



Newsletter from the Northern BPA.

5th June 2007.

Dear Colleagues,

Many thanks to those members of the various associations who attended the Open Forum held at Wetherby on 3rd June.

One issue which arose was that of swivel boards which has led to my words being misinterpreted. Under the NJPC rule 14.2 the possibility of swivel boards or boards facing into the ring appears to be blocked. However, there have been suggestions that this rule should be transferred intact into the Newco rule book. My perception is that this could give an opportunity for swivel boards to be introduced. As a consequence I have spoken and written to Robin Grossmith on this issue and was not entirely satisfied by the response. In view of the fact that the Working Group on the Newco rules meets once more on the 7th June it was necessary for me to obtain your views on this issue. The question that I asked was "if the rule to replace 14.2 gave any opportunity for the introduction of swivel boards would this be a deal breaker?" It would have been negligent on my part not to have asked this question. For those who have sought clarification from the RBA what answer could they have expected to receive other than a denial?

With respect to the 'PR' a high profile firm has been appointed to deal with our case.

John Stevenson.
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