

The Neutral Corner

Quarterly Newsletter of USA Boxing
July 2026



Letter from Leadership

From the New Chair: Members, Money, Medals



It's an honor to serve as Chairperson of USA Boxing at such an important moment for our sport. My gratitude starts with you: the coaches who open gyms before sunrise, the referees and judges who give up weekends, the LBC leaders, volunteers, and parents who keep local boxing alive, and

the athletes who show up and get better every single day. I've been on this Board since 2019, and serving you in this role is a privilege I don't take lightly. **My priorities as Chair come down to three words: Members, Money, and Medals.**

Members. Are you getting real value for your membership? That means plenty of bouts at every level, along with the services that support them, such as insurance, coaching & RJ education, and member support. Every Board decision gets the same test: does this make membership more valuable for the people doing the work?

Money. Growing our services should not be dependent on raising dues for members. We'll focus on new sources of funding (sponsorships, the USA Boxing Foundation, grants, and the opportunities that come with a home Olympics), so dues aren't the engine that funds everything we do.

Medals. LA28 is two years away, and it is the biggest stage our athletes will ever step onto. Our job as an organization is to give our athletes and coaches everything they need to compete at their absolute best when it counts: full investment in our high performance program and the resources to match our ambition. The podium in Los Angeles is what we are chasing together, and we intend to be ready for it.

None of this starts from zero. Tyson Lee stepped down this spring after more than seven years as Chairperson, a tenure that saw strong membership growth, strong fiscal health, boxing remaining part of the Olympic movement, and real momentum for our sport. He led from the front, the way an Army officer does. Tyson, on behalf of the entire membership: thank you for your service.

Members, Money, Medals — hold me to it. Let's get to work. ~ Chris Trombetta, USA Boxing Board Chairperson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch social media, emails and the website at www.usaboxing.org/Upcoming-Events for registration information



MEMBERSHIP

USA Boxing's Membership Squad currently serves 56,000 members which calculates to 11,2000 per membership staff member!

Important Reminders from the Membership Squad:

- ♦ The USA Boxing **Master's physical form has been updated** and is available on <https://www.usaboxing.org/rulebook/forms-and-documents/medical-forms>. Please note, a signature from an MD or DO is required for approval.
- ♦ **Athlete Document Approval** (Birth Certificates/Passports/Annual Athlete Physicals): To ensure boxers are eligible for participation in sanctioned events remember **documents can take up to 7 business days to verify and approve**, so submit your documents in a timely matter. Unfortunately, the Membership Squad is unable to accommodate calls or emails to expedite.
- ♦ **Background Screenings for Officials, Coaches and Physicians can take up to 10 business days** to be completed by our background screen company and there is not an option to fast-track the process.
- ♦ The National Office is receiving increased requests to make Passbooks. Just a reminder to **request your passbook from the Registration Chairperson in your local area** by following the detailed instructions emailed to you at the time of registration or renewal.

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Where in the World is the High Performance TEAM?

Elite General Prep Camp • **Colorado** • July 5-31
USA vs Italy Camp & Duel Match • **Capri Island, Italy** • July 19-26
USA vs Canada • **Regina, Canada** • September 19
Pan American Championships • **Puebla, Mexico** • October 17-25
U19 World Championships • **Budva, Montenegro** • October 14-28

The USA Boxing Elite High Performance Team has returned from its run at the World Boxing Cup: China 2026 in Guiyang City, China. **Lorenzo Patricio and Marcus Luther each earned a medal**, with Patricio capturing his second international medal of 2026 and Luther securing the first international medal of his career. **Patricio closed the tournament with a gold medal in the 55-kilogram division, while Luther finished his tournament with a silver medal in the 65-kilogram division.**

Lorenzo Patricio concluded a dominant week in China for his first elite international gold medal, and did so with five wins, four of which came by unanimous decision. His gold-medal victory came against China's Jiamao Zhang, as **Patricio** earned a 5-0 unanimous decision win. After claiming the opening round 4-1, **Patricio** never looked back, winning the second round 4-1 and the final round 5-0.

Patricio closed the tournament with three consecutive unanimous decision victories to secure his first elite international gold medal and the third international gold medal of his career. **Patricio** represented Team USA on USA Boxing's Youth High Performance Team in 2024 and 2025, winning gold at the 2024 World Boxing U19 Championships and the 2025 Brandenburg Cup.

Team USA also saw **Marcus Luther** compete against France's Hugo Grau in the 65-kilogram title bout. **Luther** battled Grau through three competitive rounds of Olympic-style boxing but came up short by a 5-0 decision. **Luther** secured a silver medal in China, marking his first elite international medal in the process.

Luther's silver-medal run included four victories, highlighted by three unanimous decision wins and a 3-2 victory over Brazil's 2025 World Boxing Championships silver medalist, Yuri Falcao.

Following **Patricio and Luther's** medal runs, the USA Boxing Elite High Performance Team will turn its attention to the Pan American Elite Continental Championships in October in Puebla, Mexico.



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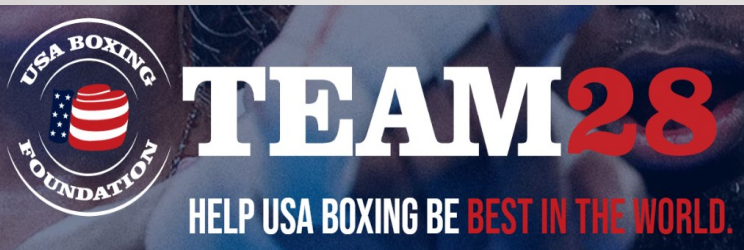
ZAUR ANTIA NAMED USA BOXING NATIONAL TECHNICAL COACH

Zaur Antia has been named the USA Boxing National Technical Coach. "Zaur's impact on Irish boxing was extraordinary. Between the Beijing and London Olympic Games, Ireland won seven Olympic medals. Zaur brings world-class technical and tactical expertise that will help our team continue to grow and become one of the best teams in the world," Billy Walsh, the USA Boxing National Team Head Coach, stated.

Coach Antia brings over 23 years of coaching experience, including work with three federations and at World Championships and multiple Olympic Games. Antia was formerly the High Performance Lead and Head Boxing Coach for Ireland, where he led the team to over 100 international medals, including multiple medals at the Olympic Games and World Championships.

"We are thrilled to welcome Zaur to our coaching staff as National Technical Coach. His extensive experience in international Olympic-style boxing and track record of developing boxers to a world-class level will make a big difference in supporting our mission of becoming the number one nation in the world at the LA28 Olympics," stated USA Boxing High Performance Director, Matt Johnson. With Ireland, Coach Antia led the team to 10 Olympic medals, including three gold, two silver, and five bronze. On top of the 10 Olympic medals, Antia brings World Championship experience, having coached 20 boxers to World Championship medals, including one gold and two bronze medals at the 2025 World Boxing Championships in Liverpool, England.

USA Boxing's National Technical Coach is responsible for assisting USA Boxing's Elite High Performance Team and Squad, while traveling to international competitions and serving as a key coaching member. Antia will play a crucial role in developing future Olympic hopefuls for the organization's High Performance teams.



The last time LA hosted the Games was in 1984, where USA Boxing fielded the *Dream Team*, winning nine gold medals. To match that achievement, we have a lot of work ahead of us, but we are up to the task! **TEAM28 is an opportunity to be an instrumental part of the effort to dominate the world stage once again.** TEAM28 members will directly affect our increased and elevated efforts to field a team as great as the '84 *Dream Team*, while providing exciting donor benefits.

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Golden Gloves VR is now available on the Meta Quest Store

More than a game, Golden Gloves VR is the first officially sanctioned esports platform connected to USA Boxing and the Pan American Boxing Confederation, representing more than 30 countries across the Americas, and creating a legitimate competitive pathway from virtual competition to real-world recognition.



About Engine Room VR (Creators of Golden Gloves VR):

Engine Room VR is the virtual reality studio based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that created the most authentic boxing game on the market. Led by Aaron Sloan (a USA Boxing Gym Owner) and operating out of a functioning boxing gym, the studio is best known for its flagship title, Golden Gloves VR — a VR boxing game. Founded in 2021, Engine Room VR was born out of Aaron Sloan's passion for boxing and emerging technology. The team's small, agile group of developers can develop and scale both fully immersive and 2d applications on most commercially available VR headsets and mobile devices. Engine Room VR's business team has the capability to collaborate with and manage relationships across the product launch lifecycle — including leading technology companies, academic institutions, government bodies, top sporting and sports promotion organizations. Golden Gloves VR has been demoed across the US, the UK, and Saudi Arabia, including at sporting events streamed by Netflix. For more information visit the Golden Gloves VR Website: <https://goldenglovesvr.com/>

Grants4Gyms Coming in September

For the 6th year, USA Boxing, together with the USA Boxing Foundation, will be offering \$1000 grant packages that include complimentary memberships, boxing equipment, etc. to 50 selected gyms.

The Grant Application Window will be open September 1-8, so watch social media, your email and the website during that week for all the details.

In order to help as many different gyms as possible, only those who did not receive Grants4Gyms funding in 2024 or 2025 will be considered.



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Through tough defeats and hard-fought victories, boxing builds the resilience, confidence and character necessary to become champions. Bell Bank is excited to partner with USA Boxing as we support their mission of growing the sport across the United States. Learn more: <https://bell.bank/partners>.

Disciplinary Process

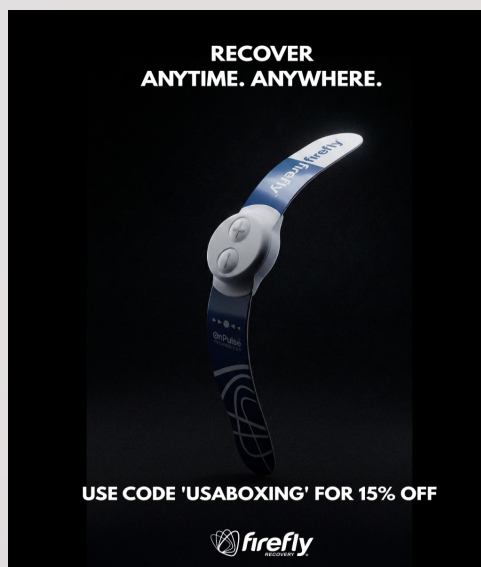
For matters within USA Boxing's jurisdiction, complaints are reviewed in accordance with applicable USA Boxing policies and procedures. Following an initial assessment, USA Boxing may impose temporary measures, including an administrative hold or temporary suspension, when appropriate pending investigation or final resolution. The respondent will receive notice of the allegations and an opportunity to respond as required by applicable procedures. USA Boxing may issue written disciplinary action, subject to any available review, hearing, appeal, or arbitration rights. Matters within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport will be referred to and handled in accordance with the Center's policies, and USA Boxing will enforce applicable temporary measures and sanctions. USA Boxing will make reasonable efforts to protect the privacy and confidentiality of complaints, investigations, and disciplinary proceedings. Information may, however, be shared with the parties, the relevant LBC, the USOPC, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, law enforcement, and other entities or individuals with a legitimate need to know, or as otherwise required or permitted by applicable law or governing documents, including the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, USOPC and USA Boxing bylaws and policies, and U.S. Center for SafeSport policies and procedures

Here is a recap of the reported cases the Panel has worked on in the 2nd quarter of 2026.

Qty	Allegation Type	Ruling
22	Complaints	Handled via emails or personal phone calls
10	Code of Conduct & Rulebook Violations	Disciplinary Letter: suspension and probation, or banned from USAB sanctioned events
10	LBC Grievances	Adjudicated at the LBC level
10	National Grievances	Hearings heard by the Judicial Committee Panel
0	Legal	Cases involving attorneys for both sides
1	Appeals	Litigants and USA Boxing may appeal Judicial Committee decisions and additional litigants may appeal the Appeal Panel's decision to an independent arbitrator per USA Boxing bylaws.
4	Forgeries	30-day suspension to include waiting to upload an acceptable document.
30	SafeSport Issues	SafeSport either accepts or declines jurisdiction
2	Unsanctioned Events	Admin Hold and Disciplinary Action

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Apply today to join the LA28 Volunteer Crew—the behind-the-scenes movers and makers bringing the magic of the LA28 Games to life!

The Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games are officially just two years away, and applications for volunteers are now being accepted.

USA Boxing fans and members from around the nation are invited to apply to join the LA28 Volunteer Crew and help make their mark on the Olympic Games.

USA Boxing encourages individuals with community involvement or boxing experience to learn more about the LA28 Volunteer Program and apply if they meet the eligibility requirements.

For more information about this opportunity and to apply, click [HERE](#). To view the LA28 Volunteer Portal FAQ page, click [HERE](#).

USA Boxing members who believe they are a good fit for this opportunity after reviewing the LA28 Volunteer website and Portal FAQ should use the application code below when applying: **SPQ6QLF0**.



THE ROLE OF A LIFETIME! The LA28 Volunteer Program presented by Delta Air Lines will bring together a crew of 60,000 volunteers to set the stage and keep it running smoothly for the biggest Olympic and Paralympic Games in history. This is your once-in-a-generation moment to make your mark on the Games and make memories that will last a lifetime.



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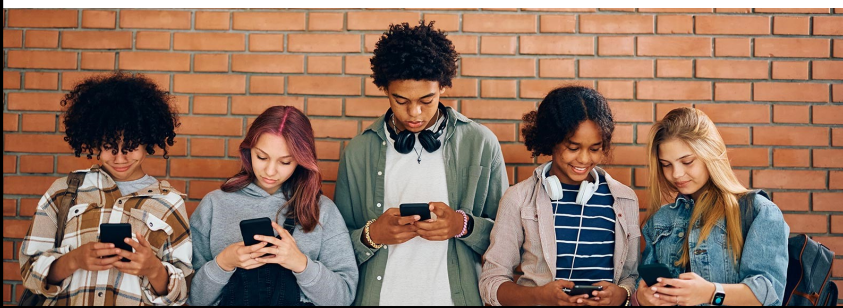
From a few friends in a spare bedroom, to offices in Australia, New Zealand, America, Canada, England, Greece, Germany and Dubai, STING has come a long way.

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SAFESPORT MAAPPS POLICY ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

For the safety of our boxers, remember that all electronic communication must be *Open and Transparent*, meaning that:

- Communication between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must include a parent/guardian, another adult family member of the Minor Athlete, or another Adult Participant.
- This includes all communication **even those initiated** by a Minor Athlete.
- Only electronic platforms that can be Open and Transparent should be used.
- All team communication or communications with multiple Minor Athletes from an Adult Participant must copy or include another Adult Participant, or all the Minor Athletes' parents/guardians.
- All communication must be professional in nature.
- Organizations must honor a parent/guardian's request to discontinue communication with their Minor Athlete unless there is an emergency.
- One-on-One exceptions are allowed.



SafeSport Training for Youth Athletes, Parents & Guardians



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The US Center for SafeSport offers online age-appropriate educational courses for children and youth aged pre-school through high school as well as training for parents and guardians. USA Boxing encourages the parents and guardians of youth athletes to review the information and choose the online course that best fits their child's age or developmental age.

The website to access the courses is <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/>

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The Alumni Association champions a lifelong, mutually beneficial relationship between USA Boxing and its alumni (athletes, officials, coaches, and fans).



Successful JOs & Summer Festival

The 2026 USA Boxing Junior Olympics and Summer Festival was deemed successful with six days of competition at the Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas. The final day of action featured 118 championship bouts across the Bantam, Intermediate, Junior, Youth, and Elite male and female divisions. Champions were crowned in all 118 bouts as USA Boxing wrapped up its second Junior Olympics and Summer Festival in Wichita in the past three years.

The Bantam division opened the championship Saturday with 10 female bouts followed by 13 male bouts. The Intermediate division followed with 11 female bouts and 20 male bouts before the Junior division featured 12 female bouts and 17 male bouts. The Youth and Elite divisions closed out the tournament with nine Youth female bouts, 11 Youth male bouts, seven Elite female bouts, and 10 Elite male bouts.



Coaching Clinics: Learn from the Best

Below are the upcoming Coaching Education Courses.

**For further information and to register click:
Events | USA Boxing**

Bronze Courses

August 1-2: Rochester, NY
August 15-16: Elgin, IL
September 12-13: Nashville, TN
September 12-13: Pittsburgh, PA
September 26-27: Lewes, DE
September 26-27: Cleveland, OH *
October 2-3: Springfield, MO
October 3-4: McAllen, TX
October 10-11: Swansea, IL
November 14-15: Riverside, CA

Silver Courses

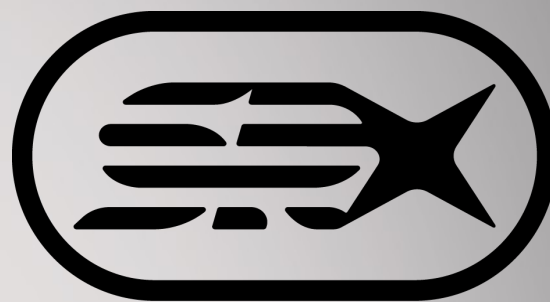
August 8-9: Houston, TX or Riverside, CA
September 12-13: Elgin, IL
October 3-4: Austin, TX
October 24-25: Springfield, IL

Gold Courses

July 19-26: Colorado Springs, CO
August 16-23: Colorado Springs, CO
August 23-30: Colorado Springs, CO

* Takes place during the National Open

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