

WBC International Championships

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The current status of the WBC International titles

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Heavy-weight

Zhan Kossobutskiy (Kazakhstan)

Silver champion

Mourad Aliev (France)

Mourad Aliev stopped in nine rounds Ali Kiydin to win the vacant Silver belt. By Universum Box Promotion and Arena Boxing in Ludwigshafen, Germany, February 4th

Bridger-weight

title vacant

Kem Ljungquist (Denmark) reported he will fight for a Heavyweight title of another organization

Silver vacant

Cruiserweight **Yamil Alberto Peralta (Argentina)**

Peralta retained his crown last March 11th against South America's champion Federico Javier Grandone (promoter: Mario Margossian)

Silver champion **Serdar Avci (Turkey)**

Lightheavy **Ezequiel Osvaldo Maderna (Argentina)**

Ezequiel Osvaldo Maderna KO'd in round five previously unbeaten Karol Itauma to win the vacant belt (Jan 28th London).

Silver champion **Silver vacant**

Rostam Ibrahim vs Leon Bunn for the vacant title.

June 3rd by Universum at the Mitsubishi-Electric-Halle - Düsseldorf, Germany

Supermiddle **Ivan Zucco (Italy)**

Ivan will defend his title against UK's Germaine Brown next March 24th in Milan (Italy) against Germaine Brown (UK). Promoter: OPI Since 82 Cherchi's family.

Silver champion **Luka Plantic (Croatia)**

Luka Plantic against Yusuf Kangül (voluntary defence)

June 3rd by Universum at the Mitsubishi-Electric-Halle - Düsseldorf, Germany

Middle **title vacant**

Silver champion **Silver vacant**

Bujar Tahiri -vs- Patrick Wojcicki for the vacant belt

June 3rd by Universum at the Mitsubishi-Electric-Halle - Düsseldorf, Germany

Superwelterweight **Ermal Hadribeaj (Albania)**

Silver champion **Mirko Natalizi (Italy)**

Welterweight **title vacant**

Omar Juarez never defended the title he had won last year

Silver champion **Ekow Essuman (UK)**

Chris Kongo lost by MD12 to Ekow Essuman last January 21st in Manchester. It was previously agreed that our champion would not fight for Essuman's IBF regional belt, only for our title and British and Commonwealth, instead. Essuman is the new champion, but he cannot be rated by the WBC due to his IBF Europe belt.

Superlight **Pierce O'Leary (Ireland)**

Silver champion **Henry Turner (UK)**

Henry Turner retained his Silver belt last February 17th at the York Hall when he stopped in seven rounds Zeus de Armas Hernandez (Spain). Promoter: Queensberry of Frank Warren.

Light weight **Artem Arutyunyan (Armenia-Germany)**

Silver champion **Sam Noakes (UK)**

Sam Noakes has been reported he will defend his belt next April 15th at the CopperBox London by Queensberry. More to come.

Superfeather **Jadier Herrera Montero (Cuba)**

Silver champion **Eduardo Hernandez Perez (México)**

Featherweight **Louie Lynn (UK)**

Silver champion **Davide Tassi (Italy)**

Davide Tassi (unbeaten) KO's in roun ten Jose Antonio Sanchez Romero to win the vacant Silver belt last February 17th in Massa Carrara (Italy).

Superbantam **Liam Davies (UK)**

Silver champion **Andrew Cain (UK)**

Andrew Cain recovered from his training injury and will defend his belt against Ionut Baluta next March 25th in Telford (UK). Promoter: Queensberry (UK) . More to come

Bantamweight **title vacant**

Silver champion **Silver vacant**

Superflyweight **Elton Dharry (Guyana)**

Silver champion **Silver vacant**

Isaac Arias (Venezuela) fought for a title of another organization last February 18th in Argentina and lost on points.

Flyweight **Galal Yafai (UK)**

Yafai will defend his belt next April 8th in San Antonio (Texas) against Mexico's Moises Calleros Garcia. Matchroom will promote.

Silver champion **Silver vacant**

Lightfly Alex Winwood (Australia)

Alex Winwood stopped in round four former champion Tibo Monabesa (Indonesia) to win the vacant title .
March 3rd 2023 Metro City Perth Western Australia Promoter was Dragon Fire Boxing

Silver champion

Hekkie Budler (South Africa)

Straw-weight Reyneris Gutierrez (Nicaragua)

Gutierrez will defend his crown against Alex Winwood next June 16th in Perth

Silver champion

Silver vacant

It was a fantastic 2022 WBC International boxing season, indeed.

Some title bouts, regularly dated and sanctioned, were cancelled at the last moment for various reasons, above all of economic nature or due to injuries.

We counted at least eight title bouts called suddenly off last year.

Perhaps the most striking was the one in Dubai dated December 17th where the vacant lightflyweight championship should have taken place.

The Committee did not find sufficient elements to prove what happened in Dubai.

Another championship we were very happy to see taking place was the one we had approved for the vacant Middleweight Silver title in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

That was supposed to happen at the end of 2022, but the promoters eventually cancel the full event due to unspecified economic reasons.

In any case, forty-six championships promoted last year in every part of the world.

We have already been catapulted into the new season that we believe will see our usual standards confirmed.

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