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THE ARMY BOXING ASSOCIATION SECRETARY ANNUAL REPORT 2016

1. 2016 has been an exceptional year for the Army BA with successes in the ring with the Army Boxing Team retaining the Inter Service Championships and exceptional individual successes for Cpl Wroe, a strong entry in to the Army Inter Unit Championships, continued progression of our officials under the stewardship of Capt Roberts and recognition from the Chain of Command for a stalwart of Army Boxing; Maj Retd Jim Coffey receiving a life time achievement award at the Army Sports Awards.

Registration of Boxers / Coaches / Officials

2. To date the Army BA has completed the following registrations;

Service only boxers – 2085

England Boxing Registrations –

Boxers 188

Total Boxer Registrations for 2016 - 2273

Service Only Coaches – 417

Level 1 340

Level 2 77

ABAE Coach 27

Total Coaches registered 444

Coaches qualified

Level 1 267

Level 2 36

Total 303

Service Only Officials 222

ABAE Officials 33

Total Officials registered 255

Affiliation of Units to Army Boxing Association

4. The Army BA affiliated 58 Units to the Army BA for the 2015/16 season.

Certificates of Assurance for Boxing Events

5. The Army BA provide 67 Certificates of Assurance for boxing shows held on military property which equated to 138 days of boxing.

Army Boxing Association Aide Memoire 2016 edition

6. A 2016 edition of the Army BA Aide Memoire was produced and made available to all involved in Army Boxing and has been freely available on the internet the format of this document was changed to make it easier to use by coaches and event planners. The Aide Memoire also includes JSP 950 for the Medical Management of Service Boxing.

Medical Management of Service Boxing

7. The Army BA continue to lead the way across the Services and England Boxing in providing the gold standard in ensuring a safe environment for our competitors. The JSP 950 Leaflet 2-1-1 has been adjusted as necessary and is now signed off by Surgeon General. The cost of Ringside Medical cover for Army Competitions for the season is £95,274 which is equal to £690 in medical costs for every competition.

Championships

7. The Army BA organised and ran 2 very successful championships this season

8. Army Inter Unit Development A Team Championships –

Winners - 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers
Finalists – 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment

9. Army Individual Boxing Championships - Results Attached

Success

10. The Army Boxing Association had an extremely successful season as follows;

Individual honours

Capt Roberts -	Army Official of the Season 2015.
LCpl Ngwenya –	Rising Star award – Army Sports Awards 2015
Cpl Wroe –	England Title Belt - Winner
	England Elite Title – Winner
	GB Elite Title - Winner
Gnr Fillingham –	England Title Belt – Winner
LCpl Turbitt –	England Title Belt – Winner
LCpl Nihell –	England Elite Title – Finalist
	Haringey Box Cup – Winner
LCpl Reid	Scotland Elite Title - Finalist
LCpl Murphy –	Haringey Box Cup - Winner

International appearances

Cpl Wroe England
LCpl Reid Scotland
LCpl Marvin England

Team Honours

Inter Service Champions 2016
Haringey Box Cup Runners Up 2016

Army V England Select – 5 - 3 Winners
Army v Bundeswehr - 8 – 1 Winners

Current Issues

Boxing

Amateur Boxing Alliance of England

11. A breakaway organisation driven by disgruntled members of the Council that was dissolved in 2013 who are upset with the changes to the style and rules of boxing imposed by AIBA has eventually been started over the summer. The major issues with the Alliance are the rule changes that have looked to include professional boxers to the code.

12. Although the Alliance does not directly affect Army Boxing for internal matters it does create confusion for Boxing Officers and Boxers who would wish to train at local gyms “On Duty”. It is trying to ensure that the boxing clubs the soldiers train at are England Boxing registered and any bouts any boxer wish to take part in are England Boxing licensed.

The Vault

13. This is an online registration system implemented by England Boxing, it requires each boxer, coach and official to register and pay online, this is great for communication with the members and ensures parity of membership payments.

Coaching

14. Level 1 Coaching Courses have changed format with a standardised programme, but the payment system for the tutors has also changed meaning that our usual choices for the delivery of such courses is in jeopardy. If a change of tutors does occur a separate presentation will need to be delivered by an Army BA official at local level.

15. The status quo for Level 2 courses remains but a new programme is due to rolled out in the very near future.

Rule Changes

16. AIBA are convening an extra ordinary meeting in November to discuss rule changes to be imposed in 2017, these could be imposed on 1 Jan which is mid season and will be difficult to react to if they are significant.

Payment of Ringside Medical Cover

17. MOD are changing their payment methods with contractors which will affect how Army BA are able to authorise payment for services to providers of paramedic and extra Dr cover. The Secretary is currently working with Army Commercial to establish a system to resolve this and is in discussion with RAFBA and RNBA to try to include their requirements too.

Army Boxing Strategy

18. The Army Boxing Team has worked to a comprehensive Army Boxing Strategy that includes support from the Army Elite Support Programme and Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme. The aim of the strategy is to improve the team performances as a whole but to invest in the potential of the Army Boxing Team to achieve success at International level.

Summary

19. The Army Boxing Association continues to progress in activity at unit level with significant increases across the whole membership, the reputation and exposure of Army Boxing is as good as it has ever been and there are a number of exciting opportunities in the offing for the season 2016 /17.

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