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## “SKOK – FOTOS VAN KINDERS WAT STOEI”

As reported in Rapport dated 17/11/2019

Reported by Hendrik Hancke

With this release, the South African Wrestling Federation (SAWF) would like to distance itself from any possible connection between the so-called “Fighting Kids” club in Bronkhorstspruit and the SAWF that may have arisen as a result of the above-mentioned article

There is no affiliation between any SAWF Wrestling Club or Provincial Wrestling Association and the so-called Fighting Kids Club.

The SAWF’s policy is that all coaches who wish to coach children in a club or at a school must register with the SAWF and comply with the registration requirements. To register, a coach must be in possession of a Police Clearance Certificate before registration can take place. The SAWF has international level coaches who offer clinics and courses on a regular basis to qualify our coaches to coach Olympic wrestling at all levels. Coaches who meet the requirements are issued with a SAWF compliance certificate that is valid for one year only.

The South African Wrestling Federation has a well-developed electronic registration system that can prove whether a person is a registered coach or not, and has the necessary qualifications and valid documentary evidence.

We want to make it absolutely clear that the so-called “Fighting Kids” club is not affiliated with the SAWF, and that the said coach has never been registered with the SAWF, nor has he ever received any recognition or qualification to coach Olympic wrestling.

We recommend that members of the public verify the membership status of wrestlers, coaches and other officials who work with their children on our website - <http://wrestling.org.za/membership-verification/>

The safety and well-being of our members is of utmost importance to us as a management and we want to assure the SA Public that we are doing everything in our power to protect our children from incidents such as these.

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If you need more information on the registration system of coaches in South African Wrestling Federation feel free to contact us to discuss the matter.

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