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LUPON SA MGA LARO AT LIBANGAN  
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The Games and Amusements Board as a regulatory body for Philippine Professional Sports has always been looking for ways to improve the condition of our professional athletes specially boxers. Last year we held three (3) Boxing Dialogues in Cebu, Davao and Makati Head Office with all the stakeholders. Discussed thereat among others included post-fight head injury caution, procedure on the availment of free Medical Examinations on the GAB-DOH MOA, dangers of rapid weight reduction by dehydration, rights and privileges of Boxers and the use of mouth guards. We presented why there is a need to wear mouth guards all the time as well as the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of available mouth guards with emphasis on custom-fit mouth guards as one giving the best protection. These topics are reiterated during our regular Gym Inspections coming face to face with Professional Boxers and aspiring Pro-Boxers. We did not indorse any particular type of mouth guard

We are cognizant of the needs of our Professional Boxers fighting abroad that is why there were provisions of additional free Medical examinations and procedures aside from the basic examinations needed for licensure. These include HIV testing, Hepatitis C, MRI/ MRA of the brain, Ophthalmologist clearance and Neurologist Clearance which usually are required by the World Boxing Bodies. Basically these are additional requirements aside from the ECG, Chest X-Ray, Drug Testing, Hepatitis B and CT Scan which are provided by the GAB-DOH MOA. Should these World Boxing Bodies or Commissions require our Boxers to have a Dental Clearance we will ask DOH for its inclusion in our MOA. Incidentally, the GAB-DOH MOA for Free Medicals of Filipino Professional Boxers has been extended for another two (2) years with additional coverage. The renewed MOA now includes Professional MMA Fighters and the basic examination now includes yearly Ophthalmologic clearance. We will consider discussing Dental/Oral Hygiene in connection with our Mouth Guard lecture in our rounds of Gym inspection and to emphasize this in all other Professional Sports as well.