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**Listed Sports Events**

Dear [redacted]

The Chairman of the BBB of C Nipper Read and myself have read Chris Smith's letter and the explanation paper forwarded to us carefully and are pleased to find the Board included on the list of consultees concerning the listing of sports events.

While the Board regrets the disappearance, at the moment almost total, of boxing from terrestrial television we do not feel that even major championship contests could truly be added to the list of events on an annual sporting calendar that should be given special treatment.

The world of professional boxing is highly competitive but the contests that attract huge public interest are not planned a year or six months ahead but come about at something like two months notice. Accordingly, it would be very hard to pick out those contests that should be listed.

This does not mean that my Board would be against events such as Wimbledon, The Open Golf, major England soccer matches in the World Cup or the FA Cup Final being protected and not thrown open to the highest bidder with terrestrial television excluded. We would support the fact that there are events that everyone should be able to watch free.

Thank you once again for giving us the opportunity to comment and please contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

*John Morris*

General Secretary