

Tensions flare at BRAVE CF 54 Weigh-Ins as rivals go face-to-face

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Amin Ayoub and Ahmed Amir during the Weigh-Ins

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It's all systems go for all athletes competing at the highly-anticipated BRAVE CF 54 in Konin, Poland on Saturday, September 25th.

All warriors slated to strut their wares on the historic card were given the green light after making weight during the official weigh-in this Friday morning, September 24.

Eyes were on the main event as Amin "Fierceness" Ayoub of

France puts the coveted BRAVE CF Lightweight World Championship on the line against Egyptian challenger Ahmed "The Butcher" Amir.

Ayoub stepped on the scales at 69.85 kilograms, while Amir weighed 70.2 kilograms for the first World Title bout of his ten-year professional career.

Things got really heated when both men engaged in an intense staredown as Ayoub and Amir traded barbs with play-by-play announcer Phil Campbell trying his best to separate the two.

Meanwhile, the grudge match between Muhammad "The Punisher" Mokaev (58.7 KG) and Blaine O'Driscoll (58.65 KG) set for the co-feature attraction slot likewise received its clearance.

But both almost traded blows during the weigh-ins after the

BRAVE CF 54 Full Weigh-in Results

BRAVE CF Lightweight World Championship

Amin Ayoub (69.85 KG) vs. Ahmed Amir (70.2 KG)

Catchweight (58.87 KG)

Muhammad Mokaev (58.7 KG) vs. Blaine O'Driscoll (58.65 KG)

Super Welterweight

Marcin Bandel (79.2 KG) vs. Magomed Ayskhanov (79.8 KG)

Super Lightweight

Marcel Grabinski (75.2 KG) vs. Mihail Kotruta (75.2 KG)

Super Welterweight

Ismail Naurdiev (79.45 KG) vs. Olli Santalahti (79.7 KG)

Women's Strawweight

Ewelina Wozniak (52.4 KG) vs. Samin Kamal Beik (52 KG)

Super Welterweight

Axel Sola (79.3 KG) vs. Wawrzyniec Bartnik (78.8 KG)

Bantamweight

Bilal Tipsaev (61.55 KG) vs. Glenn McVeigh (61.65 KG)

Featherweight

Omar Solomonov (66.2 KG) vs. Rafael Hudson (65.55 KG)

Manchester, England-based Dagestani shoved the Irishman.

On the other hand, the only women's strawweight contest on the show tomorrow night also drew attention as Polish heroine Ewelina Wozniak (52.4 KG) and Samin "The Demon" Kamal Beik (52 KG) of Italy were jawing at each other before they could actually pose in front of the camera.

The rest of the historic card will serve as a showcase for a host of the very best inter-

national talents in the sport, including Marcel Grabinski, Ismail Naurdiev and Marcin "Bomba" Bandel.

BRAVE CF 54 will be broadcasted to more than 150 countries worldwide, and fans can watch via television, computer or mobile device. The full event stream will be available on the BRAVE CF TV website—with some regions excluded. Check your local listings for time and availability. Don't miss the action!

HH Shaikh Khalid renames Bahrain's kickboxing and universities federations

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Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) First Deputy Chairman, Head of the General Sports Authority (GSA) and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa has issued Edict (9) of 2021, renaming Bahrain Kickboxing Federation as Bahrain Kickboxing and Muay Thai Federation.

His Highness also issued Edict (8) of 2021, renaming Bahrain Universities Feder-



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa
atation as Bahrain Schools and Universities Federation.

With BRAVE CF return to Russia on the radar, Bagautinov calls out Torres



Ali Bagautinov in action during a bout (file photo)

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With Velimurad Alkhasov waiting for his opponent in the BRAVE CF Flyweight World Title Tournament since April, the clock is ticking for the scheduled semifinal between Ali Bagautinov and Jose "Shorty" Torres. The "Puncherking" decided to take matters into his own hands and speed things up.

"November! News coming soon. Who's waiting? Jose Torres, stop stealing toys from children and focus on training. This won't be easy for you", he posted on his Instagram account.

Over the last months, Torres and Bagautinov engaged in a hilarious escalation of callouts through social media, with Torres riding a tricycle while challenging Bagautinov, who responded with a video

riding a horse.
"November! News coming soon. Who's waiting? Jose Torres, stop stealing toys from children and focus on training. This won't be easy for you"
ALI BAGAUTINOV

BRAVE CF return to Russia is confirmed but the precise date is yet to be confirmed. The promotion started the 2021 calendar with an event in Russia, BRAVE CF 46. The event took place in Sochi, on January 16, and was headlined by the first-round KO victory of the Super Lightweight champion Eldar Eldarov over the challenger Leonardo "Macarrão" Mafra.

Coaches John Kavanagh and Eldar Eldarov bet over BRAVE CF 54 O'Driscoll vs Mokaev

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The co-main event of the evening between Blaine O'Driscoll and Muhammad Mokaev is already one of the most anticipated bouts of the upcoming BRAVE CF 54 fight card, to be held on September 25 in Poland. But things got even more interesting after the coaches John Kavanagh and Eldar Eldarov agreed upon a bet to spice things up.

Kavanagh is the leader of the prestigious SBG Ireland team in Dublin, which brought up names such as Conor McGregor and Gunnar Nelson. He is also one of the names behind the Irish Amateur team, representing the country at the IMMAF ranks.

Eldar Eldarov is a force of nature both as a fighter and coach. The childhood friend of Khabib Nurmagomedov, who is also, funnily enough, responsible for his only professional loss, is the reigning BRAVE CF Super Lightweight Champion of the world.

Eldarov is also the head coach of the KHK Team in The Kingdom of Bahrain, leading the most successful nation ever in the history of IMMAF, Team Bahrain, to unprecedented results.

Now, these two iconic figures engaged in a bet in which each one of them is backing his protégée. If O'Driscoll wins, El-



Coaches John Kavanagh and Eldar Eldarov shake hands during a BRAVE CF event (file photo)

darov will wear a shirt with "I love Ireland" in it. If Mokaev emerges victorious, it'll be Kavanagh who will appear wearing an "I love Bahrain" shirt. To make matters even more serious, the loser will have to post the result in his social media accounts for the whole world

to see it.
There's yet another layer in this story, a strong gym feud established between SBG Ireland and KHK MMA, which evolved into a rather national rivalry as well.

The last factor is the recent antagonism between Ireland

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and Dagestan in MMA, which arguably reached its peak during the infamous McGregor vs Nurmagomedov fight, both men with close connections to Kavanagh and Eldarov. Such elements, of course, only add more historical relevance.

BRAVE CF 54 takes place on September 25, in Konin, Poland. The event, promoted in association with Galana Exclusive Championship, will be headlined by the Lightweight World Championship bout between Amin Ayoub and Ahmed Amir.

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