





USA BOXING HISTORY

Amateur Boxing origin began in 1888 and was officially recognized as a sport in the United States. In 1904, the US had its first inaugural Olympic boxing team step into the ring on a global stage.

Olympic-style boxing is a crafty, fast paced, and one of the fiercest sports within the Olympic Pantheon. The sport of boxing brings bright lights, fearless but patient boxers, and riveting action that has the fans out of their seats. The adrenaline rush and pure passion these boxers show for the sport create a sport like no other in the Olympics and draw attention to the public eye. Boxing provides vivid imagery and the intense thrill of competition that the fans can watch in any other Olympic sport. Many boxing legends began their Hall of Fame careers in amateur boxing, such as George Foreman, Muhammad Ali, and Roy Jones Jr.

USA Boxing's training center and headquarters are in Colorado Springs, Colorado. USA Boxing looks over many boxing tournaments around the country at all levels of boxing, from local, regional, and national levels to the sponsorship of national and international dual competitions. The organization is also responsible for selecting teams to represent the United States in prestigious international events, including the Olympic Games, World Championships, and Pan American Games.

Amateur boxing has given opportunities to thousands of men and women to compete. Olympic-style boxing puts boxers on a global stage all over the World and carves a unique identity and regulation which is distinct from the professional boxing scene. USA Boxing oversees all amateur boxing in the United States. Women's boxing made its boxing debut in October 1993. Ever since, Women have made a significant presence

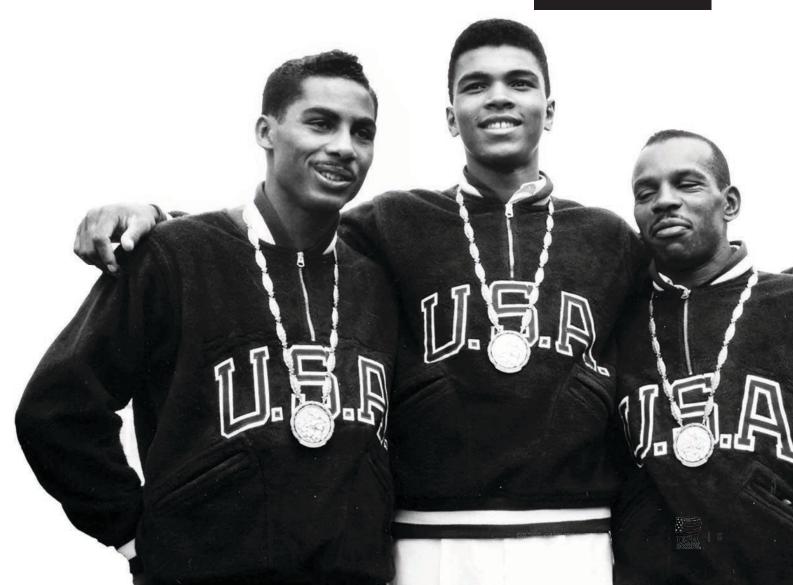
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in USA Boxing and the sport globally, participating in officially recognized amateur boxing both in the United States and on the international stage. Now, in 2023, approximately 3,0000 female boxers register annually with USA Boxing; USA Boxing officially lifted its ban on women's boxing due to the lawsuit filed by Dallas Malloy. Malloy was 16 at the time, and after winning the lawsuit, she shortly became victorious over Heather Poyner. Finally, in 2012, the Olympic Games welcomed Women's boxing following a decision made by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Claressa Shields would go on and etch her name in the history books as she captured the first gold medal in USA Boxing history. Shields further cemented her legacy in the sport by becoming the first male or female American boxer to win consecutive gold medals.

The Olympic Games Paris 2024 will contest a total of 13 weight divisions, six women and seven men.

ROME 1960 OLYMPIC GAMES

USA Olympic gold medalists in boxing from left to right: Wilbur "Skeeter" McClure, light-middleweight, Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali), light-heavyweight and Eddie Crook, middleweight in the Olympic Village, Rome, Italy, September 9, 1960.





GENERAL INFORMATION

ELITE MALE WEIGHT DIVISIONS

Flyweight	112 lbs (51 kg)
Featherweight	125 lbs (57 kg)
Light Welterweight	139 lbs (63.5 kg)
Light Middleweight	156 lbs (71 kg)
Light Heavyweight	176 lbs (80 kg)
Heavyweight	203 lbs (92 kg)
Super Heavyweight	203 + lbs (92+ kg)

ELITE FEMALE WEIGHT DIVISIONS

Light Flyweight	110 lbs (50 kg)
Bantamweight	119 lbs (54 kg)
Featherweight	125 lbs (57 kg)
Lightweight	132 lbs (60 kg)
Welterweight	146 lbs (66 kg)
Middleweight	165 lbs (75 kg)

USA Boxing not only supports national and international competitions but also conducts clinics and training camps aimed at equipping athletes and coaches with international-level techniques. USA Boxing and Olympic-style boxing in the United States is built upon its 56 Local Boxing Committees (LBCs). These LBCs, in collaboration with coaches, athletes, and officials, constitute the backbone of the sport in the United States.

There are 13 weight divisions contested at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Boxers competing in Paris must be between 19 and 40 years old.

THE BOUT

Bouts fluctuate due to the age groups of the boxers competing. The elite division bouts feature three rounds, each with a duration of three minutes with a one-minute rest in between rounds.

WINNING THE BOUT

Winning on points (WP): This is the most common way to win. The points are determined by reviewing the final scores on the electronic scoring system after the bout. The winner will be decided based on the judges' scoring. The bouts are won in either a unanimous or split decision. In case the bout is halted, even if it's mid-round, due to an unintentional foul causing injury and prompting the referee to stop the contest, this regulation applies. Similarly, if both boxers sustain injuries simultaneously. resulting in the referee stopping the contest, this rule comes into effect and will be declared the winner of the bout on points by either unanimous or split decision The bout may be ended by the referee due to an event that is out of the boxer's or referee's control, such as the destruction of the ring, failure of the lighting supply, forces of nature and other similar unforeseen conditions. Under such circumstances, the judges will evaluate the round and will judge the two boxers' performance up to the stoppage. The boxers who have more points is announced the winner of the bout. In the event of a boxer suffering an open cut because of an accidental foul, the referee is allowed to pause the bout and escort the boxer to a medical assessment. If such a stoppage occurs,

the bout's outcome will be determined by the scorecards. No tied bouts are allowed. If the total scores given by each judge, accounting for any deductions, are equal when the bout concludes, the judges will be tasked with selecting a bout winner under the following circumstances: a. One (1) judge has a draw the other judges are evenly split, or b. Two (2) judges have even scores and the other judges do not score unanimously; or c. Three (3) or more judges have even scores i. In manual (paper) scoring after the judge scores the round, the judge is requested to select an overall bout winner in case a tiebreaker is necessary ii. In the electronic scoring system if a tiebreaker is necessary the judge's keypad will blink. The judge will then nominate an overall bout winner.

Winning by abandonment (ABD):

Winning by abandonment occurs when either the boxers or their coach concedes or decides to "throw in the towel," resulting in the match to stop.



Winning via referee stopped contest (RSC):

- 1. If a boxer is unable to resume boxing in the ring immediately following the break in between rounds, the opponent will be declared winner of the bout by RSC.
- 2. If the referee feels a boxer is being outboxed or is receiving excessive hard blows, the bout will be stopped, and the opponent will be declared the winner of the bout by RSC.
- 3. If a boxer is unable to continue boxing after a knockdown, the opponent will be declared the winner of the bout by RSC.
- 4. If a bout is stopped by the referee in charge following the advice of a ringside doctor, the opponent will be declared the winner of the bout by RSC.

Winning by Knockout (KO):

- 1. If a boxer is knocked down and fails to resume boxing before the referee counts to ten (10), the opponent will be declared the winner of the bout by KO.
- 2. If an emergency arises and the referee calls the ringside doctor into the ring before reaching a ten-count for the injured boxer, the opponent will be declared the victor of the bout via KO.

3. In the event a double KO occurs, the round must be scored up to the end of the bout. The boxer ahead in points will be considered the winner.

Winning by disqualification: If the referee disqualifies a boxer, the opponent wins the bout. If both boxers are disqualified, neither win, and this result is announced.

Winning by walkover: A boxer's opponent is awarded the victory should a boxer fail to make weight, miss a scheduled bout or be unable to compete for medical reasons.

COMMON FOULS

Listed below are some of the frequent fouls that could result in cautions issued to boxer: hitting below the belt; holding, kicking or striking the opponent with anything other than the gloved knuckles; lying against the ropes or using them unfairly; using offensive language; not breaking on command; and behaving aggressively towards the referee. Even no defense (passive defense) is unfair and foul. When a boxer commits a foul, the referee typically issues a caution to the boxer and signifies the infraction through specific hand gestures.

After three cautions for the same foul, the referee will warn the boxer, which results in the boxer losing a point. Upon the third warning for the same foul, the boxer is disqualified. Here are more common fouls:

- 1. Hits or blows with head, shoulder, forearm, elbow, throttling of the opponent, and pressing with arm or elbow in opponent's face, pressing the head of the opponent back over the ropes.
- 2. Hitting with open glove, the inside of the glove, wrist or side of the hand
- 3. Hits landing on the back of the opponent, and especially any blow on the back of the neck or head and kidney punch.
- 4. Pivot blows i.e., backhand.
- 5. Lying on, wrestling, and throwing in the clinch
- 6. An attack on an opponent who is down or who is in the act of rising
- 7. Holding and hitting or pulling and hitting
- 8. Holding or locking, on the opponent's arm or head, or pushing an arm underneath the arm of the opponent.
- 9. Ducking below the belt of the opponent
- 10. Completely passive defense by means of double cover and

intentionally falling, running, or turning the back to avoid a blow.

- 11. Speaking
- 12. Not stepping back when ordered to break.
- 13. Attempting to strike opponent immediately after the referee has ordered "break" and before taking a step back.
- 14. Assaulting or behaving in an aggressive manner towards a referee at any time
- 15. Spitting out the mouthpiece (mouthguard or gumshield) intentionally without receiving a correct punch will cause the boxer to receive a mandatory warning.
- 16. If the mouthpiece falls out after the boxer has received a correct punch, and if this happens for the third time, the boxer will receive a mandatory warning.
- 17. Keeping the advanced hand straight to obstruct the opponent's vision.
- 18. Biting an opponent



TERMS & DEFINITION

BOB & WEAVE: moving the head in an evasive fashion, up and down, and side to side.

BOUT: a single word synonym for a boxing match.

CARD: a synonym for a boxing event with multiple boxing bouts.

CAUTION: A boxer who does not obey the instructions of the referee, acts against the rules of boxing, boxes in any unsportsmanlike manner, or commits fouls, will, at the discretion of the referee. If a referee intends to warn a boxer, the referee must say "stop" and demonstrate the infringement. The referee must then indicate to the boxer and then to the Official in charge.

CLINCH: when both boxers mutually hold each other. "Holding" is a foul when one boxer is restricting the other boxer.

COMBINATION: series of punches.

KNOCKDOWN: When boxers touch the floor with anything other than their feet. They are also considered "down" if they are dangling on the ropes or are partially outside the ropes from a blow. A boxer can be considered "down" while standing up from taking a serious blow or blows to the head and the referee stops the match.

FEINT: a synonym for "fake," most commonly used with a foot, hand, shoulder, or eyes.

FIELD OF PLAY (FOP): the competition ring area where the athletes box, and the judges judge.

HAND-WRAPS: fabric used to protect the hands.

HEAD GEAR: a soft helmet used to protect the head during training and competitions.

JAB: straight blow at chin level.

KO: a knockout happens when a boxer has gone down from the result of a punch and cannot resume boxing by the count of ten (10). After the referee has said "ten," the bout ends and must be decided as a KO. The referee may stop the count if in his/her opinion the boxer is in immediate need of medical attention.

LOW BLOW: After a low blow, if the offended boxer does not complain and the low blow was not hard and intentional, the Referee must signal the foul without interrupting the Bout. Also, after a low blow, if the offended boxer does complain, the referee will have two (2) options:

- 1) The offending boxer will be immediately disqualified if it is an intentional and hard blow.
- 2) Start an eight (8) count.

After the eight (8) count, the Referee will have two (2) options:

- 1) The boxer is fit to continue: the referee may give a warning to the offender and the bout will continue.
- 2) The boxer is unfit to continue: the referee will give a certain amount of time to the boxer to try to recover with a maximum of up to ninety (90) seconds.

After above-mentioned timeframe, the referee will have two (2) options:

- 1) The boxer is fit to continue: the referee may give a warning to the offender, and the bout will continue.
- 2) The boxer is unfit to continue: the opponent will be declared the winner of the bout by RSC-I.

NGB: National Governing Body. Every sport under the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee is recognized as an NGB.

OFFICIALS: judges, referees, timekeepers, glove table supervisors, etc.

ORTHODOX: a right-handed boxer.

PARRY: a defensive move where a boxer redirects a punch.

RABBIT PUNCH: an illegal blow to the back of the opponent's neck.

REFEREE: the person who operates in the ring and whose main concern is the safety of the athletes.

RING: the place where combat between fighters of similar weight takes place.



RINGMANSHIP (RING GENERALSHIP): used to describe the ability and skills to control the competition area.

ROUND: a segment of the boxing match, similar to a period or quarter in other sports. There are always three (3) rounds, with 60 seconds separating each round, but depending upon the age and experience of the boxers, the duration of each round will vary.

R.S.C. (**REFEREE STOPPED CONTEST**): a bout is terminated due to a clear supremacy of the opponent. It can be determined by the referee and/or the ringside doctor.

SANCTION: a boxing event is registered with USA Boxing; every amateur boxing event where there are spectators and a fee need to be "sanctioned" with USA Boxing.

SECOND: Once a coach enters the Field of Play (FOP), they are referred to as a "second," with the boxer being the "principal."

SOUTH PAW: a left-handed boxer.

SPAR: practice boxing, usually with bigger training gloves, and headgear.

STICK & MOVE: using jabs and footwork to score and evade.

THROW IN THE TOWEL: expression meaning that a boxer has given up.

WARNING: If a boxer receives a referee's warning, the Official in charge will record the warning in the Scoring System and each warning will reduce the total score of the offending boxer by one (1) point. The third warning in a bout will automatically disqualify the boxer.

UPPERCUT: a punch with an upward trajectory that can be performed with both hands and is aimed at the opponent's chin, it can also hit the dorsal abdominal area.

OLYMPIC GAMES PREVIEW

The first Olympic boxing event took place in 1904 at St. Louis, Missouri. Since then, Team USA has established itself as a boxing powerhouse, securing an impressive 117 Olympic medals, which leads the global medal race. Among the 117 medals, 50 of them have been awarded gold, 27 silver and 40 bronze.

Team USA is represented by eight boxers, including four males and four females. Joshua Edwards (Houston, Texas), Jajaira Gonzalez (Glendora, Calif.), Jahmal Harvey (Oxon Hill, Md.) Jennifer Lozano (Laredo, Texas) and Morelle McCane (Cleveland, Ohio) punched their ticket at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games.

Harvey is one of Team USA's most dominant and complete boxers on the team. The Oxon Hill native was the first American male to win an elite world title since 2007. Harvey would go on to win two gold medals in 2023, including the Pan American Games in Chile where he punched his Olympic ticket to Parist at the Pan American Games in Chile.

As for the females, Morelle McCane, is one to keep an eye out for. McCane,

with an impressive resume in 2023, brought home a gold and two silvers in her three international tournaments during the year.McCane also etched her name in the history books for her city as she became the fifth straight boxer and first female to qualify to an Olympic Games from Cleveland.

Omari Jones (Orlando, Fla.) was the only American to achieve his Olympic Dream in Busto Arsizio, Italy at the first World Qualification Tournament as he placed top four in the 71 kg weight division. Jones has been one of Team USA's most consistent boxers since representing Team USA on the international stage. Jones has earned four medals over the past two years, to go along with his silver medal at the 2021 Elite World Championships which was his first international tournament.

Roscoe Hill (Spring, Texas) and Team USA rising star in Alyssa Mendoza (Caldwell, Idaho) round out the elite eight of American boxers who are boxing in Paris. These two boxers received their Olympic ticket at the final World Qualification Tournament in Bangkok, Thailand.

BOXING IN PARIS
BEGINS JULY 27 AND
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ROSCOE HILL

HOMETOWN: Spring, Texas

DOB: 11/9/1994

WEIGHT CLASS: 51kg/112 lbs.
PERSONAL COACH: Billy Walsh

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2023 Santiago Pan American Games - 3rd 2022 AMBC Elite Championships - 1st 2021 IBA Elite Men's World Championships - 2nd 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Boxing - 3rd 2019 USA Boxing Western Qualifier - 2nd 2018 USA Boxing Elite National Championships - 3rd

Roscoe Hill, 29, grew up in Spring, Texas, where he trained in George Foreman's gym and was baptized by George Foreman himself. Hill was born into the sport of boxing and just recently qualified to Paris in Bangkok Thailand. Hill wants to leave an impact on the sport of boxing and his unique style of boxing is inspiring to the youth that it is never too late to get started or go after your dreams. Since placing third in the 2020 Olympic Trials, Hill has earned himself a gold medal at the 2022 AMBC Elite Championships, a silver medal at the 2021 Elite World Championships and a bronze at the 2023 Santiago Pan American Games.







JAHMAL HARVEY

HOMETOWN: Oxon Hill, Maryland

DOB: 11/19/2002

WEIGHT CLASS: 57kg/125 lbs.

PERSONAL COACH: Daryl Davis

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2023 Santiago Pan American Games - 1st

2023 GeeBee Tournament - 3rd

2023 Czech Republic Grand Prix -1st

2022 USA Boxing International Invitational - 3rd

2022 AMBC Elite Championships - 2nd

2020 Elite National Championships - 1st

2019 Emil Jechev Memorial Tournament - 1st

2019 Youth National Championships - 1st

2018 Youth National Championships

Jahmal Harvey, 21, punched his ticket to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games when he won gold at the 2023 Santiago Pan American Games this past October. Harvey also achieved gold at the 2021 Elite World Championships and was the first American male to win an Elite World title since 2007. Harvey, from Oxon Hill, Md., who grew up playing football and was introduced to boxing by his football coach, who also coached boxing, is a multi-time gold medalist at USA Boxing National Championships at the junior, youth, and elite levels. He also finished second at the 2022 Continental Championships.







@bangerputdempaws

OMARI JONES

HOMETOWN: Orlando, Florida

DOB: 11/7/2002

WEIGHT CLASS: 71kg/156 lbs.

PERSONAL COACHES: Jason Galarza, Karl Jones,

Craig Duncan

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2023 Gee Bee International Tournament – 1st

2023 Czech Republic Grand Prix - 1st

2022 USA Boxing International Invitational – 1st

2022 AMBC Elite Championships – 3rd

2021 Elite World Championships – 2nd

2020 Elite National Championships – 1st

Omari Jones has been one of Team USA's most consistent boxers since making an immediate splash on the international stage with his silver medal performance at the 2021 Elite World Championships, his first international tournament ever. The 21-year-old-native from Orlando, Fla., recently qualified to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games from the 2024 Olympic Games World Qualification Tournament 1. Jones also won consecutive golds in the 2023 GeeBee International Tournament and the Czech Republic Grand Prix in the 71 kg weight class to continue to prove he is one to watch in Paris and beyond.







JOSHUA EDWARDS

HOMETOWN: Houston, Texas

DOB: 5/1/2000

WEIGHT CLASS: 92+ kg/203+ lbs.

PERSONAL COACH: Melvin

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2023 Santiago Pan American Games – 1st 2023 Czech Republic Grand Prix – 3rd 2022 AMBC Elite Championships – 3rd

2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships – 1st

@walkdinegood2x

Joshua Edwards secured his Paris ticket when he won gold at the 2023 Santiago Pan American Games. Edwards will compete at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and represent the historic boxing city of Houston. Edwards may be considered undersized when you put him up against other super heavyweights around the world, standing at six feet three inches tall and weighing around 220 pounds; however, Edwards's defense and speed make him dominant in the ring. Edwards fell short of qualifying for the Olympics in 2020, but he has added an impressive resume since, including a third-place finish at the 2023 Czech Republic Grand Prix and the 2022 AMBC Elite Championships, as well as taking gold at the 2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships.







JENNIFER LOZANO

HOMETOWN: Laredo, Texas

DOB: 11/24/2002

WEIGHT CLASS: 50 kg/110 lbs. PERSONAL COACH: Eddie Vela

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2023 Santiago Pan American Games – 2nd 2022 AMBC Elite Championships –1st 2022 IBA Elite Women's World Championships 2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships – 1st 2020 USA Boxing Elite National Championships – 1st 2019 USA Boxing Elite National Championships – 3rd

Jennifer Lozano won silver at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games and helped put her hometown, Laredo, Texas, on the map as she became the first athlete from her city to qualify for an Olympic Games in any sport. Lozano's boxing journey started by wanting to develop a defense mechanism against bullying. As Lozano was fighting through her adversity, she quickly began making an impact in boxing and put up an impressive resume in the last few years. The 50 kg boxer won two bronze medals at the 2023 GeeBee Tournament and 2023 Czech Republic Grand Prix. Lozano won gold at the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championship and bronze in the 2022 USA Boxing International Invitational.







ALYSSA MENDOZA

HOMETOWN: Caldwell, Idaho

DOB: 8/17/2003

WEIGHT CLASS: 57 kg/125 lbs.

PERSONAL COACH: Refugio Mendoza

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2023 Gee Bee International Tournament - 3rd

2023 Czech Republic Grand Prix - 2nd

2023 Strandja International Tournament - 3rd

2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships - 1st

2022 National Golden Gloves - 1st

2022 USA Boxing National Qualifier - 2nd

2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships – 3rd

2019 USA Boxing Youth National Championships – 1st

Alyssa Mendoza is one of Team USA's youngest rising stars and will represent Team USA at 57 kg in Paris as she just qualified to the Olympic Games at the Olympic Games World Qualification Tournament. Mendoza, 20, has dominated in her first year of international competition bringing home a medal in each of her three international competitions in 2023. Mendoza, native of Caldwell, Idaho, also won gold at the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships.







JAJAIRA GONZALEZ

HOMETOWN: Glendora, California

DOB: 2/13/1997

WEIGHT CLASS: 60 kg/132 lbs.

PERSONAL COACH: Jose Gonzalez

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2023 Santiago Pan American Games – 3rd

2022 AMBC Elite Championships – 1st

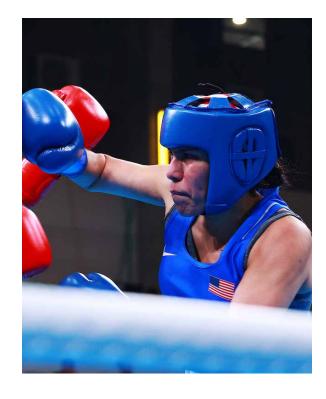
2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships - 1st

2015 IBA Youth World Championships – 1st 2014 IBA Youth World Championships – 1st

2014 Youth Olympic Games - 1st

2013 IBA Junior World Championships- 1st

Jajaira Gonzalez (Glendora, Calif.) qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games this past October as she brought home the bronze medal at the 2023 Santiago Pan American Games. Gonzalez fought through adversity as she recently returned to boxing in 2021 after stepping away from the sport for a few years after years of dominating in the junior and youth ranks. The 60 kg boxer took gold medals at the Junior World Championships, back-to-back Youth World Championships and Youth Olympics before finishing second at the 2016 Olympic Trials, then eventually taking a break from the sport in 2018. The Olympic boxer will now look for a similar result this summer in Paris, which marks the 10-year anniversary of her taking gold at the Youth Olympic Games.







MORELLE MCCANE

HOMETOWN: Cleveland, Ohio

DOB: 1/20/1995

WEIGHT CLASS: 66 kg/145 lbs.

PERSONAL COACHES: Push Davis & Terrence

Montgomery

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2023 Santiago Pan American Games – 2nd 2023 Gee Bee International Tournament –1st 2023 Czech Republic Grand Prix – 2nd 2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships – 1st 2020 USA Boxing Elite National Championships – 1st 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Boxing – 2nd 2019 Strandja International Tournament – 3rd

Morelle McCane etched her name into the history books at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, as she went on to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games with her silver medal performance. McCane is the fifth straight boxer and first female boxer to qualify for an Olympic Games from Cleveland. She also is just the second female boxer from Ohio to compete in an Olympics. McCane, who began the sport as a teenager, has quickly risen the ranks, bringing home a gold and two silver medals in her three international tournaments in 2023.





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