



USA Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy

Approved by USA Boxing Board of Directors on December 17, 2025

1. Purpose

USA Boxing's Sex Eligibility Policy has been established to comply with the United States Olympic and Paralympic (USOPC) compliance requirements. USA Boxing is committed to protecting opportunities for athletes participating in sport. USA Boxing will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders with oversight responsibilities, e.g., IOC, IPC, NGBs, to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment consistent with Executive Order 14201 and the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. § 22501, et. seq.

USA Boxing operates two sex-based categories: male categories (eligible competitors are male at birth) and a female category (eligible competitors are female at birth).

To implement its policy, USA Boxing requires that all boxers over the age of 18 who wish to participate in World Boxing, the International Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee for Olympic Style boxing, owned or sanctioned competition shall complete a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) or functional medical-equivalent genetic test to determine sex at birth for eligibility.

Genetic screening testing is required for boxers who are selected to be a member of USA Boxing Elite High Performance Team/Squad and who potentially will compete internationally where World Boxing certification is mandatory; in those cases, USA Boxing follows the World Boxing certification requirements.

Within USA Boxing national competitions, USA Boxing does not conduct routine sex testing. However, consistent with applicable law and applicable international federation requirements, USA Boxing reserves the right to require genetic or other medically appropriate testing to determine sex eligibility. As a condition of membership and eligibility to compete, each boxer must declare their sex at birth as male or female and, if requested, provide documentation and cooperate with USA Boxing's sex-eligibility verification process.

2. Definitions:

- 2.1 For the purpose of this policy the word "sex" (or "biological sex") denotes natural biological differences between females and males. Human development is organized around the production of large and small gametes (ova and sperm).



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- 2.2 Sex is defined by the body system supporting these gametes and can be accurately identified by genetics, chromosomes, sex organs, and endogenous hormonal profiles.
- 2.3 The word “female”¹ means of or denoting the sex intended to produce ova. For the purposes of sex eligibility in boxing, a boxer shall be confirmed as female by the presence of XX chromosomes, or the absence of Y chromosome genetic material (i.e. SRY gene), or a difference of sex development where male androgenization does not occur (absolute androgen insensitivity).
- 2.4 The word “male”² means of or denoting the sex intended to produce sperm. For the purposes of sex eligibility in boxing, boxers shall be confirmed as male by the presence of Y chromosome genetic material (i.e. SRY gene) or with a difference of sex development where male androgenization occurs.

3. Eligibility Determination:

- 3.1 USA Boxing will operate two categories as determined by sex: a males’ category and a females’ category. To be eligible for the men’s category, a competitor must be male at birth. To be eligible for the women’s category, a competitor must be female at birth.
- 3.2 All issues relating to the eligibility of a boxer under this policy will be determined by USA Boxing and USA Boxing’s Grievance and Complaint Policy,

4. Certification:

- 4.1 For international-level competitions owned or sanctioned by World Boxing, all boxers over the age of 18 years of age, must have their sex certified in accordance with World Boxing’s policy to be eligible for World Boxing competitions. Failure to do so, or provision of a false certification, will render the boxer ineligible.

5. Testing and Procedure:

- 5.1 All boxers over the age of 18 that want to participate in World Boxing owned or sanctioned competition are subject to undergo a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) or a functional medical equivalent genetic test to determine their sex at birth and their eligibility to compete, per World Boxing’s Sex Eligibility Policy.

¹ Includes commonly used terms such as girl and women.

² Includes commonly used terms such as boy and men.



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- 5.1.1 USA Boxing will be responsible for testing and will be required to confirm the sex of USA boxers when entering them into World Boxing competitions by providing a certification of their chromosomal sex, as determined by a PCR test or a functional medical equivalent genetic test.

6. Sex Eligibility Verification

- 6.1 Verification of a boxer's birth certificate, a requirement for all USA Boxing athletes, by the USA Boxing National Office determines the sex category of a boxer.

7. Implementation:

- 7.1 This policy has been approved by USA Boxing Board of Directors; it will commence on December 17, 2025 and replaces all other sex eligibility rules or policies.



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