



## Kenya Professional Boxing Commission

*Enhancing Professionalism in Boxing*

### **STATEMENT ON THE DISRUPTION OF VURUGU 2 BOXING EVENT**

The Kenya Professional Boxing Commission (KPBC) strongly condemns the disruption that occurred during the Vurugu 2 Boxing Event, which brought proceedings to a halt for nearly 40 minutes and denied boxers, sponsors, fans, officials, and organizers the opportunity to enjoy a professionally organized sporting event.

Boxing events are organized to showcase athletic talent, provide opportunities for fighters, entertain fans, and grow the sport. They must never be turned into platforms for political grandstanding, political flexing, or displays of influence by individuals seeking publicity.

We are deeply concerned by reports that political mobilization and the actions of organized groups contributed to the disruption of a sporting event that required months of planning, financial investment, and sacrifice by athletes and stakeholders.

The greatest victims of such actions are the boxers themselves. Fighters dedicate weeks and months to training, make personal sacrifices, and step into the ring to earn a living and pursue their dreams. Any conduct that undermines their opportunity to compete is unacceptable.

KPBC wishes to make it clear that professional boxing must remain independent of political interference. Politicians are welcome to support sports through sponsorship, legislation, policy advocacy, and investment in sporting infrastructure. However, they must respect sporting regulations and the authority of event organizers.

Going forward, KPBC will review its protocols regarding political attendance and participation at boxing events. Our focus will remain on athletes, sponsors, officials, and genuine stakeholders who contribute positively to the development of the sport.

Recognition at boxing events should be earned through meaningful support for boxing and the welfare of athletes, not through political status or displays of influence.

We therefore call upon all leaders and public figures to respect sporting events and allow athletes to remain the centre of attention. Boxing belongs to the fighters, the fans, and the stakeholders who work tirelessly to develop the sport—not to politicians seeking political mileage.

KPBC remains committed to protecting the integrity of professional boxing and ensuring that future events are conducted in a safe, orderly, and professional environment.

The ring belongs to the boxers. Let sports remain sports.

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