of our Ringside Medical Officer & Medical Advisory Board, Dr Mark Xuereb have also proposed the introduction of further safety measures, one of which is the introduction of Cognitive Testing, which will come into force very soon.

“We believe that Boxer Health & Safety is paramount, as such we will continue researching procedures that can assist us provide the very best medical evaluations possible.”

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) The first Pro Boxing Commission globally to introduce Infrascanners

In March 2017 BIBA became the first professional boxing commission world-wide to introduce the potentially life saving Infrascanners at events sanctioned by themselves.

Infrascanners, which were developed for the American Military for battlefield triage, is a hand-held diagnostic device for head injury and stroke assessment based on Near-Infrared (NIR) technology.

The Infrascanner enables clinicians to effectively, conveniently, and accurately detect intracranial bleeding in patients with head trauma.

Intracranial hematomas are an important and, if detected early, treatable cause of secondary brain injury in patients with head trauma.

Dr. Britton Chance (University of Pennsylvania) and Dr. Claudia Robertson (Baylor College of Medicine) invented the NIR system for detection of brain hematomas and tested it successfully in 305 patients in Baylor.

In January 2013 the FDA authorised use of the Infrascanner Model 2000 (pictured)



Head Trauma Signs & Symptoms

To ensure the highest possible level of Health & Safety for boxers competing on British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) sanctioned events, since September 2018 all BIBA licensed officials and coaches are required to have attended the BIBA Head Trauma Signs & Symptoms Awareness course annually.

It is our belief that it is essential that in order to be able to deliver the highest levels of duty of care to competing boxers on events sanctioned by ourselves that the officials in the ring and ringside, as well as those in the corner of BIBA licensed boxers when competing, are fully aware of the signs of possible head trauma.

When combined with other BIBA initiatives, such as Infra-Scanners ringside, Rehydration Drinks, Weight-Cutting monitoring etc. we believe that these initiatives will ensure that those that compete on BIBA sanctioned events are receiving the highest possible levels of care, Health & Safety wise, in the sport.



Retraining and Support for Retired Boxers

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) believe that it is imperative that procedures are in place to assist boxers when they retire from competing.

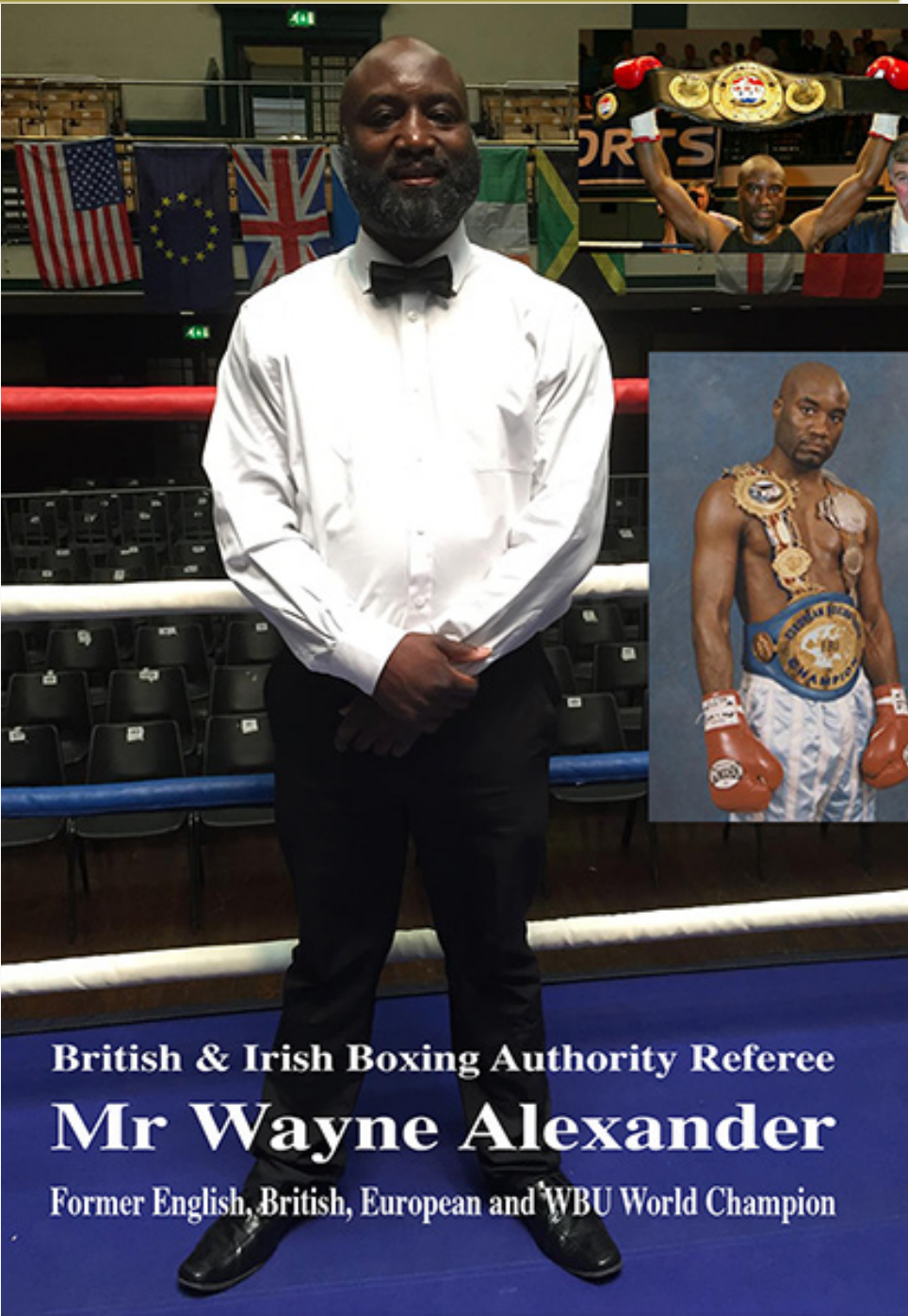
It is a well documented fact that when Athletes from any sport retire that the sudden change of lifestyle, as well as the loss of structure required for competition may cause Mental Health issues, such as depression, anxiety and even drug or alcohol dependency.

As such BIBA have not only introduced a system of retraining retired boxers to be Officials and other roles such as Coaches etc to enable them to remain fully involved in the sport.

But also appointed three eminent Sports Psychologists; Dr John Pates, Professor Julian S Baker and Distinguished Professor Brad Donohue to the BIBA Medical Advisory Board to assist the retired boxers as they make the transition from competing to a non-competitive roles within the sport.

In February 2018 BIBA signed up to the Mental Health Charter for Sport and Recreation and have assembled a Committee, that includes Professor Graham, Professor Baker, Dr Pates and Distinguished Professor Donohue amongst other specialists to create strategies and procedures to assist those in need of support.

Former English, British, European and WBU World Champion Wayne Alexander (pictured) is one such boxer who undertook retraining under the BIBA initiative.



BIBA Health & Safety and Mental Health Resources Website

In April 2018 The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) launched the BIBA Health & Safety Executive website – www.bboxbiba.co.uk – that not only covers Health & Safety advice, resources and information for boxers, but also features Mental Health awareness information and other relevant resources.

Following BIBA signing up to the Mental Health Charter for Sport and Recreation in February 2018 and as part of our action plan we decided to create a specific website to raise Mental Health awareness within the sport.

Whilst it is essential that we get the much needed information and resources available on the very important subject of Mental Health, we believe that we should also include equally important Health & Safety policies, resources and research, especially those that may reduce the potential risks of bleeds to the brain as well as take a serious look at the current rules of the sport to improve the Health & Safety of those that compete.

BIBA HSE Website: www.bboxbiba.co.uk





APBC/BIBA Cut/Corner Person Course leader Chris
Boyle with participants of the course - Worksoop June 2023

OFFICIALS & COACHES TRAINING COURSES

Since 2018 BIBA have regularly hosted APBC training courses, whilst intended for BIBA license holders, virtually every course has attracted officials and/or coaches to attend from over twenty countries as well as other UK organisations (Amateur and Professional)

OFFICIALS

Referee/Judge

Supervisor/Inspector/Official Recorder

Duty of Care

First Aid

Head Trauma Signs & Symptoms

COACHES

Coaching

Cut/Corner Person

Duty of Care

First Aid

Head Trauma Signs & Symptoms

Referee & Judge Courses

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) host the Association of Professional Boxing Commissions (APBC) accredited Referee and Judges courses on a quarterly basis.

The courses, are led by Internationally accredited Championship A Star Class Referee and Judge Ian John-Lewis and BIBA Southern Area Chief Physiotherapy Officer Mark Heffernan BSc, MCSP.

Subjects covered:

- Duty of Care
- Head Trauma Signs & Symptoms
- Rules & Regulations
- What makes a World Class Referee
- Pre-Fight Duties
- Referee Ring Craft
- Judging Guidelines
- Scoring – Incl. 10 Must System
- Fitness for Officials



Association of Professional Boxing Commissions Accredited

REFEREE & JUDGE COURSE

Ashford, Kent - Sunday, 15th October 2023

E.Mail: admin@boxbiba.com - Tel/WhatsApp: +44 (0)7789 364702

Course Leaders:

Ian John-Lewis
Mark Heffernan



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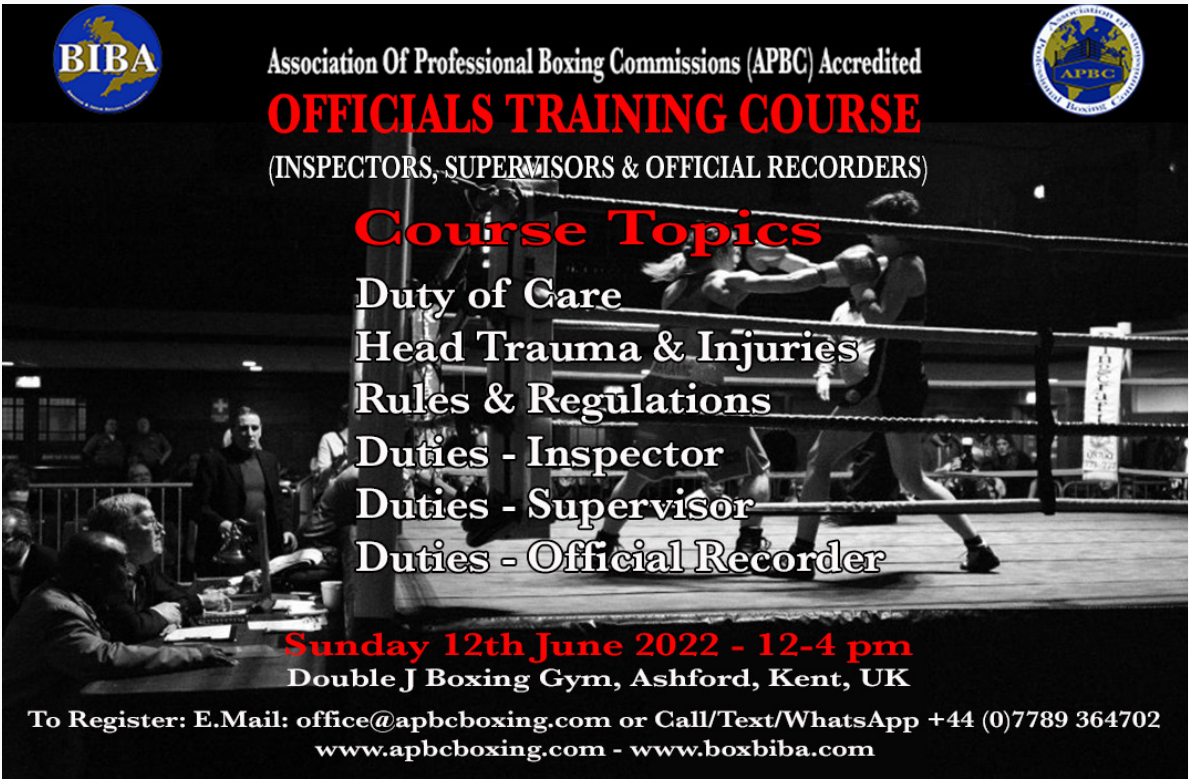
Officials Course

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) host an Association of Professional Boxing Commissions (APBC) accredited Officials (Inspector, Supervisor and Official Recorder) course annually.

This course, which is led by BIBA Vice President Gianluca Di Caro, is essential for Commission and Championship Officials who undertake or are seeking to undertake the roles of Inspector, Supervisor and/or Official Recorder.

Course Topics:

- Duty of Care
- Head Trauma Signs & Symptoms
- Combat Injuries
- Rules & Regulations
- Duties – Inspector
- Duties – Supervisor
- Duties – Official Recorder



 Association Of Professional Boxing Commissions (APBC) Accredited
OFFICIALS TRAINING COURSE
(INSPECTORS, SUPERVISORS & OFFICIAL RECORDERS)



Course Topics

- Duty of Care
- Head Trauma & Injuries
- Rules & Regulations
- Duties - Inspector
- Duties - Supervisor
- Duties - Official Recorder

Sunday 12th June 2022 - 12-4 pm
Double J Boxing Gym, Ashford, Kent, UK

To Register: E.Mail: office@apbcboxing.com or Call/Text/WhatsApp +44 (0)7789 364702
www.apbcboxing.com - www.boxbiba.com

Cut & Corner Person Course

The British & Irish Boxing Authority (BIBA) host Association of Professional Boxing Commissions (APBC) Certified Corner/Cutman Course that are essential for all Coaches and Cornermen. The courses are led by top UK coach/cutman Chris Boyle and take place on a quarterly basis annually.

ALL Coaches are welcome, as these courses are essential for all coaches in our sport whether Pro, Amateur or Unlicensed.

The Cut/Cornerman course covers all aspects from weigh-in to post fight.

Subjects covered:

- Duty of Care
- Head Trauma Signs & Symptoms
- Coaches/Cornermen/Cutman Responsibilities
- Cutman's Tools of the Trade
- Professional Hand Bandaging
- Weight Cutting and Weigh-in
- Working the Corner – Contest and Sparring
- Types of Injuries and Rules Pertaining to Injuries.
- Corner Treatment of Bruising, Swellings and Cuts
- Post Fight



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CUTMAN & CORNERMAN COURSE

Essential, Certified Corner Team Courses

Cutman & Cornerman Course



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Post Fight



When
11:30am - 4pm
Saturday 4th November 2023

Where
Stanley Street Social Club
2 Stanley Street
Workop
Notts S81 7HX

Costs
Course Fees £105.00

To Register E-Mail: admin@boxbiba.com
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