

The Neutral Corner

Quarterly Newsletter of USA Boxing
May 2024



Letter from Leadership



There are less than 75 days to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, which will celebrate our 120th year at the Olympics. **The Olympic Games is the top of the pyramid and to earn the right to be called an Olympian for most of us is just a dream.**

USA Boxing wants to acknowledge and celebrate our qualified Olympians, their coaches, team mates, families and friends, along with our seven boxers getting ready to compete in Thailand to earn their Olympic quota spots for Paris.

Just as important, if not more, we want to **celebrate every coach, every training/sparring partner, every official and every member of USA Boxing through the years that has helped get these boxers to where they are and about to be.** You cannot get to the top of the mountain if you don't take the first step, and the first step is through the front door of a USA Boxing gym. This is followed by hours, days, and years of hard work with the support of USA Boxing's collective community.

When our boxers enter the ring in Paris wearing USA on their jerseys, and when they stand on the podium with their hand on their heart as our flag is raised and the *Star Spangled Banner* is played, please know **we celebrate their achievement AND the achievement of our boxing family. Because without our members and alumni members, the dream would not be possible.**

USA Boxing is *one team, one nation, going for gold!*

In your corner,

Mike McAtee
Executive Director / CEO

1975
First Year of
Membership

Two Events in One This Summer in Kansas



FACT SHEETS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
<https://www.usaboxing.org/2024-national-junior-olympics-and-summer-festival>

UPCOMING EVENTS!

June 22 - 29

Junior Olympics & Summer Festival · Wichita, KS

July 26 - August 11

Olympic Games - Boxing · Paris, France

August 13 - 20

Women's Championships · Lafayette, Louisiana

December 14 - 21

National Championships · Richmond, Virginia

Membership Services, Inc

New + Retention = Growth!

The USA Boxing Membership Squad (nicknamed the "M" Squad by Mike McAtee) has been working diligently to **assist members with registration, background screening appeals, verification of birthdate and annual physical documents, and registration for upcoming tournaments.** They are honored to be the "front line" for USA Boxing.

The 2024 Club Posters have been ordered and member clubs that registered between November and May 15 should begin receiving their poster by the end of May. Posters are sent out quarterly so clubs that come on board throughout the year will receive their poster in July or October.

Verification of documents (birth certificate/citizenship and annual physical) is a newer initiative that has really taken off throughout the LBCs. The flood of documents has caused a backlog in the ability to process them immediately. **The wait time now can be up to 7 days** so please allow time for them to be processed as you sign up for sanctioned events. We have a team of about 15 folks that work to approve them, and we kindly ask that you not call the office to check on them as that takes away from time staff is able to work on reviewing and approving the documents. **Thus far in 2024, 9,403 athlete physicals, and 6,807 birthdate and citizenship verifications have been completed.**

The Annual Athlete Physical Form has recently been updated to aid medical providers with completing all the information needed for the physical to be approved. The fields that are crucial to have included on the form have been highlighted in yellow. The updated form is available via this link <https://www.usaboxing.org/rulebook/forms-and-documents/medical-forms>.

NOTICE OF SAFESPORT MAAPS 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 started 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.



REMINDER to all officials and sanction holders that at every USA Boxing sanctioned event, individuals in the field of play, including the weigh-in and pre-bout boxer physical area must be a USA Boxing member in good standing (with current membership, background screening, & SafeSport Training).

Any individual or volunteer at the sanctioned event that is not a member should not have regular contact or authority over Minor Athletes, and must be checked against USA Boxing's Organizational Exclusion List (OEL) (Webpoint and SafeSport Disciplinary Database) and if found on the list must be prevented from participation.

SafeSport Training for Youth Athletes, Parents & Guardians

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/training-and-education/safesport->



USA Boxing is grateful to the Foundation for their fundraising efforts and all the programs that they have helped fund over the years!

Please help spread the word for the current Foundation Fundraiser, Boxing Fantasy Camp! The cost is \$5,900.

LIMITED AVAILABILITY



BOXING FANTASY CAMP

Train Like a Champ

SEPTEMBER 26 - 29, 2024

U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center
1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Did you know that USA Boxing has a Sanction Manual that outlines all that is required to host an event?



SANCTION MANUAL

Version 1.0 - 1.1.2024

Check it Out at:
<https://www.usaboxing.org/usa-boxing-rulebook>

Coaching Education Highlights

USA Boxing's Nutrition Course has officially launched. This course provides learning information from our high performance dietician covering topics such as physiology of weight, hydration, proper nutrition, etc.

Coming Soon! - Strength & Conditioning Course

This course will cover topics concerning programming a training plan, power development, and injury modifications. This course will be launching in June.

Upcoming Clinics

Bronze & Silver Clinics

Wichita, KS
June 22-23, 2024

Bronze Clinic

Pittsburg, PA
July 13-14, 2024



For More Info, Click On:

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USA Boxing National Open By the Numbers

March 9 - 16
Albuquerque, New Mexico

6 Days of Competition
10 Sessions in 4 Boxing Rings

865 Boxers registered – Ages 8-40
676 Coaches registered
97 Officials registered
1638 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

704 Boxers competed
102 Champions crowned
15 Bronze Coaches certified

608 Bouts contested
83 Female bouts (14%)
23 Walkovers
22 Boxer No Shows
10 Boxers Unopposed
5 Matched Bouts (all female)

536 Decided by Decision
(55% Unanimous, 45% Split)
49 Bouts Stopped (8%)
43 Bout Results of RSC/RSC-I
(Referee Stopped Contest)
1 Bout Results of KO – Knockout
3 Total Boxer Restrictions Issued
0.25% Incidence of Injury rate



INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL



USA Boxing together with World Boxing hosted the International Invitational in Pueblo, Colorado last month.

Seventeen countries including **Philippines, Germany, USA, China, France, Panama, Chinese Taipei, Canada, Brazil, Sweden, Algeria, Czech Republic, Australia, Canada, Barbados, Great Britain, and Denmark** competed in the international bouts.

USA took home 13 medals, including 3 Gold.



WORLD BOXING

Category	GOLD MEDALS	Country
Elite Female 50kg	Yu Wu	CHN
Elite Female 54kg	Charley Davison	GBR
Elite Female 57kg	Elise Glynn	GBR
Elite Female 60kg	Wen Lu Yang	CHN
Elite Female 66kg	Imen Khelif	ALG
Elite Female 75kg	Tammara Thibeault	CAN
Elite Male 51kg	Terry Washington	USA
Elite Male 57kg	Luiz Oliveira	BRA
Elite Male 63.5kg	Dedrick Crocklem	USA
Elite Male 71kg	Nikolai Terteryan	DEN
Elite Male 80kg	Amir Anderson	USA
Elite Male 92kg	Keno Machado	BRA
Elite Male 92+kg	Teremoana Teremoana	AUS

Volunteer Spotlight



Scott Dexter

USIBA Registration Chair & National Events Admin Leader

In this issue of the newsletter, we'd like to recognize Scott Dexter as one of our outstanding volunteers. **Scott is a "dentist by day" and a "Registration Chair by night"** for the United States Intercollegiate Boxing Association (USIBA). Plus, Scott shuts down his dentistry practice every time there is a national event so he can serve as an **Admin Team Leader**. In this position, he volunteers long into the night to ensure that the next day's matches are set and all passbooks are organized.

Although never a boxer himself, Scott is a lifelong boxing fan starting from watching *Wide World of Sports* as a kid with his dad. Scott first got involved with USA Boxing in 1995 as an official for the Michigan LBC and eventually became their COO. This led to USIBA involvement when the University of Michigan hosted a college tournament.

Salt Lake City was Scott's first national tournament as part of the Admin Team and he has been hooked ever since. He feels the friendships that he has made with staff and other volunteers make the long hours well worth it. Luckily for USA Boxing, his hard work and that of other Admin volunteers enables staff to focus on the daily operations of the boxing tournament.

We thank Scott and all volunteers for their service as USA Boxing is truly a volunteer run organization!



Where in the World is the High Performance TEAM?

There is one opportunity left for our HP boxers to qualify for the 2024 Olympic Games, which will take place in Paris, France July 26 - August 11. So far we have qualified 6 weight classes and we are hoping to secure the other 7 at the **Final World Olympic Qualifier, being held May 24 - June 2, 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.** Competing are:

Men

- ✦ 51 kg – Roscoe Hill – Spring, TX
- ✦ 63.5 kg – Emilio Garcia – Laredo, TX
- ✦ 80 kg – Rahim Gonzales – Las Vegas, NV
- ✦ 92 kg – Jamar Talley – Camden, NJ

Women

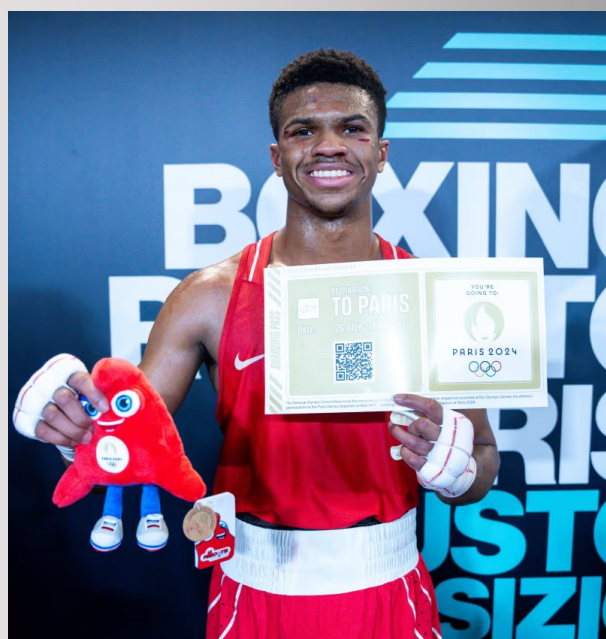
- ✦ 54 kg – Shera Mae Patricio – Waianae, HI
- ✦ 57 kg – Alyssa Mendoza – Caldwell, ID
- ✦ 75 kg – Naomi Graham – Fayetteville, NC



Congratulations to Omari Jones for qualifying for the Olympics in March at the 2024 Olympic Games World Qualifying Tournament in Busto Arsizio, Italy.

Omari joins Jennifer Lozano, Jahmal Harvey, Jajaira Gonzalez, Morelle McCane and Joshua Edwards as our Olympic Athletes.

We wish all our Olympians the best in Paris!



Looking towards the Future!

Our Youth Team Selection Camp took place April 28-May 12, 2024 in Chula Vista, California.

The following boxers have been selected to the 2024 Youth High Performance Team:

MEN'S TEAM

- ✦ 50kg – Lorenzo Patricio - Waianae, HI
- ✦ 55kg – Manny Chance - East Orange, NJ
- ✦ 60kg – Marcus Luther - Washington, DC
- ✦ 70 kg – Malachi Ross - Grandview, MO
- ✦ 75kg – Joseph Awinongya - Joliet, IL
- ✦ 80 kg – Elijah Lugo - Marietta, GA
- ✦ 90 kg – Rishon Sims - Harrisburg, PA



WOMEN'S TEAM

- ✦ W48kg – Joscelyn Olayo-Munoz - Las Cruces, NM
- ✦ W51kg – Laila Zakirova - Staten Island, NY
- ✦ W54 kg – Violet Lopez - Milwaukee, WI
- ✦ W57kg - Mercedes Castanon - San Antonio, TX
- ✦ W60kg – Shamiracle Hardaway - Lagrange, GA
- ✦ W65kg – Nevaeh Williams – Cleveland, OH



USA BOXING PARTNERS WITH GOLDEN GLOVES VIRTUAL REALITY FOR OFFICIAL BOXING ESPORT

Golden Gloves VR, a virtual reality boxing game created by Tulsa-based tech company Engine Room VR, is the official esports boxing game of USA Boxing.

Under a partnership agreement that extends through 2028, the organizations will explore the application of virtual boxing for adaptive, fitness and competition boxing.

Esports are enormously popular and have experienced exponential growth over the last decade. The value of the Global Esports Market is projected to reach \$2,396.9 million by the end of 2024.

In 2021, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) embraced a dedicated agenda for nurturing virtual sports and engaging with gaming communities.

Golden Gloves VR has completed closed alpha testing of multi-player/PVP, a game feature that allows two human players to compete via their avatars in the same virtual game environment. Open beta testing will be available in the game beginning June 1.

Amateur boxers from across the world, including members of the 2024 USA Boxing Olympic Team, had the opportunity to demo the game and the multiplayer feature at the 2024 USA Boxing International Invitational and World Boxing Cup in Pueblo, CO in April.

“USA Boxing and Golden Gloves VR will be establishing an official ranking system for e-boxers based on online game play and tournaments,” says Aaron Sloan, a USA Boxing certified coach and owner of Engine Room VR. “Qualifying players will be invited to compete at USA Boxing National Championships and at Golden Gloves of America’s National Tournament of Champions right alongside our real-world boxers. Our e-boxers will box live in virtual reality and be awarded their own rankings and titles.”

USA Boxing is pleased to have this partnership solidified.



Photo by Mark Bennett

USA BOXING POLICIES UPDATED

USA Boxing is currently going through a Compliance Audit with the United States Olympic Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Because of this, many policies including the Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest etc. have been updated to meet the USOPC standards.

All policies can be reviewed on the website at: <https://www.usaboxing.org/about-us/compliance-policies>

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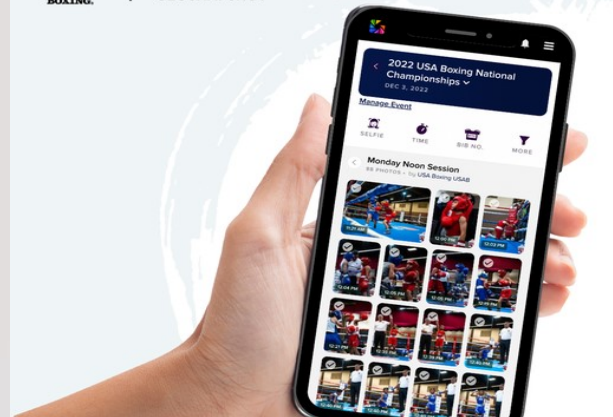


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