

SA MALE RATINGS ANALYSIS – AUGUST 31, 2026

Heavy Weight

- 1.No Movement

Cruiser Weight

1. Thabiso Mchunu (KZN) WBC Silver vacated the SA title

Light Heavy Weight

1. Tuvia Wewege removed because of inactivity rule
2. Other boxers moved up as Tuvia Wewege vacated the no 1 position

Super Middle Weight

1. Don Juan Van Heerden entered the ratings at no 5 after returning to action since announced premature retirement

Middle Weight

1. Sipiwe Mbhele (KZN) removed from no 1 position because inactivity and No 1 is currently vacant
2. Roarke Knapp (GP) has entered the Middleweight at no 1 after he requested to be moved from Junior Middleweight division.

Junior Middleweight

1. Sivenathi Nolawu (WC) re-entered the ratings after he activated his status by fighting into a draw after he was removed when he was occupying number 3.
2. Morgan Hunter re-entered the ratings after winning his last fight in this new division since he was removed from Middleweight because of 12 months inactivity.

Welter Weight

1. Jabulani Makhense (GP) has been dropped to No 4 after he failed to make the weight whilst challenging for the SA title against Rhonorhono where the fight had to be cancelled.
2. Bonke Duku (GP) Removed because of 12 inactivity.

Junior Welterweight

1. No Movement

Light Weight

1. Oumpie Sebeko(GP) removed as his last last win was 2024 and he had to make way.
2. Philani Mfaku entered the ratings from the space opened by Oumpie Sebeko after he defeated the highly rated Lubabalo Kweyi and extended his unbeaten record to 4 fights

Junior Lightweight

1. Shemeeg Williams (WC) moved up to number 4 after his impressive win
2. Lubabalo Kweyi dropped to number 6 after his recent loss against Mfaku
3. Sikelela Xhatasi (WC) dropped to number 10 as his last win was in 2024

Featherweight

1. Likho Sigaba (EC) moved to number 3 as Bhatyi dropped after his loss against DRC Katompa

Junior Featherweight

1. Lebogang Langa (GP) moved up to number 3 after his impressive win against Ngcamu to win the Gauteng title and extending his record to 8 fights 8 win record with 6 wins by ko
2. Ngcamu dropped to number 9 after his brutal loss to Lebogang Langa

Bantam weight

1. Siza Ngiba (KZN) entered the ratings at no 10
2. Akani Sambu (GP) removed because of inactivity rule and Manzana moved up to no 1 and the other boxers also moved up because of the removal of Sambu

Junior Bantam Weight

1. Nkosinathi Sibiya (KZN) removed from no 1 because of inactivity and Jackson Chauke moved to no 1
2. Emmanuel Kalengui (G) entered the ratings at no 9 with his 4 fights 4 wins as there was an open space in the ratings.

Flyweight

1. Lwando Mtshontshi (WC) entered the ratings at number 10 after his last impressive win against a boxer that was knocking into the ratings Lukhangele Majali who was having a 4 nil record

Junior Flyweight

1. Siyamthanda Wophela moved to mini flyweight and correctly placed after his ko win against George Kandulo
2. Thami Luthuli (KZN) removed because of inactivity
3. Nqaba Dantile moved into number 3 from
4. Tshepo Mokhele (NC) dropped after his disappointment performance in his last 2 fights
5. Xolani Mbatha (KZN) enters at number 9

Mini flyweight

1. Siyamthanda Wophela (GP) moved from junior flyweight to his division after his impressive ko win over George Kandulo.
2. Mpendulo Msimanga moved from number 10 to no 7 after his win against previously rated no 9 Iliwe Mgema
3. Nqaba Dantile moved to Junior Flyweight division
4. Iliwe Mgema removed after his loss and Sivenathi July enters at number 10

In Conclusion, August had an impressive 7 tournaments with one of those being a female only tournament. This is better than other months since April 2026 although a lot of boxers remain inactive with no tournaments from EC. Warrior Ascent and boxing 5 were the most impressive promotions where they ensured that there is more boxing activity in the country.

It remains a concern that many of the KZN contenders are removed from the ratings because of inactivity. Many boxers in that Province choose not to take fights once they get rated especial when they move up on the ratings table as they wait until they lose their ratings. Unfortunately, the Rules and the ratings policy have to be implemented by the committee for consistent application, and the managers of the boxers should ensure that they boxers remains active and not wait for the completion of the 12 months and then approach the committee for lenience.

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