

# USA BOXING

# OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

## COMPETITION RULES



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# COMPLIANCE TO THE RULES

These AOB/USA Boxing Competition Rules are the only Competition Rules which USA Boxing Local Boxing Committees, Affiliate Members, boxing members, clubs and boxing family must follow and respect in any of its competitions in accordance to activities at all levels. No USA Boxing Local Boxing Committees, Affiliate Members, and/or clubs may develop its own Technical & Competition Rules.

## DEFINITIONS

**“Advancing Competition”** means a competition where winners advance to another level, i.e. state, regional and national tournaments.

**“AIBA”** means the International Boxing Association;

**“AIBA Competitions”** means all competitions of AOB;

**“Affiliated Organizations”** shall be those not-for-profit sports organizations which meet the requirements of applicable federal law, that register as affiliated organizations and that conduct, on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of athletes to represent the United States in international athletic competition in the sport of AOB, a national program or regular national athletic competition in the sport of AOB.

**“AOB”** means AIBA Open Boxing;

**“AOB Competitions”** means competitions regulated by these AOB Competition Rules;

**“Bout”** means a boxing contest between two Boxers taking place as part of a competition;

**“Boxer”** means any Boxer who participates in a competition and who is registered by USA Boxing; the term Boxer referring to Boxers of both genders;

**“Coach Certification”** means the permission to act as a Coach in USA Boxing Competitions, after the person passes examinations and obtains a certificate granted by USA Boxing;

**“Confederation”** means a group of National Federations, recognized by AIBA and belonging to the same continent;

**“Daily Weigh-In”** means that each entered Boxer is required to weigh-in each day on which this Boxer is due to box to ensure that the actual weight on that day does not exceed the maximum of the Boxer’s registered Weight Category;

**“Delegation”** means participating Team Members including Boxers, Coaches, Team Doctors and Team Managers in any competition;

**“Deputy Supervisors”** means the person or persons who are appointed by USA Boxing to be responsible for all technical related issues in any competition when simultaneously run in one (1) or more rings;

**“Disciplinary and Complaint Rules”** means the rules published by USA Boxing in relation to the general standards of conduct required of a Boxer and/or of any person involved in a USA Boxing Competition, and the sanctions which may be imposed in relation to any breach of such standards of conduct;

**“Draw Commission”** person or persons who will draw R&Js for each Bout in any AOB/USA Boxing competition;

**“Dual Match”** means a competition featuring Boxers from teams representing clubs, organizations or countries;

**“Elite Male Boxer”** means a Male Boxer competing without headgear between ages 19 to 40;

**“Event Organizer”** means the individual who is the host or owner of a USA Boxing sanctioned competition.

**“Field of Play (FOP)”** means the competition area which extends for approximately 20 feet outside the platform of the ring for AOB;

**“General Weigh-In”** means the checking of documents, medical status and weight of any Boxer to ensure that any Boxer meets registered Weight Category prior to the tournament draw;

**“Gloves”** means equipment that is worn on the hands in order to protect them during the competition;

**“Headguard/Headgear”** means equipment that is worn on the head in order to protect it during the competition;

**“Individual Physical Contact Sport”** means any of the following sports in any of their forms: Aikido, Boxing (except AOB, APB and WSB), Cage Fighting, Judo, Ju-jitsu, Karate, Kendo, Kickboxing, K-1, Muaythai, MMA, Sambo, Savate, Sumo, Taekwondo, Wrestling, Wushu and such other sports as may be deemed by AIBA to be an individual physical contact sport;

**“Judge”** means the person who allocates points during a Bout based on each Boxer’s performance on the ring in respect of the USA Boxing Technical Rules and of these AOB/USA Boxing Competition Rules;

**“Local Boxing Committee (LBC)”** means member organizations of USA Boxing that promote and administer AOB and Olympic-style boxing at the local level under the jurisdiction of USA Boxing;

**“Medical Bout Report”** means the forms filled out by the Ringside Doctor post-bout to recommend medical restrictions and/or protective restrictive measures; including the restriction affidavit and incident report forms;

**“Medical Rules”** means the rules published by USA Boxing in relation to the medical standards required to be observed by all registered members of USA Boxing prior to, during and after any competition, as stated in the USA Boxing Medical Handbook;

**“National Federation/USA Boxing”** means any Federation that is admitted into membership of AIBA by the Congress, hence becoming a member of AIBA;

**“National Level Competitions”** means boxing competitions organized and/or sanctioned by a particular National Federation and to which only Boxers that are citizens from that National Federation participate;

**“Non-advancing competitions”** means any competition where the winners do not advance to another competition, tournament or international competition;

**“NTOs”** means National Technical Officials appointed by USA Boxing excluding R&Js such as the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisors, the Referee’s Evaluator, the Judge’s Evaluator, the Draw Commission, the Medical Jury members, the R&J Coordinator, the Equipment Manager, and appointed Tournament Staff;

**“Official Draw”** means the ceremony to draw the Boxers to decide the Bout schedules in each Weight Category;

**“Open Boxer”** means a Boxer who has competed in more than ten (10) USA Boxing Bouts. Said Boxers eleventh (11) Bout will be in the open class. Participants transferring from other striking combat sports will begin competition in the open class.

**“Referee”** means the person who ensures that the USA Boxing Technical Rules and these AOB/USA Boxing Competition Rules are followed by the Boxers during their Bouts in the ring;

**“Rules”** means the Anti-Corruption Rules, Anti-Doping Rules, Disciplinary Rules, Competition Rules, Medical Rules Procedural Rules and Technical Rules;

**“Sanction”** means a certificate of approval issued by USA Boxing for all competitions;

**“Seconds”** means Coaches or Trainers who are certified by USA Boxing and who are allowed to act in the corner of the ring;

**“Seeding”** means the system to ensure the competition Official Draw may have a better balanced competition schedule in order to maintain its attractiveness in competition;

**“Senior Boxer”** means a Male Boxer competing with headgear ages 19 to 40;

**“Supervisor”** means the person who is appointed by USA Boxing to be responsible for all technical related issues in any USA Boxing Competition. A Supervisor may be certified in all AIBA Competitions (AOB, APB and WSB) or only in AOB/USA Boxing Competitions.

**“Team Officials”** means the Team Managers, Coaches and Doctors of a team entered by USA Boxing in any competition but does not include the Boxers;

**“USA Boxing”** means the National Governing Body of the USOC and National Federation of AIBA which governs all Olympic and international boxing in the United States of America;

**“USA Boxing Competitions”** means competitions sanctioned by USA Boxing to include LBC, state, regional, national and international events occurring in the United States of America;

**“World Series of Boxing (WSB)”** means the international boxing league competition known as the World Series of Boxing (or such other name as may replace said name from time to time) comprising multiple Franchisees and taking place once during each competition year.

# RULES FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

## RULE 1. MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

- 1.1. All participants, not limited to athletes, officials, referees, judges, physicians, coaches, team officials, must be currently registered and properly certified and not under any suspension from AIBA and/or USA Boxing to work or compete at any and all competitions.

## RULE 2. CLASSIFICATION OF BOXERS

### 2.1. Age Classification

- 2.1.1. The age of a Boxer is determined using his/her year of birth.
- 2.1.2. Men and women boxers ages 35 to 40 shall declare age classification upon registration with USA Boxing, either as a Senior/Elite or Masters boxer. Rules and regulations pertaining to Masters boxing can be found in Appendix H.
- 2.1.3. Men and Women Boxers between the ages of 19 to 40 are categorized as Elite and Senior Boxers.
- 2.1.4. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 17 to 18 are categorized as Youth Boxers.
- 2.1.5. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 15 to 16 are categorized as Junior Boxers.
- 2.1.6. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 8 to 14 are categorized as Prep Boxers. The age of the Boxers must not be over 14 years old. The range of the ages of the Boxers participating in these competitions must not be more than 2 years (SEE APPENDIX F).
  - 2.1.6.1. Prep Boxers (Girls and Boys) – minimum age 8, using the actual birth year, maximum age 14.
  - 2.1.6.2. Age divisions and weight classes. The Prep program will consist of three age divisions.
    - 2.1.6.2.1. PeeWee Division, ages 8, 9 and 10 years. Only competition at the LBC club/tournament level is allowed, with the exception of non-advancing national tournaments. Advancement to regional or national competition is prohibited.
      - 2.1.6.2.1.1. Pee-Wee Division (local) 8-year-olds can only box 8- and 9-year olds at LBC club events.
    - 2.1.6.2.2. Bantam Division, ages 11-12 years.
    - 2.1.6.2.3. Intermediate Division, ages 13-14 years

### 2.2. Weight Classification

- 2.2.1. For Elite and Senior Men and Youth Boxers (Boys), ten (10) Weight Categories as follow:
  - 2.2.1.1. Weights: 46 kg - 49 kg/108 lbs., 52 kg /114 lbs., 56 kg/123 lbs., 60 kg/132 lbs., 64 kg/141 lbs., 69 kg/152 lbs., 75 kg/165 lbs., 81 kg/178 lbs., 91 kg/201 lbs., 91+ kg/201+ lbs.
- 2.2.2. For Elite Women and Youth Boxers (Girls), ten (10) Weight Categories as follow:
  - 2.2.2.1. Weights: 45 kg - 48 kg/106 lbs., 51 kg/112 lbs., 54 kg/119 lbs., 57 kg/125 lbs., 60 kg/132 lbs., 64 kg/141 lbs., 69 kg/152 lbs., 75 kg/165 lbs., 81 kg/178 lbs., 81+ kg/178+ lbs.
- 2.2.3. For Elite Women, three (3) Weight Categories for the Olympic Games<sup>2</sup> as follow:
  - 2.2.3.1. Weights: 48 kg to 51 kg/112 lbs., 57 kg to 60 kg/132 lbs., 69 kg to 75 kg/165 lbs.
- 2.2.4. For Junior Boxers (Boys and Girls), thirteen (13) Weight Categories as follow:
  - 2.2.4.1. Weights: 44g - 46 kg/101 lbs., 48 kg/106 lbs., 50 kg/110 lbs., 52 kg/114 lbs., 54 kg/119 lbs.,

57 kg/125 lbs., 60 kg/132 lbs., 63 kg/138 lbs., 66 kg/145 lbs., 70 kg/154 lbs., 75 kg/165 lbs., 80 kg/176 lbs. and 80+ kg/176+ lbs.

2.2.4.2. For any USA Boxing competition the event organizer may contest additional weight categories less than the lowest weight category above. Weight categories must be in five (5) pound increments.

2.2.5. For Prep Boxers (Boys and Girls),

2.2.5.1. Pee-Wee Division, ages 8, 9 and 10 years

2.2.5.1.1. Weights: Any beginning weight, with five-pound increments.

2.2.5.2. Bantam Division, ages 11-12 years

2.2.5.2.1. Weights: 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 101, 106, 110, 114, 119, 125, 132, 138, 145 lbs.

2.2.5.3. Intermediate Division, ages 13-14 years

2.2.5.3.1. Weights: 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 101, 106, 110, 114, 119, 125, 132, 138, 145, 154, 165, 176, 176+ lbs. For any USA Boxing competition the event organizer may contest additional weight categories less than the lowest weight category above. Weight categories must be in five (5) pound increments

2.3. Experience of Boxer

2.3.1. Men and Women Boxers between the ages of 19 to 40 are categorized as Elite and Senior Boxers.

2.3.1.1. Men

2.3.1.1.1. With zero (0) to ten (10) Bouts will be a Novice Boxer, at five (5) bouts a Boxer may elect to enter the Open Senior Division, however, once the Boxer declares to be in the Open Senior Division he cannot return to the Novice Division.

2.3.1.1.2. With eleven (11) Bouts must be a Senior Boxer

2.3.1.1.3. With twenty one (21) or more Bouts can elect to compete in the Elite Men's Division

2.3.1.2. Women

2.3.1.2.1. With zero (0) to ten (10) Bouts will be a Novice Boxer

2.3.1.2.2. With five (5) or more Bouts can elect to compete in the Elite Division

2.3.2. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 17 to 18 are categorized as Youth Boxers.

2.3.2.1. With zero (0) to ten (10) Bouts will be a Novice Youth Boxer

2.3.2.2. With five (5) or more Bouts can elect to compete in the Youth Division – Open

2.3.3. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 15 to 16 are categorized as Junior Boxers.

2.3.3.1. With zero (0) to ten (10) Bouts will be a Novice Junior Boxer

2.3.3.2. With five (5) or more Bouts can elect to compete in the Junior Division – Open

2.4. Once a boxer elects to compete in the Elite, Youth or Junior Division, the change must be denoted in the competition passbook.

2.5. Advancing Tournaments

2.5.1. For advancing USA Boxing competitions in the Junior, Youth, Senior, and Elite Women's divisions a Boxer must have a minimum of 5 bouts to enter said competition. This cannot include walk over Bouts, all Bouts must be scored.

2.5.2. For advancing USA Boxing competitions in the Elite Men's division, a Boxer must have a minimum of 20 bouts to enter said competition. This cannot include walk over Bouts, and all Bouts must be scored.

## **RULE 3. ELIGIBILITY OF BOXERS**

### 3.1. Nationality

3.1.1. Any Boxer participating in USA Boxing advancing Competitions must be a citizen of the United States of America either through birth or naturalization.

3.1.2. Any Boxer participating in USA Boxing non-advancing competitions may be of any nationality.

Athlete	Event				
	Club Show	Non-Advancing Tournament	Advancing Tournament not leading to international competition	Advancing Tournament leading to international competition	Box-offs leading to international competition
U.S. Citizen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Permanent Resident	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Refugee Status	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Non-Resident	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Incarcerated	No	No	No	No	No
Foreign Athlete	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

3.1.3. Incarcerated athletes. Inmates are not authorized to register or participate in USA Boxing.

3.1.4. If a Boxer has represented USA Boxing in any AIBA Competition and is also a national of two or more countries simultaneously, this Boxer must select only one National Federation to enter AIBA Competitions. In this case, once the Boxer selects one National Federation, this Boxer must not enter any AIBA Competition as a participant of the changed National Federation for three (3) years.

3.1.4.1. Once a Boxer selects another National Federation other than the United States that Boxer shall not return to compete in any USA Boxing advancing competitions for a period of three (3) years.

3.1.5. For the determination of the three (3) years period, USA Boxing will rely on the AIBA database of all Boxers to trace their competition records. However, until the AIBA database is completed, the nationality must be checked through the Boxer's passport, Boxer's AIBA Competition Record Book and/or membership card and/or any previous AIBA Competition result.

3.1.6. Prior to any USA Boxing National Competition, USA Boxing must confirm the nationality and eligibility of all Boxers. Boxers must present valid proof of citizenship to all National competitions which includes U.S. Birth certificate and or U.S. passport. If not provided at competition registration said Boxer will not compete in competition.

3.1.7. If a complaint on the eligibility of a Boxer is received, the Supervisor must immediately report this to the USA Boxing Executive Director and if an illegibility case is confirmed, the Supervisor must immediately disqualify the Boxer and inform all parties.

3.1.8. If a Boxer's nationality rules are violated, both Local Boxing Committee and the Boxer will be reported to the USA Boxing Judicial Committee.



- 3.1.9. When the nationality is in question, USA Boxing has the right to request the following documents as a proof:
  - 3.1.9.1. Birth Certificate
  - 3.1.9.2. Citizenship Identity Papers, i.e. U.S. Passport
- 3.2. Eligibility of WSB and Non-AIBA Boxers
  - 3.2.1. All WSB Boxers will be allowed to participate in the Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifying Competitions at all levels as well as in designated important competitions.
  - 3.2.2. Any Boxer who enters into a contract, memorandum of understanding, pre-agreement or any other form of agreement, with an entity or individual other than AIBA (or any entity that is an affiliate or subsidiary of AIBA), related to such Boxer's future participation in professional boxing or any other professional combat sport than boxing, will not be eligible to participate in any AOB Competition at any level including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Olympic Games.
- 3.3. Eligibility of Amateur Striking Combat Sports participants
- 3.4. Any Boxer that competes in a non-USA Boxing amateur sanctioned boxing event or in an amateur striking combat sports event is eligible to compete in USA Boxing.
  - 3.4.1. Individuals who have competed in non-USA Boxing sanctioned amateur boxing events of amateur striking combat sports must compete in the Open division of their age division for all USA Boxing sanctioned events.
  - 3.4.2. Such individuals will not be eligible to compete in the Novice division of USA Boxing sanctioned events.
- 3.5. All members that wish to participate in USA Boxing sanctioned events MUST present their USA boxing passbook to the event coordinator, or it's designee, failure to do so will result in not being permitted to enter the competition until such time as participant can present their passbook, or the registration for competition has been closed.

## **RULE 4. MATCHED BOUTS**

- 4.1. Matched bouts are permitted and must be in accordance with weight limitations described as in Appendix F.
- 4.2. Matched bouts are permitted and must be in accordance with age limitations described in Appendix F.
- 4.3. Boxers must always adhere to the competition rules of the lower age division.
  - 3.3.1. No bout may occur with an athlete wearing headgear and an athlete not wearing headgear. Both athletes must adhere to the same competition rules.
  - 3.3.2. Length of rounds: at the lower age category.
- 4.4. One feature bout, excluding Junior and novice competitions, may be permitted on a boxing card with permission from the LBC. The names of the boxers, their weight class and the number of bouts of experience of each boxer must be stated on the Feature Bout Application Form. The following rounds and lengths will be accepted:
  - 4.4.1. Youth Men – four (4), three (3) minute rounds
  - 4.4.2. Youth Women – five (5), two (2) minute rounds
  - 4.4.3. Elite Men – four (4), three (3) minute rounds
  - 4.4.4. Elite Women – five (5), two (2) minute rounds

4. 5. Exhibition bouts are prohibited.

## **RULE 5. MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

5. 1. At the time fixed for the Weigh-In, Boxers must be considered as fit to compete, as outlined in the USA Boxing Medical Handbook.

5. 1. 1. At the Medical Examination and Weigh-In, an up-to-date Boxer's USA Boxing Competition Record Book with correct information must be presented by the Boxer. This Boxer's USA Boxing Competition Record Book, in which the requisite entries must be written by the Officials in charge, must be signed and/or stamped by the Secretary General or Executive Director of the Boxer's National Federation. If a Boxer's AIBA Competition Record Book is not presented by the Boxer at the Medical Examination and Weigh-In, this Boxer will not be allowed to compete at all regional and national competitions.

5.2. At the document check point before the Medical Examination:

5.2.1. Every Woman Boxer aged 18 (eighteen) or older must sign a declaration provided by the Medical Jury certifying that she is not pregnant at that time.

5.2.2. Every Girl Boxer aged under 18 (eighteen) at the start of the relevant competition must provide a declaration signed by:

5.2.2.1. Herself and by one of her parents/legal caretaker certifying that she is not pregnant at that time. It will be the responsibility of National Federations' Team Officials to ensure that girls Boxers under 18 (eighteen) on their respective team bring such declaration to the relevant competition.

5.3. Girls and Women Boxers who fail to sign/ provide a declaration of non-pregnancy will not be allowed to participate in the relevant competition (see Appendix G for the declaration forms to be signed).

## **RULE 6. WEIGH-IN**

6.1. In USA Boxing National Competitions

6.1.1. All entered Boxers must attend the General Weigh-In, as specified by the tournament supervisor.

6.1.2. The duration of the General Weigh-in will be two hours or until completed. The Daily Weigh-in will be one hour or until completed. A Boxer will be allowed to be present at the official scales only once. There will be a zero tolerance on any overweight. All Boxers must weigh-in on the day they box (Daily Weigh-in). A Boxer will be allowed to be present at the official scales only once. There will be a zero tolerance on any overweight.

6.1.3. A boxer will be present at the beginning of the General and Daily Weigh-in. If a boxer is not present when their weight is called, the boxer's passbook shall be held aside until the last weight class for that session is called. The boxer still not present is disqualified. If the boxer fails to make the weight limit, said boxer is disqualified. A Boxer will be allowed to be present at the official scales only once. There will be a zero tolerance on any overweight.

6.1.4. In any case, the time from the end of the General Weigh-In to the start of the first Bout must not be less than six (6) hours. The time from the end of the Daily Weigh-In to the start of the first Bout of the remaining competition days must not be less than three (3) hours.

The Supervisor reserves the right to relax this condition if unavoidable circumstances occur and after consultation with the Chairperson of the Medical Jury.

- 6.1.5. The Weigh-In must be conducted by Officials authorized by the Supervisor.
  - 6.1.6. For the General Weigh-In, the registered Boxer's weight must not exceed the maximum of the Boxer's Weight Category nor be below the minimum of the Boxer's Weight Category. The weight registered at the General Weigh-In on the first day decides the Boxer's Weight Category for the entire competition.
  - 6.1.7. At the Daily Weigh-In, only the maximum weight limit will be controlled, not the minimum weight limit.
  - 6.1.8. A Boxer will be allowed to be present at the official scales only once. There will be a zero tolerance on any overweight than the chosen Weight Category.
  - 6.1.9. At all USA Boxing National Tournaments Medical Examinations will take place prior to Boxers stepping on the scale for the General and Daily Weigh-ins. For LBC and regional competitions it will be the discretion of the Supervisor.
  - 6.1.10. Boxers must be clean-shaved before all Medical Examinations. Beards and moustaches will not be allowed. No type of body piercing and no body accessories will be permitted to be worn during a Bout.
  - 6.1.11. Scale - The weight is the one shown on the scale, the body being naked except for a swimming suit or underwear. When necessary, the Boxer may take off the underwear. Electronic scales must be used for USA Boxing National Competitions. All other competitions must use any type of calibrated scale.
  - 6.1.12. Test scales must be prepared. Test scales used at any competition and official Weigh-In scales have to be of the same manufacture and of the same calibration for USA Boxing National Competitions. For LBC and Regional Competition the test scale and official scale can be one in the same.
  - 6.1.13. The Weigh-In must be conducted by Officials of the same gender.
- 6.2. In Regional and LBC competitions the competition/event Chief of Officials will establish the weigh-in process (General and/or Daily):
- 6.2.1. Time of Weigh-in
    - 6.2.1.1. No Boxer shall be Weighed-in prior to the designated start time of the General or Daily Weigh-in.
  - 6.2.2. Duration of Weigh-in
    - 6.2.2.1. No Weigh-in shall last more than two (2) hours.

## **RULE 7. OFFICIAL DRAW**

- 7.1. The Official Draw must take place as soon as possible after the completion of the Medical Examination and General Weigh-In. It must be completed no less than three (3) hours prior to the first Bout on the first competition day.
- 7.2. The Official Draw will take place on the same day of the General Weigh-in.
- 7.3. One (1) Team Official or Boxer representative is encouraged to attend the Official Draw for confirmation of Boxer entry into the Official Draw.
- 7.4. A Computerized Draw System is to be used in all USA Boxing National Competitions. In case the Computerized Draw System is not working, a manual system may be used.

7.5. Possible Re-Draw - In any case, until the last Weight Category draw is completed, if there is any mistake or unavoidable circumstance taking place, the Supervisor has the right to order that Weight Category draw to be done again.

7.6. Byes - In the event there are more than two Boxers, a sufficient number of byes must be drawn in the first round in order to reduce the number of Boxers in the second round to 2, 4, 8, 16 or 32.

Boxers drawing a bye in the first round will box in the second round, but in the order in which they were drawn.

7.7. The Supervisor must ensure, where applicable, that no Boxer will box twice in the competition before all other Boxers of the same Weight Category have boxed at least once. In special situations, the Supervisor has the right to relax this rule.

## **RULE 8. DURATION AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS**

8.1. In all USA Boxing Elite and Senior Men and Youth Boys competitions, the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of three (3) minutes each.

8.2. In all USA Boxing Elite Women and Youth Girls competitions, the Bouts must consist of four (4) rounds of two (2) minutes each.

8.3. In all USA Boxing Junior Boys and Girls competitions, the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of two (2) minutes each.

8.4. In all USA Boxing Prep Boys and Girls competitions, the Bouts must consist of the following:

8.4.1. PeeWee: the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of one (1) minutes each

8.4.2. Bantam: the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of one (1) minutes each

8.4.3. Intermediate: the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of one and half (1.5) minutes each

<b>Division</b>	<b>No. of rounds</b>	<b>Length of rounds</b>
Elite, Senior & Youth Male Boxers	3	3.0 minutes
Elite & Youth Female Boxers	4	2.0 minutes
Novice	3	2.0 minutes
Junior	3	2.0 minutes
Prep - Intermediate	3	1.5 minutes
Prep - Bantam	3	1.0 minutes
Prep – Pee-Wee	3	1.0 minutes

8.5. For all above listed Competitions, the rest time between rounds is one (1) minute.

8.6. In all USA Boxing novice competitions the bout can consist of up to 3 rounds of up to 2 minutes. Discretion by the LBC event organizers and coaches should be used to determine the duration and number of rounds.

## **RULE 9. PROTESTS**

9.1. A protest must be submitted by the Team Manager or the person with the highest position in the Delegation or Coach of the Boxer no more than 30 minutes after the completion of the Bout.

9.2. A protest during the Finals of a competition must be submitted within 15 minutes of completion of the Bout. The Award Ceremony will be postponed until the results of the evaluation are announced.

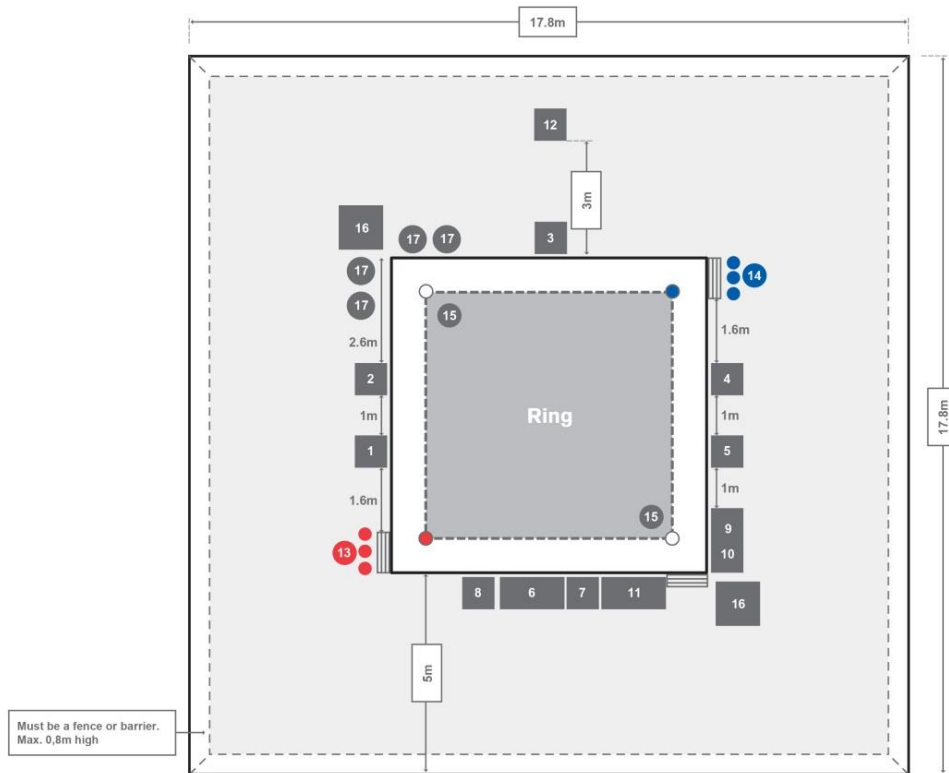
- 9.3. The protest must be made in writing and handed to the Supervisor giving clear reasons for the protest and specifying which rules were violated. The protest must only challenge the performances of the Referee.
- 9.4. No protest against Judges' decisions will be accepted.
- 9.5. The protest fee is \$250.00. An administrative fee of \$100.00 will be deducted from this amount and the remaining amount will be refunded if the protest is upheld. If the protest is rejected, the entire fee will not be returned to the party protesting.
- 9.6. The Supervisor has the right to accept or reject the protest. The Supervisor will inform the parties involved if the protest has been accepted or not. If the protest is rejected before being reviewed, the protest fee will be fully refunded.
- 9.7. The evaluation must be conducted by the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisors if applicable, including Referees' Evaluator, Judges' Evaluator and an Athlete representative immediately after the session is completed.
- 9.8. The Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor must immediately inform both Team Managers and/or athlete's representative verbally and thereafter in writing but no later than the Weigh-In and Medical Examination of the next day.
- 9.9. The Official video recording, provided by the organizer, of the protested Bout may be used in USA Boxing Competitions to analyze the Bout.
- 9.9.1. For any USA Boxing competitions no personal video recordings will be accepted.
- 9.10. Once a decision is determined, it is final and no further review will be allowed.

## **RULE 10. USA BOXING SANCTIONS AND EVENT APPROVALS**

- 10.1. Conditions for a USA Boxing Sanctions and Event Approvals can be found in the USA Boxing Technical Rules (Rule 4.)

## **RULE 11. FIELD OF PLAY (FOP)**

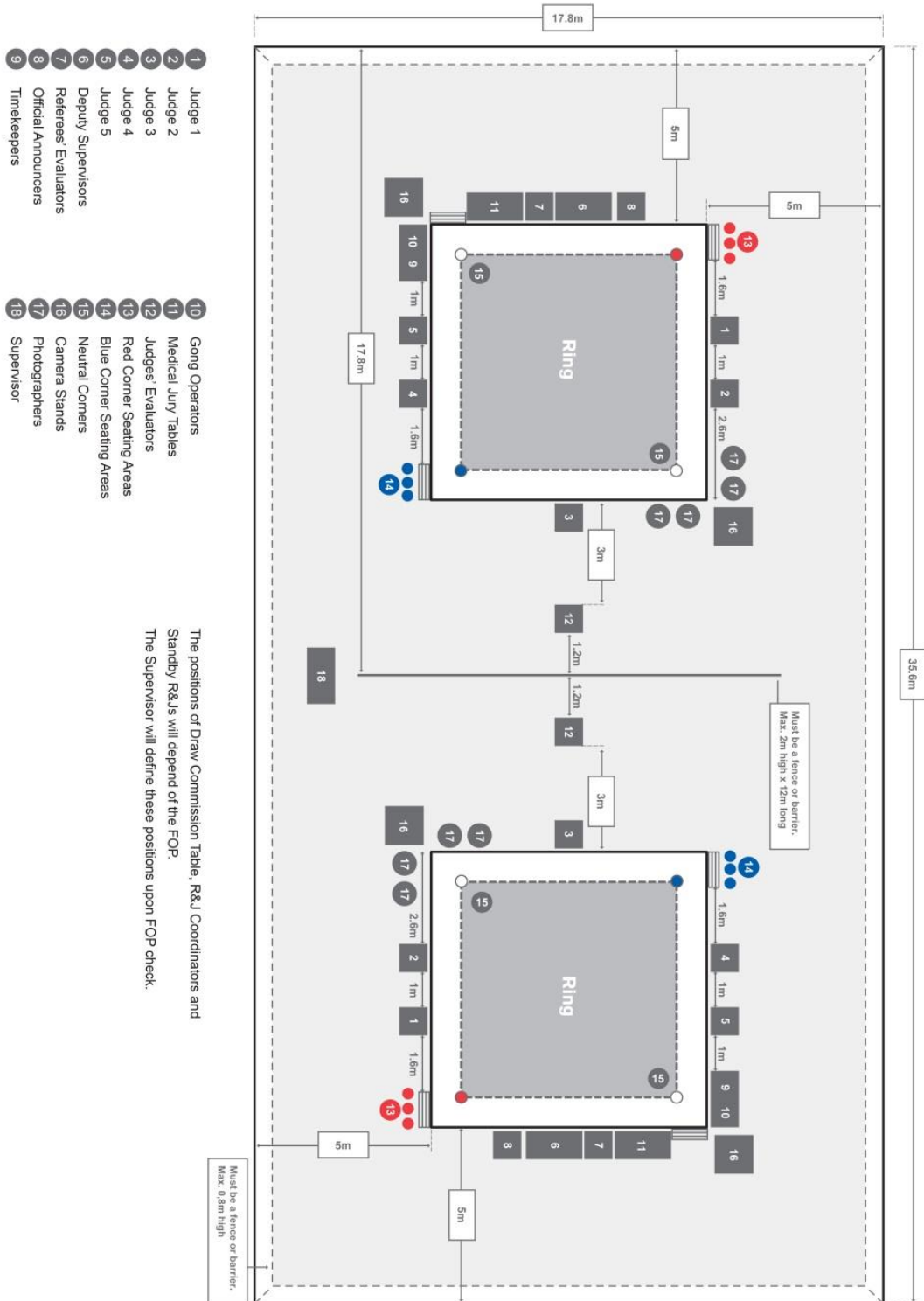
- 11.1 FOP Set Up – One Ring (Next Page)



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| ① Judge 1             | ⑩ Gong Operator            |
| ② Judge 2             | ⑪ Medical Jury Table       |
| ③ Judge 3             | ⑫ Judges' Evaluator        |
| ④ Judge 4             | ⑬ Red Corner Seating Area  |
| ⑤ Judge 5             | ⑭ Blue Corner Seating Area |
| ⑥ Supervisor          | ⑮ Neutral Corners          |
| ⑦ Referees' Evaluator | ⑯ Camera Stands            |
| ⑧ Official Announcer  | ⑰ Photographers            |
| ⑨ Timekeeper          |                            |

The positions of Draw Commission Table, R&J Coordinator and Standby R&Js will depend of the FOP.  
 The Supervisor will define these positions upon FOP check.

## 11.2. FOP Set Up – Two Rings



11.3. FOP Set up - For more than two (2) rings, add additional rings per diagram in 11.2.

#### 11.4. NTO Positions in and around the FOP

11.4.1. The R&J Coordinator must be placed in the same area as the Draw Commission, but, for the avoidance of possible interference, not immediately next to the Draw Commission.

11.4.2. The Equipment Manager's table/Gloving Table must be located at the Boxers' entrance to the FOP.

11.4.3. The Boxers' USA Boxing Competition Record Book Management must be done at the table located nearby the Boxers' exit from the FOP.

#### 11.5. Media Guidelines

11.5.1. If a platform for TV cameras is required during a competition, its length and width must each be of 1 meter. Its height will be determined jointly by the TV production organization and the Competition Manager, subject to the Supervisor's approval.

11.5.2. TV camera operators are only allowed to move around the ring's apron during breaks between rounds and between Bouts.

11.5.3. Each camera operator may have one assistant at the maximum, and this assistant must remain on the floor.

11.5.4. Photographers may be positioned at ringside during competition. They are to remain in a marked area of 1.5 meters from the neutral corner towards Judge 2 and Judge 3.

11.5.5. Only at the end of a Bout are photographers allowed to move around the ring, with the exception of the side where the Supervisor is located.

11.5.6. Microphones may only be attached to the backside of the pads in the neutral corners.

## **RULE 12. USADA ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS**

12.1. USA Boxing conforms to the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) doping code.

12.2. See the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency website for the Anti-Doping Rules. Also see the USADA website for information on Therapeutic Use Exemption Forms. [www.usada.org](http://www.usada.org)

12.3. Also the WADA website is available directly at [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)



# RULES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

## RULE 13. SUPERVISOR

### 13.1. Qualifications & Nomination

13.1.1. The Supervisor must exhibit superior leadership and management skills. For all USA Boxing National Competitions USA Boxing will appoint a Supervisor for the event.

13.1.1.1. For all other USA Boxing competitions the LBC Chief of Officials will act as the event Supervisor or designate another representative.

13.1.1.2. The Supervisor must be a minimum Level II certified referee/judge and maintain proficiency level through USA Boxing criteria.

13.1.1.3. Affiliated Organizations must submit their Supervisor nominee(s) for approval to USA Boxing for all National Competitions.

### 13.2. Decision Making Procedure

13.2.1. The Supervisor will be responsible for all decisions in the FOP.

13.2.2. The Supervisor must make the Official Announcer aware of the name of the Boxer shown as the winner on the computer monitor or score card after the Bout is over.

13.2.3. The Supervisor must watch the scores and performances of the Referees & Judges and immediately suspend any wrongdoing Referee and/or Judge for the rest of the competition day. Then, once the competition is completed, the Supervisor, Referees' Evaluator and Judges' Evaluator must discuss any further recommendation to the Executive Director sanctioning the Referee and/or Judge.

13.2.4. If an Official appointed for a Bout is absent, the Supervisor may appoint a suitable member from the roll of approved Officials to replace the absent member.

13.2.5. If circumstances arise which would affect the holding of a Bout under proper conditions and if the Referee does not take efficient action concerning the situation, the Supervisor may order boxing to cease until it may be satisfactorily resumed.

13.2.6. The Supervisor may also take any immediate action as may be deemed necessary to deal with circumstances that would affect the proper conduct of boxing at any session in consult with the event organizer.

13.2.7. If a Boxer is guilty of a serious and deliberate offence that is contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship, the Supervisor, the Referee and NTOs have the right to disqualify the Boxer and make a recommendation to the Judicial Committee.

13.2.8. The Supervisor, Referees' Evaluator and Judges' Evaluator will be responsible for cautioning, warning and/or removing Seconds.

### 13.3. Duties

13.3.1. The detailed duties of the Supervisor are listed in Appendix A.

## RULE 14. DEPUTY SUPERVISORS

### 14.1 Appointment

14.1.1. USA Boxing may appoint one (1) Deputy Supervisor per ring for the total number of rings for any USA Boxing Competition

#### 14.2. Qualifications

**14.2.1.** The Deputy Supervisor must exhibit superior leadership and management skills. For all USA Boxing National Competitions USA Boxing will appoint a Deputy Supervisor(s) for the event.

**14.2.1.1.** For all other USA Boxing competitions the LBC Chief of Officials will appoint Deputy Supervisor(s).

**14.2.1.2.** The Deputy Supervisor must be a minimum Level II certified referee/judge and maintain proficiency level through USA Boxing criteria.

**14.2.1.3.** Affiliated Organizations must submit their Deputy Supervisor nominee(s) for approval to USA Boxing for all National Competitions.

#### 14.3. Duties

14.3.1. The detailed duties of the Deputy Supervisors are listed in Appendix A.

## **RULE 15. NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (NTOs)**

15.1. USA Boxing will implement National Technical Officials Guidelines and Rules in January 2015.

15.2. Until this date NTOs will be appointed by the Supervisor and approved by USA Boxing for all USA Boxing National Competitions.

#### 15.3. Qualifications

15.3.1. Each NTO must obtain the USA Boxing NTO certification or AIBA ITO certification.

#### 15.4. Definition

All Officials working within the Field of Play (FOP) excluding the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisors, Referees & Judges, Organizing Committee and USA Boxing staff are called NTOs. NTOs consist of the following persons:

15.4.1. Referees' Evaluator

15.4.2. Judges' Evaluator

15.4.3. Draw Commission

15.4.4. Medical Jury Members

15.4.5. Equipment Manager

15.4.6. R&J Coordinator

15.4.7. Other assigned positions by the Supervisor to work within the FOP.

#### 15.5. Nomination & Appointment

15.5.1. USA Boxing Committee members, Chairpersons of USA Boxing Commissions, Technical & Rules Commission members, Refereeing & Judging Commission members and Medical Commission (as outlined in the Medical Handbook) members are the main candidates for an NTO appointment.

15.5.2. For all USA Boxing Competitions, the Supervisor nominates the candidates and the USA Boxing Executive Director approves, appoints and dismisses the NTOs.

## **RULE 16. REFEREES' EVALUATOR & JUDGES' EVALUATOR**

## 16.1. Appointment

16.1.1. For the final U.S. Olympic Games qualifying tournament, the Referees' Evaluator and the Judges' Evaluator must be nominated by the Supervisor and approved by the Executive Director. Nominee must be in good standing with USA Boxing, hold a current Level III certification, has worked two (2) USA Boxing National Competitions within the prior 24 months and has worked at least one (1) USA Boxing National Championships in the last 24 months.

16.1.2. For the USA Boxing National Championships, the Referees' Evaluator and the Judges' Evaluator must be nominated by the Supervisor and approved by the Executive Director. Nominee must be in good standing with USA Boxing, hold a current Level III certification, has worked two (2) USA Boxing National Competitions within the prior 24 months and has worked at least one (1) USA Boxing National Championships in the last 36 months.

16.2. For all USA Boxing National Competitions, one (1) Referees' Evaluator and one (1) Judges' Evaluator per ring must be appointed.

## 16.3. Duties

16.3.1. The detailed duties of the Referees' Evaluator and of the Judges' Evaluator are listed in Appendix A.

# **RULE 17. MEDICAL JURY**

## 17.1. Qualification

17.1.1. At the USAB National Championships Certified Ringside Physicians act as the ringside physicians. Being a Certified Ringside Physician also allows certified physicians to act as ringside physicians at other national level competitions, as well as all lower level competitions.

17.1.2. In emergency situations, the Supervisor with input from the Medical Commission may appoint local or Team Doctors in case other Medical Jury members are not available.

17.1.3. For LBC and regional competitions the event organizer is responsible for coordinating ringside physician coverage as outlined in the USA Boxing Medical Handbook (licensed Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy).

## 17.2. Attendance in Competition

17.2.1. Medical Jury members must be in attendance throughout the competition and may not leave before the end of the last Bout and until Medical Jury members have seen the two Boxers who participated in such Bout. Medical Jury members may wear surgical gloves during the Bout.

## 17.3. Number of Medical Jury Members

17.3.1. There must be one (1) Medical Jury member present per ring at any USA Boxing competition.

## 17.4. Main Duties

17.4.1.1. Medical Jury members may express their opinion on injuries that Boxers have sustained and this opinion must be given when invited to do so by the Referee. This opinion will be considered as final;

17.4.1.2. Medical Jury members must carry out the Medical Examination for Referees & Judges as outlined in the USA Boxing Medical Handbook;

17.4.1.3. Medical Jury members must review the emergency plans of the Event Organizer:

17.4.1.3.1 Check for the presence of oxygen and stretcher, other recovery equipment, evacuation equipment, route of evacuation as required in the USA Boxing Medical Handbook

17.4.1.3.2 For National Events and others of similar nature, confirm that an ambulance is present with EMTs for the duration of competition and location of hospital designated to care for stricken Boxers;

17.4.1.3.2.1 For LBC competitions confirm ambulance and EMT availability as outlined in the USA Boxing Medical Handbook.

#### 17.4.2. Competition Duties

17.4.2.1. At least one member of the Medical Jury must be at ringside for the entire duration of a Bout;

17.4.2.2. Medical Jury members will direct the Referee in evaluating injuries;

17.4.2.3. Medical Jury members may stop the Bout by notifying the Supervisor, mounting the ring apron or notifying the timekeeper to strike the gong/bell, in the case any Boxer appears unable to continue.

#### 17.4.3. Procedure after KO or TKO

17.4.3.1. Unconscious Boxer - If a Boxer is rendered unconscious, then only the Referee and the Doctor summoned must remain in the ring, unless the Doctor needs additional help. In case a Boxer is unconscious for more than one (1) minute, this Boxer must be transported to the nearest hospital (if possible to the neurosurgery department) for further evaluation. Any Boxer with a concussion may be referred to the hospital by the Doctor.

17.4.3.2. Medical Attention - In the case of a Knockout without unconsciousness or in the case of Technical Knockout, the Boxer must be examined by a Doctor immediately afterwards to determine the need and nature of further medical observation and/or hospitalization.

17.4.3.3. Medical Jury members may recommend treatment for injured Boxers.

17.4.3.4. Medical Jury members may suspend and restrict injured Boxers as they feel appropriate.

17.4.3.5. A Medical Jury Member must fill out the Medical Bout Report as defined in the USA Boxing Medical Handbook in the case a restriction period and/or protective restrictive measures have been ordered for the Boxer.

## **RULE 18. COMPETITION MANAGER**

18.1. The Competition Manager is appointed by the USA Boxing Executive Director.

18.1.1. The Competition Manager is responsible to work in accord with the Supervisor to perform the duties that are attached in Appendix A.

## **RULE 19. RULES FOR BOTH REFEREES & JUDGES**

### 19.1. Designation and Neutrality

To ensure neutrality, the names of the Referee and of the Judges for each Bout will be selected by a Computerized Software Program and/or by the Draw Commission.

19.1.1. Each of such Officials must be an approved Referee & Judge.

19.1.2. Referee & Judge neutrality will be observed whenever possible.

19.1.3. In the case the Draw Commission cannot apply the above directives, the difficulty must be resolved by ensuring as far as it may be possible the neutrality and impartiality of the Officials appointed, and the matter must be reported as soon as convenient to the Supervisor.

19.1.4. In the event it is impossible for the Draw Commission to comply with the above directives, the Supervisor must make the final selection.

### 19.2. Conflict of Interest

19.2.1. Referees & Judges must not at any time act as Team Manager, Coach or Second to any Boxer during a National Competition.

### 19.3. Disciplinary Action

19.3.1. A decision on suspension related to Referees or Judges' poor performances in a specific competition will be made by the Supervisor in consultation with the evaluation of the Referees' Evaluator and/or the Judges' Evaluator, if these positions are filled.

### 19.4. Code of Conduct

19.4.1. All Referees & Judges must respect and sign the USA Boxing Code of Conduct (Appendix B).

## **RULE 20. USA BOXING REFEREE & JUDGE MANAGEMENT**

20.1. The entire management system for USA Boxing Referees & Judges is described in the USA Boxing Technical Rules.

# RULES FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

## RULE 21. GLOVES

- 21.1. The construction of the gloves shall be in accordance with the specifications approved by USA Boxing and shall have the USA Boxing or AIBA label in each glove.
- 21.2. Indemnification. The manufacturer shall indemnify and hold USA Boxing harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees arising out of any lawsuits filed against said manufacturer regarding product liability.
- 21.3. In all USA Boxing National Competitions Boxers must use gloves manufactured by one of the AIBA Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.
- 21.3.1. In all Affiliated Organizations, LBC and regional competitions Boxers must use gloves that are AIBA or USA Boxing approved.
- 21.4. Boxers must wear red or blue gloves, as per the respective Boxer's corner.
- 21.4.1. For LBC and regional competitions event organizers may use previously purchased gloves that may adhere to the above rule.
- 21.4.2. All solid red and blue gloves will be mandatory for all USA Boxing sanctioned events by January 1, 2015.
- 21.5. In all USA Boxing Competitions, gloves have to be provided by the event organizer and have to be approved by the Supervisor. Boxers will not be allowed to wear their own gloves.
- 21.6. Boxers must put on their gloves before entering the ring.
- 21.7. Gloves must be taken off immediately after the Bout is over and before the decision is announced.
- 21.8. The padding of the gloves must not be displaced or broken.
- 21.9. Only clean and serviceable gloves must be used.
- 21.9.1. All Gloves must be cleaned using 10% bleach solution before they are used again.
- 21.10. Specifications
- 21.10.1. For USA Boxing Elite Men Competitions:
- 21.10.1.1. Ten (10) oz gloves must be used from the Light Flyweight (49 kg) category to the Light Welterweight (64 kg) category.
- 21.10.1.2. Twelve (12) oz gloves must be used for the Welterweight (69 kg) category to Super Heavyweight (+91 kg) category.
- 21.10.2. For all other USA Boxing Competitions:
- 21.10.2.1. Ten (10) oz gloves must be used.
- 21.10.3. Detailed specifications on gloves can be found in Glove Specifications and Guidelines (Appendix E).

## **RULE 22. HEADGUARDS**

- 22.1. The construction of the headgear shall be in accordance with the specifications approved by USA Boxing and shall have the USA Boxing or AIBA label in each headgear.
- 22.2. Indemnification. The manufacturer shall indemnify and hold USA Boxing harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees arising out of any lawsuits filed against said manufacturer regarding product liability.
- 22.3. In USA Boxing Elite Men Competitions, headgear is no longer allowed.
- 22.3.1.1. For LBC and regional competitions the event organizer may choose to have Boxers compete with or without headgear at said competitions.
- 22.3.1.2. No Bout shall take place with one Boxer competing with headgear and one Boxer competing without headgear.
- 22.4. For all other USA Boxing Competitions such as Senior Men's Competitions, Women's Competitions, Youth and Junior Competitions (Men and Women), the use of a headgear is mandatory.
- 22.4.1. In all USA Boxing National Competitions Boxers must use headgear manufactured by one of the AIBA Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.
- 22.4.1.1.1. In all Affiliated Organizations, LBC and regional competitions Boxers must use headgear that is AIBA or USA Boxing approved.
- 22.4.1.1.2. In all USA Boxing National Competitions, to include Affiliated Organizations National tournaments, only open faced competition headgear, approved by USA Boxing or AIBA, will be permitted.
- 22.4.1.1.3. No training headgear will be allowed in any USA Boxing Competition.
- 22.4.2. Boxers must wear a red or blue headgear, as per the respective Boxer's corner for all USA Boxing National Competitions.
- 22.4.3. Headgear will be provided by the event organizer and will be approved by the Supervisor for all USA Boxing National Championships. Boxers may be permitted to provide their own headgear as long as it meets the approved specifications and approved by the Supervisor.
- 22.4.4. Boxers must put on their headgear only after entering the ring.
- 22.4.5. Headgear must be taken off immediately after the Bout is over and before the decision is announced.
- 22.4.6. All headgear must be cleaned using 10% bleach solution before they are used again.
- 22.5. Specifications
- 22.5.1. Detailed specifications on headgear can be found in Headgear Specifications and Guidelines (Appendix E).
- 22.6. For all Competitions, it is mandatory for Boxers with long hair to use a cap or hair net under their headgear. Hair cannot extend outside the headgear.
- 22.6.1.1. For Elite Men if the length of the hair interferes with the Bout corrective measures must be taken or the bout will be terminated and Boxer disqualified.

## **RULE 23. BANDAGES/HAND WRAPS**

- 23.1. All USA Boxing Bouts must be contested using bandages (gauze or valpeau) that meet the specifications below. If the event organizer provides bandages, then those are the only bandages acceptable for said competition.
- 23.2. Use of Bandages
  - 23.2.1. The Equipment Inspector(s) will sign off directly on the bandage verifying its compliance as outlined below
- 23.3. Specifications
  - 23.3.1. In all categories, the bandage for each hand shall be made of:
    - 23.3.1.1. Gauze Specifications
      - 23.3.1.1.1. a maximum of 15 meters (49 feet) length and 5 centimeters (2 inches) width of Gauze and a maximum of 5 meters (16 feet) length of 10 centimeters (4 inches) width of Gauze.
      - 23.3.1.1.2. Surgeon's Tape: A maximum 5 meters (16 feet) length and 2.50 centimeters (1 inch) width
      - 23.3.1.1.3. In all categories, surgeon's tape, no more than five (5) Millimeters (0.25 inches) wide, may be applied between the fingers.
      - 23.3.1.1.4. A Boxer may apply his bandage to his hands as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the surgeon's tape.
      - 23.3.1.1.5. Gauze padding may be used to cover the knuckles.
    - 23.3.1.2. Valpeau Specifications
      - 23.3.1.2.1. Bandages must not be longer than 4.5m (14.76 feet), and not shorter than 2.5m (8.2 feet).
      - 23.3.1.2.2. Bandages must be 5.7cm (2 ¼ inches) wide.
      - 23.3.1.2.3. Bandages must be made of stretchy cotton material with a Velcro closure.
    - 23.3.1.3. The use of any substance on the bandages is prohibited.

## **RULE 24. COMPETITION UNIFORM AND PROTECTOR**

- 24.1. Boxers must box in light boots or shoes (without spikes or heels), socks (not to be worn higher than knee length).
- 24.2. The length of the shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh, cannot cover the knee and must not be worn above the belt line. The belt line is an imaginary line from the navel to the top of the hips and must not cover the navel.
- 24.3. Boxers must wear a red or blue vest and shorts according to their respective corner allocation. Women Boxers have the option of wearing a skirt instead of shorts.
- 24.4. The belt line of any shorts or skirt must be clearly indicated by a contrasting color and by using a 6-10 cm wide elastic waistband (the belt line is an imaginary line from the navel to the top of the hips).
- 24.5. Boxers will not be allowed to have tape, in any form, on their uniform.
- 24.6. For all Women competitions, a breast protector and a pubic protector may be worn by the Boxers.
  - 24.6.1. Women's breast protectors must be constructed to protect the soft tissue of the breast up to the point that the breast protrusion merges with the chest wall. Breast protectors may not shield any other target area of the body except the protrusion of the breast. Right and left breast protectors, if connected, must be done so by a thin material that does not protect the breastbone. Normal "bra straps" are permitted to hold the protectors in place. Breast protectors must have no metal parts except at the fastening site at the back of the Boxer.



24.7. Referees & Judges must wear only the official coordinated attire, per the request of the event organizer, for Referees & Judges.

24.8. Referees & Judges may use surgical gloves when officiating.

24.9. Detailed specifications on uniforms can be found in Boxers' Uniform Guidelines (Appendix D).

## **Rule 25. AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

25. 1. Affiliated Organizations must submit tournament rules and regulations and sanction to USA Boxing for approval at least 90 days prior to the start of the tournament.

# APPENDIX A - DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

## 1. DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SUPERVISOR

1.1. The Supervisor must arrive at the competition's location prior to the Technical Meeting.

1.1.1. The Supervisor may delegate below duties as deemed appropriate.

1.2. Before the Technical Meeting/Orientation

1.2.1. Together with the Competition Manager, the Supervisor may review:

- a. Structure and transport planning
- b. Accommodation
- c. Food - dining times available
- d. Accreditation
- e. Competition material
- f. Location of training facilities
- g. Location of competition
- h. FOP layout
- i. Security
- j. Scoring system and displays for the public
- k. Lounge for R&Js NTOs
- l. Meeting room
- m. Supervisor Office with computer, printer and Internet
- n. Entry for R&Js and all Officials
- o. Entry for public
- p. Locker rooms
- q. Location of warm-up area
- r. Location of equipment room
- s. Location of room for anti-doping tests
- t. Medical department facilities
- u. Location and layout for the Weigh-In and Medical Examination.

All items above may not be necessary for LBC and regional competitions.

1.3. Technical Meeting/Orientation

1.3.1. The Supervisor will ensure that the Technical Meeting/Orientation is done the day of the Medical Examination and General Weigh-in and preferably at night, to ensure the presence of all participants.

1.3.2. It must be handled together with the Competition Manager.

1.3.3. The Supervisor will ensure that participating delegates and coaches receive all necessary technical and administrative information for the competition as well as:

- a. Confirm the entries of Boxers
- b. Location and time of Weigh-In and Medical Examination
- c. List of documents to be submitted at Weigh-in and Medical Examination
- d. Location and time of the Official Draw
- e. Explanation of the Seeding System
- f. Location and competition schedule
- g. Reminder of important rules such as:
  - g1 No red mouthpiece
  - g2 Belt line different color for the vest and trunk
  - g3 Boxers to be clean shaven without mustaches at Weigh-In (men)
  - g4 Declaration of non-pregnancy at the Weigh-In (women)
  - g5 Number of rounds
  - g6 Maximum Knockdowns and Warnings
  - g7 Headgear to be put on after entering the ring
  - g8 All competition material to be provided by the Organizing Committee
  - g9 No other competition material to be used
  - g10 Weigh-in process
- h. Introduce the Officials who will work at the competition and their functions.

#### 1.4. Meeting with NTOs

- 1.4.1. After the Technical Meeting/Orientation, the Supervisor must meet with NTOs and:
  - a. Explain roles
  - b. Give information about transportation schedules, meetings, competition
  - c. Provide general details.
- 1.4.2. The Supervisor must sign a Code of Conduct.
- 1.4.3. The Supervisor must assign:
  - a. Referees' Evaluator
  - b. Judges' Evaluator
  - c. Draw Commission (min. two (2) persons)
  - d. R&J Coordinator
  - e. Equipment Manager
  - f. Electronic Scoring Operator (if applicable)
- 1.4.4. The Supervisor will inform NTOs of the schedule for the Daily Weigh-In.
- 1.4.5. The Supervisor will inform the Chairman of the Medical Jury about the Medical Examination.

#### 1.5. Medical Examination and Weigh-In (General and Daily)

- 1.5.1. The Supervisor must arrive at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start time.
- 1.5.2. The Supervisor must check if testing scales are indicating the same weight as the official scales.
- 1.5.3. Together with the Competition Manager, the Supervisor will organize the line of Boxers.
- 1.5.4. The Supervisor will distribute the lists of Boxers divided into Weight Categories to the Medical Doctors and Officials, in order for them to check the documents and control the Weigh-In.
- 1.5.5. The Supervisor will authorize the start of the Weigh-in and Medical Examination.
- 1.5.6. The Supervisor may potentially authorize the start of the Weigh-In and Medical Examination before the scheduled start time, but must always respect the scheduled time to complete them.
- 1.5.7. The Supervisor will ensure that the Weigh-In of Women Boxers is done by Officials of the same gender and in a private location.
- 1.5.8. The Supervisor must be on the premises of the Weigh-in and be at all times available to supervise the work and solve potential issues.
- 1.5.9. At the end of the Weigh-In, the Supervisor will collect all sheets signed by Officials responsible for each Weight Category, with the occurred alterations.
- 1.5.10. The Supervisor will deliver Boxers' USA Boxing Competition Record Books to the Competition Manager or Official responsible for them.
- 1.5.11. After the Medical Examination of R&Js, the Supervisor will collect their Record Books with the Medical Doctors.

#### 1.6. Official Draw

- 1.6.1. With the sheets from the General Weigh-In and together with the Competition Manager, the Supervisor must create an appropriate competition schedule.
  - 1.6.1.1. For LBC and regional competitions event organizers will work with the Chief of Officials to create an appropriate competition schedule.

- 1.6.2. When the competition schedule is ready, the Supervisor together with the Competition Manager must conduct the Official Draw for all Weight Categories and give 1<sup>st</sup> day program.

For LBC and regional competitions event organizers will work with the Chief of Officials to complete the Official Draw.

- 1.6.3. The Supervisor will ensure that after the Official Draw, the results of the Official Draw are posted in an area for all participants to review.

## 1.7. Before the Competition

- 1.7.1. The Supervisor must arrive at the Competition Venue at least two (2) hours before the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout.

- 1.7.2. The Supervisor must confirm that the below items are immediately available:

- a. Gloves
- b. Headgear
- c. Bandages/Hand wraps, Gauze/tape
- d. Results sheets
- e. Sheets for the Draw Commission
- f. R&J evaluation sheets
- g. Pads or flags for results in 3 different colors (red, blue and white)
- h. Gloves and headgear on standby at the Supervisor's table.

All items above may not be necessary for LBC and regional competitions.

- 1.7.3. The Supervisor must check the FOP and ensure the location of each NTO.

- 1.7.4. The Supervisor must check the sound, scoring system, stopwatch, computers, printers, etc.

- 1.7.5. The Supervisor will meet with the Chairman of the Draw Commission, Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator for analysis, evaluation and instructions.

- 1.7.6. The Supervisor may temporarily or permanently suspend any R&J if it is obvious that this person has done an insufficient job.

- 1.7.7. If necessary, the Supervisor will meet with R&Js to review the rules, comment on the work of the R&Js but always with the intention of improving performance.

- 1.7.8. The Supervisor will ensure that all Officials are in place fifteen (15) minutes before the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout.

- 1.7.9. The Supervisor must approve R&Js for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout.

- 1.7.10. The Supervisor will confirm R&Js and Medical Jury members five (5) minutes before the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout.

- 1.7.11. The Supervisor will ensure that all new Scoring System updates are downloaded and installed at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the Official Draw.

- 1.7.12. The Supervisor will ensure that the Scoring System is fully operational at the latest two (2) hours before the start of the competition.

## 1.8. During the Session

- 1.8.1. The Supervisor must receive the results of each Bout.

- 1.8.2. The Supervisor must pay attention to the FOP to maintain discipline and order.

- 1.8.3. The Supervisor will not allow photographers or cameramen to disturb the work of Judges.

- 1.8.4. The Supervisor will ensure that the Competition Manager is in direct contact for necessary action.

- 1.8.5. The Supervisor will oversee the Scoring System.

- 1.8.6. The Supervisor must check and sign the R&J draw sheets of each Bout submitted by the Chairman

of the Draw Commission.

#### 1.9. After the Session

- 1.9.1. The Supervisor must receive the schedule for the following day.
- 1.9.2. The Supervisor must receive Boxers' USA Boxing Competition Record Books for Boxers who will compete on the next day.
- 1.9.3. The Supervisor must meet with the Competition Manager to evaluate the day and review possible changes for the next day.
- 1.9.4. The Supervisor must send to the USA Boxing HQs Office all results and photos (if applicable) for all regional and national competitions no more than 24 hours after the completion of the event.
- 1.9.5. At the end of the competition, the Supervisor will sign and deliver to R&Js their Record Books with the total of the Bouts worked.

#### 1.10. Report

- 1.10.1. The Supervisor must send the following documents to the Referee & Judges Commission a maximum forty-eight (48) hours after the Finals:
  - a. General report, then forwarded to USA Boxing National Office
  - b. Evaluations by Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator
  - c. Assessments of the Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator with average of the grades received

#### 1.11. Duties of the Supervisor

- 1.11.1. The Supervisor will ensure that everything and everyone in his/her area of responsibility is available and ready such as: Timekeeper, Medical Jury, Scoring System, gloves and headgear on reserve, pads or flags for results in 3 different colors (red, blue and white), results sheets, manual scoring sheets, Referees' evaluation forms, Judges' Evaluation forms, whistle, pens, volunteers for the ring, water, ring dryer, condition of the ring, sound system, clock, bell, Official Announcer, Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator, R&Js for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout, Boxers for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout.
- 1.11.2. The Supervisor will ensure that R&Js are in the correct positions before the Boxers come to the ring.
- 1.11.3. The Supervisor will ensure that Judges are in the correct positions according to the R&J draw sheets.
- 1.11.4. The Supervisor must allow the start of the Bout only once all checks are completed.
- 1.11.5. The Supervisor will be responsible for checking the behavior of the Seconds, assisted by the Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator.
- 1.11.6. The Supervisor must note the results after each round for reference.
- 1.11.7. At the end of the Bout, the Supervisor will complete the decision sheet and hand it over to the Official Announcer.
- 1.11.8. During the announcement of the winner, the Supervisor will raise the proper color pad or flag.
- 1.11.9. If the Supervisor receives a protest, he/she has the right to accept or reject it.
- 1.11.10. After the session, the Supervisor must start the protest procedure.

## **2. DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DEPUTY SUPERVISORS**

- 2.1. The Deputy Supervisors may take the directions and/or duties of the Supervisor if and when necessary at the Supervisor's request.
- 2.2. The Deputy Supervisors are mainly responsible to manage the activities of the Seconds.
- 2.3. In case of a two or more ring competition, there will be one Supervisor and two or more Deputy Supervisors who will take the same duties as the Supervisor on each ring.

## **3. DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR THE REFEREES' EVALUATOR & JUDGES' EVALUATOR**

- 3.1. The Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator will conduct the R&J pre-session briefings..
- 3.2. The Referees' Evaluator will sit beside the Supervisor.
- 3.3. The Judges' Evaluator will sit behind the Judges 3, on the opposite side of the Supervisor.
- 3.4. The Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator will evaluate the individual scores and performances of Referees & Judges respectively while watching the Bouts in order to evaluate the refereeing and judging abilities of each appointed Referee & Judge.
- 3.5. The Judges' Evaluator will have the responsibility to control the behavior and attitude of the Judges during each Bout including during the rest period between rounds.
- 3.6. The Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator will have the responsibility to review the protest along with the Supervisor.
- 3.7. Every day, the Referees' Evaluator & Judges' Evaluator will meet the Supervisor for analysis and in order to evaluate the Referees & Judges.

## **4. DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DRAW COMMISSION**

- 4.1. The Draw Commission must be formed by two (2) and up to three (3) individuals. One (1) of these persons will be appointed as the Chairman by the Supervisor.
- 4.2. The Draw Commission must have the following knowledge:
  - a. To which city, state, LBC or region participants belongs
  - b. To which city, state, LBC or region each R&J participating belongs for National Competitions
- 4.3. The Chairman of the Draw Commission will meet with the Supervisor to confirm and receive instructions for the appointment of R&Js.
- 4.4. Every day, the Chairman of the Draw Commission will attend the meeting with the Supervisor to receive instructions in case any R&J is suspended, excluded or a suspension lifted.
- 4.5. Twenty (20) minutes before the start of each session, the Draw Commission must prepare the 1<sup>st</sup> two (2) Bouts.
- 4.6. When the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout begins, the Draw Commission must prepare the next two (2) Bouts.
- 4.7. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bout, the Draw Commission must prepare one (1) Bout each time until the end of each session.
- 4.8. The Draw Commission will ensure that an R&J is not named for the second ring at the same time as for the first.

- 4.9. The Draw Commission must always think of neutrality for nominations, consider city, state, LBC and region.
- 4.10. The Draw Commission must never appoint an R&J for a Bout when any of the Boxers is of the same city, state, LBC or region as the R&J, when applicable.
- 4.11. The Draw Commission must not allow other persons to be or congregate around the Draw Commission table, with the exception of the Supervisor when he needs to discuss any appointment.
- 4.12. The Draw Commission must remain at the Draw Commission table until the last Bout of each session.
- 4.13. The appointment of R&Js must be given to the Supervisor for approval.
- 4.14. If a member of the Draw Commission needs be absent from the table, this member must inform the Supervisor.
- 4.15. The Draw Commission must accept the changes proposed by the Supervisor, unanswered.
- 4.16. The Draw Commission will not assign a position to each Judge. It will only notify the 5 Judges'.

## **5. DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR THE REFEREES' & JUDGES' COORDINATOR**

### 5.1. Before each session

- 5.1.1. The R&J Coordinator must arrive in the FOP twenty (20) minutes before the start of each session.
- 5.1.2. The R&J Coordinator will deliver the assignment sheets to:
  - a. The Supervisor
  - b. The Deputy Supervisors, if the competition is run with two (2) or more rings
  - c. The Official Announcer
  - d. The Host Broadcaster
- 5.1.3. Ten (10) minutes before the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout, the R&J Coordinator will call R&Js for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout.
- 5.1.4. The R&J Coordinator will require Judges to randomly select their position around the ring.
- 5.1.5. The R&J Coordinator will inform the Supervisor of the Judges' position around the ring.
- 5.1.6. The R&J Coordinator will inform and show R&Js where they need to wait prior to their schedule Bout.
- 5.1.7. The R&J Coordinator will collect R&J assignment sheets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bout.
- 5.1.8. The R&J Coordinator will repeat the process for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bout.

### 5.2. Remainder of Bouts

- 5.2.1. The R&J Coordinator must complete above sequence for all remaining Bouts.

## **6. DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR THE MEDICAL JURY**

- 6.1. The main duties of the Medical Jury are listed in the Rules for Competition Officials under the Medical Jury. Please refer to the USA Boxing Medical Handbook for more details.

## **7. DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR THE EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

### **7.1. Before the Competition**

- 7.1.1. The Equipment Manager must arrive at the Competition Venue one hour before the start of the competition.
- 7.1.2. The Equipment Manager must check the equipment room and all equipment quality and quantity.
- 7.1.3. The Equipment Manager must check the Equipment Manager's table location and all necessary supplies such as scissors, scotch tape, markers, pens, daily competition schedules
- 7.1.4. The Equipment Manager will meet with the Volunteer Coordinator as well as with volunteers to verify how many are available in order to determine the ways of communication, give all necessary directions and explain all unclear matters.
- 7.1.5. The Equipment Manager must check locker rooms, rings, availability of water bottles for Seconds, ice, availability of daily competition schedule (Bout order), monitors for Seconds, testing scales, gloves and headgear at Supervisor table, etc.

### **7.2. During the Competition**

- 7.2.1. Thirty (30) minutes before the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout, the Equipment Manager must start to verify and check the bandages/hand wraps, gauze/tape of the Boxers.
- 7.2.2. The Equipment Manager must check each Boxer's, gumshield/mouth piece, cup or breast protectors, vest, trunk and the colors of them (if they are adequate to ring's corners).
- 7.2.3. The Equipment Manager must check if Boxers with long hair is not tied with metal hairpins
- 7.2.4. The Equipment Manager will control the first ten (10) Boxers who are going to box in the first five (5) Bouts. After the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bout, the Equipment Manager will control the next two (2) Boxers (sixth pair), etc. The results of this control must be registered.
- 7.2.5. Just before the Bout (before the Boxers enter the FOP), the Equipment Manager must verify the correctness of the entire boxing equipment of the Boxers once more.

### **7.3. General Preparation**

- 7.3.1. The Equipment Manager must be in permanent touch with the Supervisor when officiating in the competition.
- 7.3.2. The Equipment Manager will prepare the following items nearby the Equipment Manager's table:
  - a. 10oz and 12oz gloves with USA Boxing and/or AIBA certification - red and blue, Headgear with USA Boxing and/or AIBA certification - red and blue - different sizes (S,M,L, XL),

All items above may not be necessary for LBC and regional competitions.

## **8. DUTIES OF AND GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPETITION MANAGER**

- 8.1. To oversee the running of the competition and to be the focal person for USA Boxing to contact in relation to competition issues.
- 8.2. To ensure that the competition is organized and conducted in accordance with the USA Boxing Technical Rules and these USA Boxing Competition Rules in coordination with the Supervisor.
- 8.3. To liaise with other functional areas to ensure a coordinated delivery of support services such as



accreditation, security, transport, medical, media, venue operations, venues, host broadcaster and volunteers.

- 8.4. To liaise regularly with the Supervisor, USA Boxing and the event organizer on matters relating to the preparation of the competition.
- 8.5. To report to USA Boxing and the Supervisor on a regular basis on the preparation of the competition.
- 8.6. To establish a list of equipment required for the competition.
- 8.7. To provide a specific sport input into venue planning and operations for all competition and training sites.
- 8.8. To recommend an appropriate organizational structure and appropriate staffing levels for the conduct of the competition.
- 8.9. To train and manage staff and volunteers on a day-to-day basis.
- 8.10. To collaborate with USA Boxing and event organizer regarding the selection and training of the National Technical Officials, if any.
- 8.11. To organize and conduct orientation and briefing sessions for all staff and volunteers prior to the start of the competition.
- 8.12. To ensure all assets of the event organizers assigned to an area are properly secured and maintained.
- 8.13. To ensure all policies and procedures of the event organizers are followed, venue emergency procedures are in place and related issues (e.g. ambulance, discipline, security, working conditions, etc.) are properly enforced, documented and irregularities reported.
- 8.14. To attend all meetings and undertake such liaison as may be necessary as Competition Manager, reporting and taking action as required.

## **9. SUPERVISOR AND NTO CLASSIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION**

- 9.1. Will be established by January 1, 2015.
- 9.2. Rule 10 below sets out the procedures and processes by which someone becomes a National Supervisor/NTO.
- 9.3. In order to become certified as a Supervisor/NTO, applicants must attend a special workshop as well as pass a written test. In order to stay certified on that level, a USA Boxing Supervisor may work as Supervisor in any USA Boxing National Competition. A USA Boxing Supervisor may work as Supervisor in any USA Boxing Competition.

## **10. ELIGIBILITY TO BECOME SUPERVISOR/NTO**

- 10.1. Individuals are eligible to become Supervisors/NTOs if they are:
  - a. USA Boxing Committee Members;
  - b. USA Boxing Commission Members;
  - c. Paid employees of USA Boxing.

## **11. SUPERVISOR/NTO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION**

- 11.1. In USA Boxing Competitions, the Supervisor will evaluate NTOs based on criteria developed by the USA Boxing Technical & Rules Commission and the USA Boxing National Office.
- 11.2. The Supervisor must submit the evaluation results to the USA Boxing National Office who will communicate these results to the Chairman of the USA Boxing Technical & Rules Commission and discuss on a regular basis.
- 11.3. The USA Boxing Executive Director will evaluate Supervisors based on the criteria developed by the USA Boxing Technical & Rules Commission and discuss these with the Supervisors and the Chairman of the USA Boxing Technical & Rules Commission on a regular basis.

## **12. SUPERVISOR/NTO DATABASE**

- 12.1. The USA Boxing National Office will maintain all Supervisor/NTO records on their participation, evaluation and personal information.

## APPENDIX B – USA BOXING CODE OF CONDUCT

### Athlete/Non-Athlete Code of Conduct

#### Outlined below is the USA Boxing Code of Conduct

*I understand that my compliance with the Code is a requirement for my participation in USA Boxing events. I recognize that my participation in this event is an honor. I also recognize that this Code does not establish a complete set of rules that prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior.*

*Further, I:*

1. Will act in a manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
2. Will recognize, respect and adhere to the authority of USA Boxing's appointed coaches and team leaders;
3. Will attend and arrive at all team functions a minimum of 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start, to include meetings, practices, press conferences, competitions, etc. unless excused or otherwise instructed by the team leader or USA Boxing's designee;
4. Will comply with USA Boxing and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) uniform requirements;
5. **Will park my vehicle(if applicable) for the duration of the camp at the US Olympic Sport House;**
6. **Will arrive at camp within the pre-designated % of my competition weight. Weights will be taken the morning of the first scheduled full training day:**
  - a. **One week camp: 2%**
  - b. **Two week camp: 3%**
  - c. **Three week camp: 4%**
    - i. **Consideration**
7. Will adhere to all curfews established by the team leader or USA Boxing's designee;
8. Will maintain an appropriate level of fitness to promote optimal athletic performance;
9. Will make every effort to perform to the best of my abilities;
10. Will refrain from the use of performance-limiting drugs, including, but not limited to, tobacco and alcohol;
11. Will refrain from the use of any personal electronic device while in attendance of training sessions, meetings, and/or study table;
12. Will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Association International de Boxe Amateur (AIBA), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) rules;
13. Will abide by the policies and rules established by USA Boxing, the USOC and AIBA;
14. Will respect others, including my teammates, coaches, competitors, officials and spectators;
15. Will not engage in, nor tolerate, any form of verbal, physical or sexual abuse;
16. Will respect the property of others;
17. Will refrain from profanity and derogatory language that would reflect negatively on myself and USA Boxing;
18. Will refrain from illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of myself and USA Boxing;
19. Will refrain from engaging in any behavior that could detract from my ability, or my teammates' ability, to perform optimally;
20. Will refrain from using any electronic devices during practice, team functions, competition, and curfew hours.
21. Will maintain a positive attitude and act in a way that will bring honor to myself, the team, USA Boxing and the United States of America;
22. Will limit socialization with members of the opposite sex to public areas, exceptions being immediate family members, members of the USA delegation and/or other times as approved by the team leader;

23. Will remember that I am an ambassador for USA Boxing, my country and the Olympic movement;  
and

24. Will cooperate with USA Boxing's grievance process and Judicial Committee requests.

Any member present during any violation of the Code of Conduct should leave the area immediately or be considered a participant by choice.

### *Disciplinary Procedures and Penalties*

*Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct set forth in this document for USA Boxing may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the penalties outlined in this agreement.*

*Penalties could include:*

1. *Temporary or permanent termination of USA Boxing membership.*
2. *Suspension from USA Boxing activities for a specified period.*
3. *For National Team members:*
  - a. *Immediate dismissal from team and return home at athlete's expense.*
  - b. *Withholding of a portion or all of any stipend(s) received from USA Boxing, USOC, etc.*

*Following any proposed disciplinary action by USA Boxing against a member, the member has a right to a hearing by the Judicial Committee, if requested in the statute of limitations and submitted with the filing fee.*

*Any appeal taken for disciplinary action rendered in an emergency hearing shall be to USA Boxing's CEO and will be conducted in accordance with Article XVI, of USA Boxing's 2013 revised Constitution and By-laws.*

### **Acceptance**

I pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code, which offers a general guide to my conduct as a participant in a USA Boxing event. I agree to follow the USA Boxing Grievance Procedures if I am charged with violation of the Code. I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that my acceptance of it, as signified by my signature below, is a condition of my membership in this USA Boxing event.

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Participant Name (*Printed*)

Date

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Participant Name (*Signature*)

# **APPENDIX C – USA BOXING COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

## **1. USA BOXING COMPETITIONS**

- 1.1. A USA Boxing National Competition may not be staged on the same day as another one.
- 1.2. Applications for inclusion on the USA Boxing National Event Calendar must be submitted to the USA Boxing National Office by September of the year preceding the competition.
- 1.3. Rules will apply as follows:
  - 1.3.1. The USA Boxing Technical Rules and these USA Boxing Competition Rules will apply in all USA Boxing Competitions.
  - 1.3.2. Sanction rules and requirements can be found in the USA Boxing Technical Rules (Rule 4.).

## APPENDIX D – BOXERS' UNIFORM GUIDELINES

### 1. VEST AND SHORTS/SKIRT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1.1. Red and blue uniforms, in conjunction with the assigned corner, will be required for all USA Boxing regional and National Competitions.
  - 1.1.1.No nicknames or phrases will be permitted on the competition uniform.
  - 1.1.2.Boxers are permitted to have last name screen printed or embroidered onto the back of the vest.
  - 1.1.3.No adornment may be affixed to the trunks such as metal or plastic objects, sequins, etc.
  - 1.1.4.Boxers (male/female) must wear a sleeveless athletic shirt (singlet or jersey), of a different color from the waistband of the trunks.
  - 1.1.5.Sponsor and/or club logos will be permitted on competition uniform. Slogans must be a part of the sponsor and/or club logo to be included on the competition uniform.
- 1.2. Boxers must wear a pair of loose-fitting trunks that reach halfway down the thigh, no lower than the knees. The trunks must provide a waistband of a different color than the athletic shirt.
  - 1.2.1.Trunks cannot have fabric that is partially attached and therefore able to flap with the movement of the Boxer. This includes “gladiator/thai” type trunks, fringe, and tassels.
  - 1.2.2.Boxers are permitted to have their last name embroidered onto competition trunks as long as it is a different color from the competition vest.
  - 1.2.3.Male Boxers are not permitted to wear skirts.
- 1.3. Boxers are not permitted to wear additional apparel other than the competition uniform into the ring or upon completion of the Bout while in the ring, before the announcement of the winner.
- 1.4. If USA Boxing provides competition uniforms for event finals, those competition uniforms must be worn by all Boxers.
- 1.5. No tape of any kind will be permitted on the competition uniform.

# **APPENDIX E – GLOVES AND HEADGUARD SPECIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

## **1. GLOVES**

- 1.1. The construction of the gloves shall be in accordance with the specifications approved by USA Boxing and shall have the USA Boxing or AIBA label in each glove.
- 1.2. Indemnification. The manufacturer shall indemnify and hold USA Boxing harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees arising out of any lawsuits filed against said manufacturer regarding product liability.

## **2. HEADGEAR**

- 2.1. The construction of the headgear shall be in accordance with the specifications approved by USA Boxing and shall have the USA Boxing or AIBA label in each headgear.
- 2.2. Indemnification. The manufacturer shall indemnify and hold USA Boxing harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees arising out of any lawsuits filed against said manufacturer regarding product liability.

## APPENDIX F –WEIGHT CATEGORIES AND DIVISION REFERENCE CHART

Rule	Pee Wee	Bantam	Intermediate	Junior	Youth Men	Senior Men	Elite Men	Masters	Youth Women	Elite Women	
<b>Age</b>	8, 9, 10	11, 12	13, 14	15, 16	17, 18	19 to 40	19 to 40	35 and Up	17, 18	19 to 40	
<b>Weight Categories</b>	100 and under 5lbs.increments, 101, 106, 110, 114, 119, 125, 132, 138, 145, 154, 165, 178 +	100 and under 5lbs.increments, 101, 106, 110, 114, 119, 125, 132, 138, 145, 154, 165, 178 +	100 and under 5lbs.increments, 101, 106, 110, 114, 119, 125, 132, 138, 145, 154, 165, 178 +	100 and under 5lbs.increments, 101, 106, 110, 114, 119, 125, 132, 138, 145, 154, 165, 178 +	108, 114, 123, 132, 141, 152, 165, 178, 201, 201+	108, 114, 123, 132, 141, 152, 165, 178, 201, 201+	108, 114, 123, 132, 141, 152, 165, 178, 201, 201+	108, 114, 123, 132, 141, 152, 165, 178, 201, 201+	106, 112, 119, 125, 132, 141, 152, 165, 178, 178+	106, 112, 119, 125, 132, 141, 152, 165, 178, 178+	
<b># of Rounds/Min</b>	3 Rds. 1 Min	3 Rds. 1 Min	3 Rds. 1.5 Min	3 Rds. 2 Min	3 Rds. 3 Min	3 Rds. 3 Min	3 Rds. 3 Min	3 Rds. up to 2 Min	4 Rds. 2 Min	4 Rds. 2 Min	
<b>Count Limits Round/Bout</b>	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	3 in a Round, No Limit in bout.	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	3 in a Round, 4 in a bout.	
<b>Gloves</b>	10 Ounces all Weights	10 Ounces all Weights	10 Ounces all Weights	10 Ounces all Weights	10 Ounces all Weights	10 Ounces all Weights	10 oz. 108 to 141. 12 oz. 152 and up	16 Ounces all Weights	10 Ounces all Weights	10 Ounces all Weights	
<b>Headgear</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Match Bouts (By Year of Birth)</b>	(8 yrs. Box 9 yrs.) (9 yrs. Box 8 and up to 11 yrs.) (10 may Box 9 yrs. And up to 12 yrs. Old)	(11 yrs. Old box to a 9 yrs. Old up to 13 yrs. Old) (12 yrs. Old box to a 10 yrs. Old and up to 14 yrs.)	(13 yrs. Old box to a 11 yrs. Old and up to 14 yrs. Old) 14 yrs. Old box to a 12 yrs. Old and up to 15 yrs.)	(15 yrs. Old may box 14 yrs. Old and up to 16 yrs.) (16 yrs. old box 15 and up to a 17 yrs.)	(17 may box 16 yrs. Old and up to 28 yrs. Old.) (18 yrs. May box 17 yrs. Old and up to 28 yrs. Old)	(19 may box a 17 yrs. Old and up to 40 yrs. of age.)	(19 may box a 17 yrs. Old and up to 40 yrs. of age.)	(May only box 35 yrs. Old and up if declared a Master's Boxer.)	(19 may box a 17 yrs. Old and up to 40 yrs. of age.)	(19 may box a 17 yrs. Old and up to 40 yrs. of age.)	
<b>Weight Differentials (Match Bouts)</b>	101 lbs. And under 5 lbs. 106 = 7 lbs. 110 = 7 lbs. 114 = 7 lbs. 119 = 7 lbs. 125 = 9 lbs. 138 = 9 lbs. 145 = 9 lbs. 154 = 9 lbs. 165 = 12 lbs. 176 = 12 lbs. 176+ = none	101 lbs. And under 5 lbs. 106 = 7 lbs. 110 = 7 lbs. 114 = 7 lbs. 119 = 7 lbs. 125 = 9 lbs. 132 = 9 lbs. 138 = 9 lbs. 145 = 9 lbs. 154 = 9 lbs. 165 = 12 lbs. 176 = 12 lbs. 176+ = none	101 lbs. And under 5 lbs. 106 = 7 lbs. 110 = 7 lbs. 114 = 7 lbs. 119 = 7 lbs. 125 = 9 lbs. 132 = 9 lbs. 138 = 9 lbs. 145 = 9 lbs. 154 = 9 lbs. 165 = 12 lbs. 176 = 12 lbs. 176+ = none	101 lbs. And under 5 lbs. 106 = 7 lbs. 110 = 7 lbs. 114 = 7 lbs. 119 = 7 lbs. 125 = 9 lbs. 132 = 9 lbs. 138 = 9 lbs. 145 = 9 lbs. 154 = 9 lbs. 165 = 12 lbs. 176 = 12 lbs. 176+ = none	108 = 6 lbs. 114 = 6 lbs. 123 = 8 lbs. 132 = 8 lbs. 141 = 10 lbs. 152 = 10 lbs. 165 = 10 lbs. 178 = 15 lbs. 201 = 15 lbs. 201+ = None	108 = 6 lbs. 114 = 6 lbs. 123 = 8 lbs. 132 = 8 lbs. 141 = 10 lbs. 152 = 10 lbs. 165 = 10 lbs. 178 = 15 lbs. 201 = 15 lbs. 201+ = None	108 = 6 lbs. 114 = 6 lbs. 123 = 8 lbs. 132 = 8 lbs. 141 = 10 lbs. 152 = 10 lbs. 165 = 10 lbs. 178 = 15 lbs. 201 = 15 lbs. 201+ = None	108 = 6 lbs. 114 = 6 lbs. 123 = 8 lbs. 132 = 8 lbs. 141 = 10 lbs. 152 = 10 lbs. 165 = 10 lbs. 178 = 15 lbs. 201 = 15 lbs. 201+ = None	108 = 8 lbs. 114 = 8 lbs. 123 = 8 lbs. 132 = 8 lbs. 141 = 10 lbs. 152 = 10 lbs. 178 = 15 lbs. 201 = 15 lbs. 201+ = None	106 = 8 lbs. 112 = 8 lbs. 119 = 8 lbs. 125 = 8 lbs. 132 = 10 lbs. 141 = 10 lbs. 152 = 10 lbs. 165 = 15 lbs. 178 = 15 lbs. 178+ = None	106 = 8 lbs. 112 = 8 lbs. 119 = 8 lbs. 125 = 8 lbs. 132 = 10 lbs. 141 = 10 lbs. 152 = 10 lbs. 165 = 15 lbs. 178 = 15 lbs. 178+ = None



## **APPENDIX G – DECLARATION OF NON PREGNANCY**

### **1. DECLARATION OF NON PREGNANCY FOR WOMEN BOXERS AGED 18 (EIGHTEEN) AND OLDER**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I am not pregnant.

I understand the seriousness of this statement and accept full responsibility for it. In the case that this declaration is subsequently shown to be inaccurate or untrue and I suffer any related injury or damage during the competition, I on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all claims for damages I may have against USA Boxing (including its officials and employees), the organizers of the competition (including the Organizing Committee and/or the Host Federation) and the Competition Venue owners for such injury or damage.

Signature of the Boxer

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## 2. DECLARATION OF NON PREGNANCY FOR GIRLS BOXERS AGED UNDER 18 (EIGHTEEN)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am one of the parents / legal caretaker of \_\_\_\_\_,

*(insert name of the Boxer)* and declare, on her behalf, that she is not pregnant.

I understand the seriousness of this statement and accept full responsibility for it. In the case that this declaration is subsequently shown to be inaccurate or untrue and \_\_\_\_\_, *(insert name of the Boxer)* suffers any related injury or damage during the competition, I on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, *(insert name of the Boxer)*, her heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all claims for damages she may have against USA Boxing (including its officials and employees), the organizers of the competition (including the Organizing Committee and the Host Federation) and the Competition Venue owners for such injury or damage.

Signature of one of the Parents / Legal Caretaker

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Acknowledged by

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*[Signature of the Boxer]*

## APPENDIX H – MASTERS BOXING

1. All USA Boxing Technical and Competition rules apply to these classifications, with the exception of those listed below:
2. All Masters Boxers will be issued a yellow passbook upon registering with USA Boxing.
3. Age Classification
  - a. Men and Women Boxers ages 35 and above are categorized as Master Boxers.
  - b. Boxers ages 35 to 40 shall declare age classification, Elite or Master, upon registration with USA Boxing.
  - c. Once a Boxer ages 35 to 40 has declared as a Master they will no longer be eligible for the Elite division.
4. Weight Classification
  - a. Men: 108 lbs., 114 lbs., 123 lbs., 132 lbs., 141 lbs., 152 lbs., 165 lbs., 178 lbs., 201 lbs., 201+ lbs.
  - b. Women: 106 lbs., 112 lbs., 119 lbs., 125 lbs., 132 lbs., 141 lbs., 152 lbs., 165 lbs., 178 lbs., 178 +lbs.
5. Number of Rounds
  - a. Boxers will be limited to boxing three rounds between one and two-minutes in duration.
  - b. There will be one (1) minute rest between rounds
6. Matched Bouts
  - a. Age Differential
    - i. The age difference between competitors shall be no more than ten (10) years younger or ten (10) years older.
    - ii. Master boxers may not compete against boxers younger than 35 years of age.
  - b. Weight Differential
    - i. Men

<b>Weight Class (lbs.)</b>	<b>Weight differential</b>
108 lbs	8 lbs
114 lbs	8 lbs
123 lbs	8 lbs
132 lbs	8 lbs
141 lbs	10 lbs
152 lbs	10 lbs
165 lbs	10 lbs
178 lbs	15 lbs
201 lbs	15 lbs
Over 201+ lbs	No limit.

### ii. Women

<b>Weight Class (lbs.)</b>	<b>Weight differential</b>
106 lbs	8 lbs
112 lbs	8 lbs
119 lbs	8 lbs
125 lbs	8 lbs
132 lbs	10 lbs
141 lbs	10 lbs
152 lbs	10 lbs
165 lbs	15 lbs
178 lbs	15 lbs
Over 178+ lbs	No limit.

7. Equipment
  - a. Gloves and Headgear: 16 oz. gloves and headgear will be used for all weight categories and this equipment must have been approved and tested by USA Boxing and must meet or exceed the minimum standards for impact as set by USA Boxing. This equipment must have a printed label. The glove label must be located on the backside of both gloves, and the headgear label must be located on the back panel.
8. Medical Exam
  - a. Boxers must pass an annual medical exam and be declared “fit to box” with the following elements before being registered to box:
    - i. No history of uncontrolled diabetes, high blood pressure or chest pain.

- ii. No history of chronic headaches.
  - iii. Blood pressure less than 145/90.
  - iv. Graded exercise EKG every five (5) years beginning at age 45.
  - v. Normal eye examination by an ophthalmologist every five (5) years.
- b. The passbook of the master boxer must contain the signature of the examining physician who performed their annual physical and the results placed on file with the LBC, along with the boxer's registration application. A copy should also be placed in Masters passbook. The signature shall be entered in the appropriate section under annual physical examinations.
- c. Pre-bout examinations shall be the same as those performed on all other classifications of boxers.