

Durodola Cleared By WBC Of Doping Allegation

Nigerian-born cruiserweight contender, [Olanrewaju "God's Power" Durodola](#), who defeated Dmitry Kudryashov, the current WBA International cruiserweight champion, has been cleared of [doping](#) allegations made by Russian Anti-Doping Agency.

Durodola emerged to limelight following his upset win over WBC Silver Cruiserweight Championship-winning TKO 2 over highly touted Russian, Dmitry Kudryashov, on November 4 in Russia. Durodola remarked the Russian anti-doping agency tried to take away that what he worked so hard for and added he thanks God the agency was not able to snatch his hard-earned win. The Nigerian-born cruiserweight contender said he is a champion and he did that his fists and not drugs. Durodola added it hurts him when they tried to say he cheated.

The World Boxing Council, in conjunction with an Independent Commission and the World Anti-Doping Agency, ruled after an administrative investigation that RUSADA was non-compliant with proper testing procedures. The 35-year-old Durodola was reaffirmed as the WBC #2 contender. The 2008 Olympian now finds himself in an excellent position to eventually challenge champion Grigory Drozd. After the verdict came in his favor, Durodola remarked it is his dream that he had worked for all his life and commented it was nightmares to have them try to lie and take that away from him. Durodola also agreed to participate in the new WBC Clean Boxing Program.

Under the new WBC Clean Boxing Program, random and mandatory [anti-doping testing](#) of boxers both in-competition and out-of-competition would be provided.

Durodola's promoter, Greg Cohen of Greg Cohen Promotions, said he is pleased that the WBC took control of the situation and acted swiftly and appropriately. Cohen added Durodola was a 25-1 underdog and won in spectacular fashion and this career defining victory can now be thoroughly enjoyed by the entire Durodola team and we are looking forward to a world title opportunity in the immediate future.

Roland Jankelson, Durodola's manager, said it was hard on Olanrewaju Durodola, himself, and the Durodola team as they knew the test results were bogus and used to threaten the bout results and rob Durodola of his victory. Jankelson added the Kudryashov interests immediately rushed to fill the media with these false allegations, violating WBC rules regarding confidentiality requirements and added that Durodola, our team, and he are grateful to the WBC for its thorough investigation and decision declaring the Russian tests flawed. Jankelson also said the WBC has been a leader in the ongoing efforts to eliminate illegal drug use in professional boxing and

Durodola and he wholeheartedly support the WBC's Clean Boxing Program, however, as our just concluded experience demonstrates, protocols must be in place to protect boxers from false allegations of the type employed against Durodola and Wach.

Durodola's manager added that boxers must necessarily subject themselves to foreign jurisdictions, and should be able to be confident in the fairness and neutrality of governing officials in these countries. Jankelson also said these officials and national governing bodies are understandably resistant to oversight, however, our experiences demonstrate the need for improved oversight, and he will engage with the WBC in conversations about how this can be accomplished.