



COMMONWEALTH BOXING COUNCIL – 23RD MAY 2023 CHAMPIONS AND OFFICIAL CONTENDERS.

PLEASE NOTE: Contenders are listed in alphabetical order and not in any order of preference.

GENERAL NOTE : A Champion is required to defend within the time period set against any of the listed contenders in his weight division except in the case where a particular mandatory challenger has been specified, either of such defences to be considered a mandatory defence. Should a Champion wish to defend against a challenger not listed then application must be made to the Hon Secretary of the CBC by him, his manager or a promoter on their behalf. Permission will be granted subject to approval by the CBC of the challenger and such defence will be considered a voluntary defence. The winner will be obliged to make a mandatory defence within the time period specified if this has not already taken place.

Promoters must send copies of contracts to the Hon Secretary together with the appropriate Sanction Fee otherwise the contest may not receive formal sanction.

Commissions, federations and other boxing regulatory/sanctioning authorities receiving this notice are requested to advise all interested parties within their jurisdictions and the local press

Debbie Down
Hon Secretary

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

VACANT

CONTENDERS

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| David Adeleye | England |
| Hemi Ahio | New Zealand |
| Efe Ajagba | Nigeria |
| Dave Allen | England |
| Alexis Barriere | Canada |
| Lucas Browne | Australia |
| Derek Chisora | England |
| Frazer Clarke | England |
| Justis Huni | Australia |
| Anthony Joshua | England |
| Joe Joyce | England |
| Simon Kean | Canada |
| Kevin Lerena | South Africa |
| Demsey McKean | Australia |
| Faiga Opelu | Australia |
| Joseph Parker | New Zealand |

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| Kris Terzievski | Australia |
| Fabio Wardley | England |
| Dillian Whyte | England |

KRIS TERZIEVSKI - Mandatory

CRUISERWEIGHT CHAMPION

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| CHRIS BILLAM-SMITH | England |
| Won Title 23 rd November 2019 | |
| Defended Title 30 th July 2022 | |

CONTENDERS

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| Isaac Chamberlain | England |
| Olanrewaju Durodola | Nigeria |
| Mikael Lawal | Nigeria/England |
| Tommy McCarthy | England |
| Richard Riakporhe | England |
| Ryan Rozicki | Canada |
| Jordan Thompson | England |
| Jason Whateley | Australia |
| Ellis Zorro | England |

CHRIS BILLAM-SMITH to defend against any of the above by 30th September 2023

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

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| DAN AZEEZ | England |
| Won title 17 th December 2022 | |

CONTENDERS

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| Sena Agbeko | Ghana |
| Paulo Aokuso | New Zealand |
| Lyndon Arthur | England |
| Joshua Buatsi | England |
| Mickey Ellison | England |
| Willy Hutchinson | Scotland |
| Callum Johnson | England |
| Jerome Papellone | New Zealand |
| Jean Pascal | Canada |
| Shakan Pitters | England |
| Callum Smith | England |
| Ricky Summers | England |
| Conor Wallace | Australia |
| Clay Waterman | Australia |
| Anthony Yarde | England |

DAN AZEEZ to defend against any of the above by 30th September 2023

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| SUPERMIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION | MARK HEFFRON Won title 16 th July 2022 | England |
| CONTENDERS | Erik Bazinyan Zak Chelli Isaac Chilemba Shakeel Finn Christian Mbilli Padraig McCrory Rohan Murdock Paulinus Ndjolonimu Zach Parker John Ryder Cesar Tapia | Canada England Zambia Canada Canada Northern Ireland Australia Namibia England England Australia |

MARK HEFFRON will defend against ZAK CHELLI on 1st July 2023 at Manchester Arena

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| MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION | HAMZAH SHEERAZ Won Title 26 th November 2022 | England |
| CONTENDERS | Denzel Bentley John Bopape Felix Cash Kieron Conway Brandon Cook Tyler Denny Danny Dignum Chris Eubank Jnr Nathan Heaney Jimmy Kelly Andrei Mikhailovich Bradley Rea Steve Rolls Sukhdeep Singh Bhatti Linus Udofia Patrice Volny Alex Walters Liam Williams Michael Zerafa | England South Africa England England Canada England England England England England New Zealand England Canada India/Canada Nigeria Canada Australia Wales Australia |

HAMZAH SHEERAZ will make a voluntary defence in July and then winner to defend against DENZIL BENTLEY – Mandatory

SUPERWELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION

LOUIS GREENE England
 Won title 26th November 2023

CONTENDERS

Sam Eggington England
 Steve Gago Australia
 Sam Gilley England
 Josh Kelly England
 Roarke Knapp South Africa
 Ben Mahoney Australia
 Koen Mazoudier Australia
 Samuel Nmomah Nigeria
 Joe Pigford England
 Liam Smith England
 Jessie Wilcox Canada
 Troy Williamson England

LOUIS GREENE to defend against SAM GILLEY – Mandatory

Period granted for negotiations, failing agreement being reached then purse will be called in due course

WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION

EKOW ESSUMAN Botswana
 Won title 24th July 2021
 Last defence 21st January 2023

CONTENDERS

Samuel Antwi England
 Lewis Crocker England
 Cody Crowley Canada
 Chris Kongo England
 Frederick Lawson Ghana
 Jabulani Makhense South Africa
 Thulani Mbenge South Africa
 Michael McKinson England
 Cyrus Pattison England
 Harry Scarff England
 Charles Shinima Namibia
 Liam Taylor England
 Josh Wagner Canada

EKOW ESSUMAN will defend against HARRY SCARFF on a date and venue to be confirmed

SUPERLIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION

SAM MAXWELL
 England
 Won title 28th August 2021

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| Mazlum Akdeniz | Canada |
| Adam Azim | England |
| Movladdin Biyarslanov | Canada |
| Jack Catterall | England |
| Steve Claggett | Canada |
| Richard Commey | Ghana |
| O'Hara Davies | England |
| Robbie Davies Jnr | England |
| Youseff Dib | Australia |
| Harlem Eubank | England |
| Mathieu Germain | Canada |
| Sean McComb | Northern Ireland |
| Tyrone McKenna | Northern Ireland |
| Xolisani Ndongeni | South Africa |
| Liam Paro | Australia |
| Lewis Ritson | England |
| Dalton Smith | England |
| Steve Spark | Australia |

SAM MAXWELL will defend against DALTON SMITH on 1st July 2023 in Sheffield

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION

SAM NOAKES
 England
 Won title 26th November 2022
 Defended 15th April 2023bn /b

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| Lucas Bahdi | Canada |
| Mark Chamberlain | England |
| Kane Clarke | Australia |
| Gavin Gwynne | Wales |
| George Kambosos | Australia |
| Lusanda Komanisi | South Africa |
| Reece Mould | England |
| Jeremiah Nakathila | Namibia |
| Sheriff Quaye | Ghana |
| Mohammed Soiumaoro | Canada |
| Jalen Tait | Australia |
| Chann Thonson | Canada |

SAM NOAKES to defend against any of the above by end of September 2023

SUPERFEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION

VACANT

CONTENDERS

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| Felix Ajorn | Ghana |
| Qais Ashfaq | England |
| Zelfa Barrett | England |
| Ibrahim Class Mgender | Tanzania |
| Liam Dillon | England |
| Alex Dilmaghani | England |
| Michael Gomez Jnr | England |
| Paul Fleming | Australia |
| Azinga Fuzile | South Africa |
| Rilwan Oladosu | Nigeria |
| Archie Sharp | England |
| Lunga Sitemela | South Africa |
| Oluwaseun Joseph Wahab | Nigeria |
| Liam Wilson | Australia |

LIAM DILLON v QAIS ASHFAQ for the VACANT TITLE (Dillon Mandatory) at a date and venue to be advised

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION

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| NATHANIEL COLLINS | Scotland |
| Won title 31 st July 2021 | |
| Last defence 10 th March 2023 | |

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| Taiwo Agbaje | Nigeria |
| Nick Ball | England |
| Zolisa Batyi | South Africa |
| Michael Conlan | N Ireland |
| Dana Coolwell | Australia |
| Loreto Dlamini | South Africa |
| Isaac Dogboe | Ghana |
| Raza Hamza | England |
| Ludumo Lamati | South Africa |
| Jeff Magagane | South Africa |
| Peter McGrail | England |
| Thomas Patrick Ward | England |
| Hopey Price | England |
| Josh Warrington | England |
| Leigh Wood | England |

NATHANIEL COLLINS to defend against RAZA HAMZA at a date and venue to be confirmed

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| SUPERBANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION | DENNIS MCCANN | England |
| | Wont title 26 th November 2022 | |
| CONTENDERS | Jack Bateson | England |
| | Andrew Cain | England |
| | Jason Cunningham | England |
| | Liam Davies | England |
| | Sam Goodman | Australia |
| | Mateus Heita | Namibia |
| | Shabaz Masoud | England |
| | Sabelo Ngebinyane | South Africa |
| | Fillipus Nghitumbwa | Namibia |
| | Tony Rashid | Tanzania |
| | Gamal Yafai | England |
| | Khalid Yafai | England |

DENNIS MCCANN to defend against any of the above by 30th September 2023

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| BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION | SEAN MCGOLDRICK | Wales |
| | Won title 10 th February 2023 | |
| CONTENDERS | Paul Butler | England |
| | Fadhili Majiha | Tanzania |
| | Ronald Malindi | South Africa |
| | Lee McGregor | Scotland |
| | Manyo Plange | Ghana |

SEAN MCGOLDRICK to defend against any of the above by 30th September 2023

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| SUPER-FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION | VACANT | |
| CONTENDERS | Ijaz Ahmed | England |
| | Marcel Braithwaite | England |
| | Phumdele Cafu | South Africa |
| | Elton Dharry | Guyana |
| | Ryan Farrag | England |
| | Quaise Khademi | England |
| | Mushin Kizota | Tanzania |
| | Ngxeke Landi | South Africa |
| | Ricardo Malajika | South Africa |
| | Andrew Moloney | Australia |

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| Moruti Mthalane | South Africa |
| Sikho Nqothole | South Africa |
| Prince Patel | England |
| Yanga Sigqibo | South Africa |

MARCEL BRAITHWAITE to box RYAN FARRAG for VACANT TITLE on 9th June 2023 in Liverpool UK

FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION

CONNOR BUTLER
England
Won title 25th February 2023

CONTENDERS

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| Jackson Chauke | South Africa |
| Tommy Frank | England |
| Jay Harris | Wales |
| Harvey Horn | England |
| Immanuel Josef | Namibia |
| Fillemon Nghutenanye | Namibia |
| Galal Yafai | England |

CONNOR BUTLER will defend against MATT WINDLE on 9th June 2023 in Liverpool UK

WINNER to box JAY HARRIS – Mandatory

LIGHT-FLYWEIGHT

MATT WINDLE
England
Won title 8th October 2022

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| Hekkie Budler | South Africa |
| Craig Derbyshire | England |
| Deejay Kriel | South Africa |
| Mpumelelo Tshabalala | South Africa |
| Nhlanhla Tyirha | South Africa |
| Alex Winwood | Australia |

MATT WINDLE v CRAIG DERBYSHIRE (Mandatory)

Period granted for negotiations, failing to reach agreement then purse will be called in due course but taking into account MATT WINDLE contest on 9th June 2023

TO BE NOTED CAREFULLY

1. When a Commonwealth Champion wins a 'World' Championship whether or not recognized by the Council or by any individual Member Federation of the Council the relevant Commonwealth Championship shall automatically be declared vacant. It follows that a Commonwealth Champion cannot lose his Championship as a result of losing a 'World' Championship contest when the opponent would otherwise qualify as an eligible contender.

2. In view of varying medical standards and requirements for boxers throughout the Commonwealth, promoters are urged to ensure that boxers from abroad competing for Commonwealth Titles are capable of meeting the standards of the host governing authority.

3. It is the obligation of the Champion and his manager and/or any promoter with whom they are currently working to meet the defence requirements set by the Council. In the event of difficulty in attracting listed contenders the Council will exercise its reasonable discretion but it will be the obligation of the Champion to ensure that there is Championship activity in the relevant weight division.