**A-CLASS FIGHTER CONCEPT**

This concept was discussed at the last Executive meeting (Nov 2019) in Pretoria. We will be allowing our A Class Amateurs and our Pro fighters to compete with on another. We will establish an A Class pool of Ring fighters who can compete at a Pro event or an amateur event. These fighters will not be fighting non A-Class pool fighters.

**CONSIDERATIONS FOR THIS APPROACH**

1. Fighters will be getting more regular higher standard competition against a larger pool of fighters.
2. It will prepare our fighters better to compete at the WAKO World Championships which in fact all Pro’s can compete at.
3. Our Pro’s are really not on an international pro standard, I am referring to a credible organization’s standards. This is due to our pro’s just do not get enough fights and international exposure.
4. Our promising amateur will also improve quicker.
5. Taking all major sporting events into consideration such as the Olympics which has never been declared a pro event, but all the top athletes are being paid by their various countries to participate and back tracking them to their various sporting code they are deemed to be professional.
6. Most credible sporting codes world championships are not declared a pro event but everyone participating there are paid. Let’s rather get our fighters on a higher standard to also look good at the WAKO Championships.

**CHALLENGES**

1. There will be people kicking against it because they haven’t attended a WAKO World Championships, or they use the pro status as a recruitment gimmick.
2. The Pro Bill has not yet been passed since and I wonder why. Even the International Boxing Association followed the WAKO concept with the last Olympic Games.
3. If you don’t have someone who is willing to put his money where his mouth is and sponsor our pro’s they will not improve.

**LETS’S BE POSITIVE AND DO SOMETHING TO IMPROVE OUR FIGHTERS.**

I am open for suggestions or positive ideas, not idle promises.

Please give us a ring so that we can discuss it.

Greetings

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