

The Neutral Corner

Quarterly Newsletter of USA Boxing
August 2024



Letter from Leadership



As the 2024 Paris Olympic quad has now come to an end, USA Boxing would like to **thank its 2024 Olympic Team for all their hard work and efforts throughout the past four years**, not to mention to their entire boxing career leading from grassroots to the Olympic Games. We also extend a **special congratulations to USA Boxing's Olympic bronze medalist, Omari Jones**, along with his family, personal coaches, and everyone else who has supported him on his journey to reaching the Olympic podium.

Although USA Boxing did not achieve the goals that were set for our Olympic Team in Paris, it is difficult to view the past quad as a failure based solely on the outcome of one event. USA Boxing has continued to grow leaps and bounds over the past three years, thanks to the unwavering dedication of boxers, coaches, officials and staff. We will learn from our shortcomings in Paris to make the necessary adjustments and improvements as we **continue our pursuit of becoming the number one nation in the world at the LA2028 Olympic Games**.

Looking ahead toward the new Olympic quad, **USA Boxing is excited for the opportunity to host the first-ever World Boxing U19 World Championships**, taking place from October 24-November 5, 2024, in Pueblo, Colorado. This championship event will not only showcase USA Boxing's future Olympic hopefuls but will also serve as a **critical marker in World Boxing's journey towards gaining Olympic recognition and confirming boxing's place in the 2028 LA Olympic Games** in the first half of 2025.

Matt Johnson
High Performance Director



WORLD BOXING

**USA Boxing hosts World Boxing's
U19 World Championship
October 26 - November 2
Pueblo, Colorado**

**More information will be available on the USA Boxing
Website Events Page in the upcoming weeks.**

Registration for 2025 Starts November 1

**ARE YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
DOCS
UP TO
DATE?**

BE SURE TO HAVE ALL DOCUMENTS UPLOADED INTO YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROFILE TO MAKE ANY FUTURE NATIONAL EVENT REGISTRATIONS SMOOTHER!

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS & VERIFICATIONS

- CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- CURRENT PHYSICAL
- AND DON'T FORGET TO GET ANY MISSING BOUTS ADDED TO YOUR MATCHTRACKER!



**December 14 - 21
National
Championships
Richmond, Virginia**

WE *Value* MEMBERSHIP

The USA Boxing Membership Department is happy to introduce our newest Membership Staff Member.

LeeAnn Toyer joined our team earlier this month. She is currently in training to begin helping our members in the fall, especially as we gear up for early registration beginning November 1, 2024. **Please welcome LeeAnn as you begin to email and talk with her in the near future.**



USA Boxing membership is booming... Here are some thoughts on why:

- USA Boxing volunteer coaches continue to dedicate their time and energy to train boxers of all ages.
- The Paris Olympic Games showcased boxing as well as all summer sports creating interest and enthusiasm.
- Events across the United States are drawing more and more attention - from local boxing shows to national and international events sanctioned by USA Boxing.
- LBC leaders, officials and ringside physicians work tirelessly to ensure boxers have tournament opportunities to compete and have the proper documentation in passbooks.

Thank you to all these individuals who ensure boxing remains accessible and robust!

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-courses-for-all/>.



Congratulations to Zaveun Silva For Being The 60,000th Member Of USA Boxing

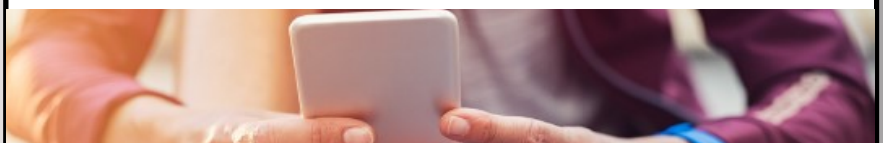
We are pleased to announce that this year we have reached our highest membership numbers ever !!!

Zaveun, watch for a gear box coming your way!

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.



Board of Directors Call for Candidacy

This fall, USA Boxing following the Bylaws will seat several Board of Director positions with a start date of January 1, 2025. **Please watch for emails from USA Boxing and check out Article 6 of the Bylaws** (on the website under the compliance tab) to see if you meet the qualifications.

4 Athlete Directors

1 Affiliated Organization Director

3 Independent Directors

1 General Membership Director

Applications are NOW being Accepted for the USA Boxing Foundation's Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarships Awards



USA Boxing is excited to announce that applications are now being accepted for the USA Boxing Foundation Scholarship Program.

Up to \$30,000 in scholarships to select applicants pursuing their post-secondary education (trade, undergraduate, or graduate program) will be awarded.

Funds will be awarded directly to the scholarship winners' college, university, or trade school. Those interested in applying for the USA Boxing Foundation Scholarship Program must **submit their application no later than Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET.** The USA Boxing Foundation Scholarship application can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

To apply, applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be currently enrolled for this fall in a full-time (as defined by their institution) graduate/undergraduate program or trade school
- Have been a USA Boxing member in 2023 and a current USA Boxing member for 2024
- Have competed in a minimum of two USA Boxing sanctioned bouts in both 2023 and 2024

Before starting the USA Boxing Foundation Scholarship application process, please ensure that you have the following items:

- Your USA Boxing ID Number
- A letter of recommendation from your boxing coach (current or former)
- A letter of recommendation from someone outside your family
- All trade school or collegiate transcripts (high school transcripts for first-year applicants)



Congratulations to Former USA Boxing Executive Director Mike Martino For being Inducted into the Nevada Boxing Hall of Fame

In early August, Mike Martino joined other

boxing "Greats" in being honored into the Nevada Boxing Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Las Vegas, Nevada.

2024 Induction Class



Shawn Porter



Layla McCarter



Ishe Smith



Mike Martino



Jay Nady



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

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SEPTEMBER 26 - 29, 2024

U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center
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For more information, go to <https://usaboxingfoundation.org/fantasy-camp>

Disciplinary Process

The Judicial Review Panel is comprised of five members of the USA Boxing staff from different departments. **Once a complaint has been received and validated, the process is to issue an Admin Hold against the membership** of the accused pending the investigation.

The accused is given the opportunity for their statement regarding the allegations. When possible, the Panel meets up to twice per week and discusses at length, the issue and any disciplinary action(s) against the person(s) who committed the violation(s).

After a decision has been rendered, **a letter of "Disciplinary Action" is emailed out with a requested response time for the acceptance or rejection of action.** If a rejection is received, the matter is then presented to the Judicial Committee for review and/or hearing. Both the Admin Hold notice and the Disciplinary Letter are copied to the accused's home LBC and other parties on a need to know basis only.

All cases are strictly confidential at all times and never shared with a 3rd party. **Below is a recap of the cases the Panel has worked on in the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2024.**

Qty	Allegation Type	Ruling
63	Complaints	Handled via emails or personal phone calls
24	Code of Conduct & Rulebook Violations	Disciplinary Letter: suspension & probation, or banned from USAB sanctioned events
18	LBC Grievances	Adjudicated at the LBC level
15	National Grievances	hearings heard by the Judicial Committee Panel
5	Legal	Cases involving attorneys for both sides
5	Appeals	Cases where the litigant did not agree with the Panel's decision and sought to appeal it, USAB always abides by the Appeal Panel's decision
8	Forgeries	30-day suspension to include waiting to upload an acceptable document
43	SafeSport Issues	SafeSport either accepts or declines jurisdiction
12	Unsanctioned Events	Admin Hold and Disciplinary Action

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Online Coaching Courses

- **Strength & Conditioning Course** has launched. Register for the S&C Course through your membership account for \$25.
- Reminder that the **Nutrition Course** is available and can also be purchased through your membership account.

Upcoming 2024 Bronze & Silver Clinics

Silver Clinic

Dubois, PA · September 7-8

Silver Clinic

Corpus Christi, TX · September 14-15

Bronze Clinic

Livermore, CA · September 28-29

Registration for Bronze and Silver Clinics at Nationals in Richmond, VA has opened!

To Register for Richmond (and for all Clinics and details), click [USA Boxing Coaching Clinics \(webpoint.us\)](https://www.usaboxing.org/coach)

Host A Clinic

Interested in Hosting a Clinic at your gym before the end of year? More information and request forms can be found at <https://www.usaboxing.org/coach>

Grants4Gyms

50 Gyms will be Awarded a Package worth \$1000
Applications Open September 16-22



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USA Boxing together with the **USA Boxing Foundation** will once again be awarding grants to USA Boxing registered gyms/clubs for the 2025 calendar year. **The application for the grant will be open September 16-22 for those that meet the requirements to apply.** Watch for an email with the application link in the upcoming weeks.

50 gyms will be awarded grants, with the winners announced in October. **The grant package will include:**

- ◆ One complimentary USA Boxing Club Membership for 2025.
- ◆ One complimentary, single day club event to be hosted in 2025 (third party and pro-am events are not eligible).
- ◆ One complimentary non-athlete (coach) membership for 2025.
- ◆ Boxing Gloves
- ◆ Mouthguards courtesy of Impact Mouthguards



Like previous years, to be eligible to apply for the grant you must meet the following requirements:

1. The club must currently be registered with USA Boxing and have been registered for 3 of the last 5 years.
2. There must be a minimum of 5 current, athlete members registered to the club. All athletes must be current USA Boxing members. (Fitness members do not count toward this requirement).
3. Franchises/Gym Owners with multiple facilities/clubs registered with USA Boxing, will be recognized as one entity.
4. Clubs who did not receive a grant in 2023 will receive priority.

New This Year: Gyms located at residences are eligible to apply!

Note: Completing the application does not guarantee your club will be awarded a grant.

****Applications that fail to meet the requirements listed will not be considered.****

Volunteer Spotlight

Doug Emery · Referee / Judge

Doug Emery is in our volunteer spotlight this month. He has been affiliated with USA Boxing for over 40 years, beginning as an R/J in 1980. Since then, he has worked more than 30 national championship events and was named a Continental International R/J in 1990. While serving as Chief of Officials in Nebraska over the last 20+ years, he has also operated within 15+ World Championship events. In addition to the numerous world-renowned events that he has been a part of, he also fills his time as the Chair of the National Grievance Committee for USA Boxing. His merits also include being named the 2002 USA Boxing National Official of the Year.



Doug holds many roles within the boxing world, including Chief of Officials for Army, Armed Forces Boxing and the CISM Championships. Further, he is also a certified trainer and evaluator.

Most recently, he was named an International Technical Official for the Road to Paris organization, granting him the opportunity to participate in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Over the summer, he dutifully fulfilled his role as an International Technical Official in Paris, where he guided officiating efforts for the Paris Games.

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



USA Boxing continued our **Junior Olympics** tradition earlier this summer in Wichita, KS.

The Summer Festival which allowed more divisions to participate joined the event again this year.

The event was kicked off with the boxers participating in an Opening Ceremony Parade.



Congratulations to the JO Champions!

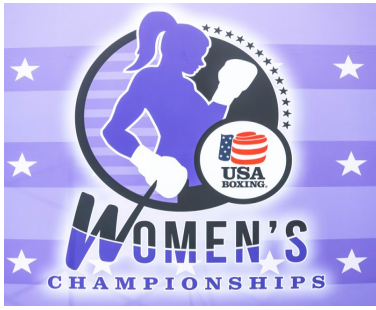
Female Division

90lbs (41kg) Angelique Tangaro
 95lbs (43kg) Gizelle Acosta
 101lbs (46kg) Ciana Nonhphala
 106lbs (48kg) Brianna Martinez
 110lbs (50kg) Guadalupe Ruiz
 114lbs (52kg) Maleah Rodriguez
 119lbs (54kg) Brianna Larson
 125lbs (57kg) Brijhana Epperson
 132lbs (60kg) Marley McNealy
 138lbs (63kg) Summer Jackson
 145lbs (66kg) Lauryn Elmore
 154lbs (70kg) Ciara Tanny
 165lbs (75kg) Marisol Flores

Male Division

90lbs (41kg) Bryan Cruz
 95lbs (43kg) Brandon Noriega
 101lbs (46kg) Kahlil Harvey
 106lbs (48kg) Levar Adams
 110lbs (50kg) Chevy Rodriguez
 114lbs (52kg) Angel Vargas
 119lbs (54kg) David Arrieta
 125lbs (57kg) Adrian White
 132lbs (60kg) Asaan Jenkins
 138lbs (63kg) Isaac Flores
 145lbs (66kg) Ricardo Gaspariano
 154lbs (70kg) Asante Lamar
 165lbs (75kg) Joshua Vann
 176lbs (80kg) Jaidon Windom
 176+lbs (80+kg) Norman Simmons





USA Boxing Women's Championships August 15-20 By the Numbers Lafayette, LA

4 Days of Competition with 6 Sessions in 2 Boxing Rings

148 Boxers registered – Ages 8-59

147 Coaches registered · 50 Officials registered

352 Total Participants

129 Boxers competed · 52 Champions crowned

6 Silver Coaches certified · 12 Boxer-Corner Assistants

149 Bouts contested

72 Ages 17+ (48%) · 77 Ages 8-16 (52%)

Unanimous Decisions 62% · Split Decisions 38%

19 Stopped (13%) · 16 Walkovers (11%)



Bantam

70lbs (32kg) Ava Watson
95lbs (43kg) Zhaylia Souza
101lbs (46kg) Marzela Catalan

Pee Wee Ages 9-10

60lbs (27kg) Mya Pinney
65lbs (29kg) Zuri Coles
80lbs (36kg) Makya Wade

Pee Wee Age 8

85lbs (39kg) Kabrynna Wiley

Masters

125lbs (57kg) Glynis Reeves
178+lbs (81+kg) Tiffani Williams

USA Boxing's second women's
championship was deemed a success!

Congratulations to the listed Winners
and we hope all had a great time!

Elite

106lbs (48kg) Amanda Sendejo
110lbs (50kg) Mariah Jones
119lbs (54kg) Noelle Haro
125lbs (57kg) Deborah Grant
132lbs (60kg) Diliانا Pecheva
139lbs (63.5kg) Marie-Angelis Rosendo
146lbs (66kg) Jasmyrn Hitchcock
154lbs (70kg) Isabella Winkler
165lbs (75kg) Kendra Samargis
178lbs (81kg) Ornella Sathoud

Senior Novice

110lbs (50kg) Makena Ruiz
114lbs (52kg) Jasmine Buckles
119lbs (54kg) Sydney Houston
132lbs (60kg) Hesia Villamero
139lbs (63.5kg) Latia Williams
146lbs (66kg) Armonee Wright
154lbs (70kg) Nicole Fisher
165lbs (75kg) Ruby Martinez
178lbs (81kg) Kimberley Foster

Youth

119lbs (54kg) Jayshannet Zapata
165lbs (75kg) Olivia Ford

Youth Novice

139lbs (63.5kg) Corina Shirk-Harris

Junior

101lbs (46kg) Ciana Nonhphala
106lbs (48kg) Nissi Teulilo
110lbs (50kg) Gea Fultz
114lbs (52kg) Zion Hensley
119lbs (54kg) Brijhana Epperson
125lbs (57kg) Patience Billingsley

Junior Novice

95lbs (43kg) Dynasty Carter
114lbs (52kg) Nya Almodovar
145lbs (66kg) Sydni Johnson
154lbs (70kg) Abigail Purdie

Intermediate

80lbs (36kg) Analee Valadez
85lbs (39kg) Chaeypin Kailee Balubar
90lbs (41kg) Mia Pinney
95lbs (43kg) Izlynn Shirley
106lbs (48kg) Miranda Zamarripa
110lbs (50kg) Chaselyn Gonsalves
119lbs (54kg) Danica Reyna
125lbs (57kg) Brooklyn Kaufman
176+lbs (80+kg) Elizabeth Harris-Smoke

Intermediate Novice

114lbs (52kg) Maryalena Rodriguez
165lbs (75kg) Andree-Cecile Nlend Bassama





Paris
2024
Olympic
Games
Wrap-Up

USA Boxing sent eight Olympians to compete in Paris, consisting of four men and four women.

Jennifer Lozano, Alyssa Mendoza, Jajaira Gonzalez and Morelle McCane competed in their respective women's weight classes, while Roscoe Hill, Jahmal Harvey, Omari Jones and Joshua Edwards occupied four men's weight classes.

Alyssa Mendoza and Jajaira Gonzalez each captured victories in their Round of 32 bouts.

Roscoe Hill employed a flawless 5-0 win to capture a win in his Round of 32 performance.

Jahmal Harvey utilized a bye in the Round of 32 for his bracket and battled his way to a 3-2 split decision in the Round of 16.

Omari Jones secured the bronze medal for USA Boxing in the 71 kg weight class after cruising to a pair of unanimous decisions in his bracket's Round of 16 and quarterfinals.



Where in the
World
is the High
Performance
TEAM?

Now that the 2024 Olympics are over, it is time to look ahead into the upcoming Quad and start preparing for LA2028. In addition to the U19 World Boxing Championships in **Pueblo, CO**, the High Performance Team will participate in many training camps in **Colorado Springs**. Plus five Elite boxers have been chosen to head to **Winnipeg, Canada** to participate in the USA vs Canada Camp & Duel.

Upcoming Calendar

September 8-22

Youth Team General Prep Camp – Colorado Springs, CO

September 8-22

USA vs Canada Prep Camp – Colorado Springs, CO

September 24-October 5

USA vs Canada Duels & Camp – Winnipeg, Canada

October 6-24

Youth (U19) World Championships Camp
 Colorado Springs, CO

October 24-November 5

World Boxing U19 World Championships
 Pueblo, Colorado

Bronze Medalist Omari Jones and his coaches celebrate his Olympic medal.



PARIS 2024



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