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\$10 DAILY PASSES | Monday – Friday

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EVENT SCHEDULE



DECEMBER

4 TH	MONDAY	6:00 PM
5 TH	TUESDAY	6:00 PM
6 TH	WEDNESDAY	6:00 PM
7 TH	THURSDAY	6:00 PM
8 TH	FRIDAY	12 NOON
9 TH	SATURDAY	12 NOON



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.

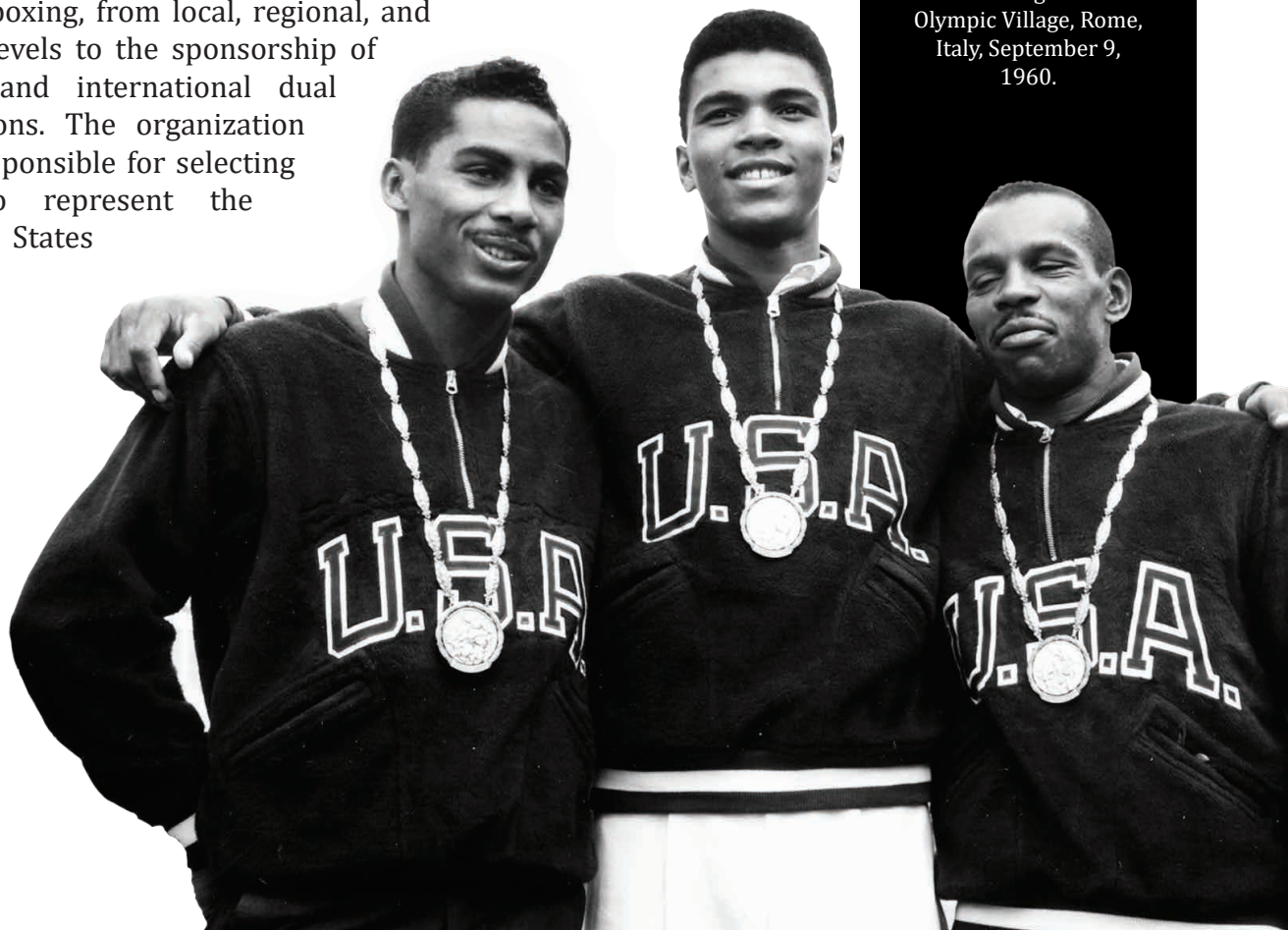
Olympic-style boxing is a crafty, fast paced, and one of the fiercest sports within the Olympic Pantheon. The sport of boxing brings bright lights, fearless but patient boxers, and riveting action that has the fans out of their seats. The adrenaline rush and pure passion these boxers show for the sport creates a sport like no other in the Olympics and draws attention to the public eye. Boxing provides vivid imagery and 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 training center and headquarters are located 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

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.



HISTORY

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 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 uplifted 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 went even further to cement her legacy in the sport by becoming the first American boxer, male or female, to win consecutive gold medals.

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

Furthermore, 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.

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ENTIRE ROSTER
OF U.S. OLYMPIC
BOXING TEAMS
FROM 1904.**

EVENT INFORMATION



The 13 weight divisions contested at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 are below. Boxers competing in Paris must meet the age criteria of being between 19 and 40 years old.

ELITE MALE WEIGHT DIVISIONS

Flyweight	112 lbs (51 kg)
Featherweight	125 lbs (57 kg)
Light Welterweight	139 lbs (63 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)

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 the 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 boxer who has 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.

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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.

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. When issuing a warning, the referee is making a recommendation to the judge to penalize the offending boxer by deducting a point. Here are more common fouls:

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- 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.
- Hitting with open glove, the inside of the glove, wrist or side of the hand
- Hits landing on the back of the opponent, and especially any blow on the back of the neck or head and kidney punch.
- Pivot blows i.e., backhand.
- Lying on, wrestling, and throwing in the clinch
- An attack on an opponent who is down or who is in the act of rising
- Holding and hitting or pulling and hitting
- Holding or locking, on the opponent's arm or head, or pushing an arm underneath the arm of the opponent.
- Ducking below the belt of the opponent
- Completely passive defense by means of double cover and intentionally falling, running, or turning the back to avoid a blow.
- Speaking
- Not stepping back when ordered to break.
- Attempting to strike opponent immediately after the referee has ordered "break" and before taking a step back.
- Assaulting or behaving in an aggressive manner towards a referee at any time
- Spitting out the mouthpiece (mouthguard or gumshield) intentionally without receiving a correct punch will cause the boxer to receive a mandatory warning.
- 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.
- Keeping the advanced hand straight to obstruct the opponent's vision.
- Biting an opponent
- Faking/simulating such as an injury

TERMS & DEFINITIONS

BOB AND 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. IBA Amateur boxing’s international governing body, formerly known as AIBA.

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.

TERMS & DEFINITIONS



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 a combat between fighters of similar weight takes place.
Ringmanship (Ring Generalship): used to describe the ability and skills to control the competition area.

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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 AND 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 TRIALS QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

The 2024 Olympic Trials for USA Boxing will take place Dec. 4-9 in Lafayette, Louisiana. The event will be taken place in the Cajundome, home of the University of Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns. There is a minimum eligibility requirement that every boxer must meet to be eligible to compete in the 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing. Boxers must meet the following criteria:

1. Athlete must have proof of U.S. citizenship.
2. Athlete must have a valid and current U.S. passport OR the ability to obtain one within 30 days, following completion of the 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing
3. Athlete must be eligible to compete for USA in accordance with USA Boxing and international boxing rules.
4. Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Boxing, meaning the athlete is not under suspension from USA Boxing.
5. Athlete must be a minimum of 18 years old by date of birth by the first day of competition at a USA Boxing Olympic Trials qualification pathway event or the 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing
6. Athlete cannot be 41 years or older during the year 2024.

The 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing will consist of up to 16 boxers per Olympic weight category. The Olympic weight categories can be seen below. There were six pathways that all boxers competing had to meet to be eligible in the 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing:

1. Athletes must be a member of the 2023 Elite High-Performance Team. However, there is an exemption if a member of the 2023 Elite High-Performance Team wins a medal at two (2) out of five (5) *international competitions in 2023. He or she will then bypass the 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing and advance to the Evaluation Stage of the Olympic Athlete Selection Procedures. If an athlete is unable to participate in a minimum of two (2) international competitions in 2023 due to injury or illness, he or she will be required to win a medal at one (1) out of three (3) international competitions to bypass the 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing and advance to the Evaluation Stage of the Olympic Athlete Selection Procedures.
2. Athlete must finish in the top two (2) at the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships in an Olympic weight category. This tournament took place in December of 2022.



3. Athlete must finish in the top two (2) at the 2023 USA Boxing Elite National Qualifier in an Olympic weight category. This tournament took place in March of 2023.
4. Athlete must finish in the top two (2) at the 2023 National Golden Gloves in an Olympic weight category. This tournament took place in May of 2023.
5. Athlete must finish in the top two (2) at the 2023 National Golden Gloves in an Olympic weight category. This tournament took place in June of 2023.
6. Athlete must finish in the top two (2) at the 2023 National Golden Gloves in an Olympic weight category. This took place in September of 2023.
7. If there is a boxer who does not meet the above criteria, the boxer must apply for Wild Card qualification and be selected by the National Championship Selection Committee, composed of the USA Boxing High Performance Director, USA Boxing Event Manager, and the AAC athlete representative for boxing.
8. To be eligible for a Wild Card selection, an athlete must meet a minimum of one of the following criteria:
 - a. Medalist at an Elite World Championships
 - b. Medalist at an Elite Continental Championships or Pan American Games
 - c. Medalist at a Youth World Championships
 - d. Medalist at a Youth Pan American Games or Youth Continental Championships
 - e. 2022 Elite High Performance Team Member
 - f. Medalist at the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships
 - g. 2023 Youth High Performance Team Member
 - h. Medalist at a 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing Qualifier in an Olympic weight category
 - i. Medalist at the 2022 Youth National Championships in an Olympic weight category
 - j. Top 2 place finish at a 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing Qualification event in the youth division in an Olympic weight category
 - k. Top 4 place finish at a 2022 National Championships Qualification Event in the elite division.

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

A total of 248 boxers from around the world will compete in boxing at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, with 124 women and 124 men taking part. Team USA can qualify 13 boxers to Paris, with six women (one per event) and seven men (one per event) able to compete.

At the 2023 Santiago Pan American Games, Team USA qualified five boxers to Paris, Jennifer Lozano (50 kg), Jajaira Gonzalez (60 kg), Morelle McCane (66 kg), Jahmal Harvey (57 kg) and Joshua Edwards (92+ kg). The remaining eight weight classes will have two more opportunities to punch their ticket to next summer's Games, with those quota positions listed below.

The boxers that win in Lafayette in the five weight categories that have already qualified to the Olympics will serve as the alternate for their weight class, pending them meeting the minimum evaluation criteria during the USA Boxing Evaluation Camp in Jan. 2024.

The remaining eight weight classes winners will move to the next phase of our Olympic Qualification Team selection camp in January, where they will be evaluated against the current USA Boxing High Performance team members with hopes of being selected to represent Team USA at the World Qualification tournaments.

**FULL SELECTION PROCEDURES &
GUIDELINES CAN BE FOUND HERE**

NUMBER OF BOXERS PER WEIGHT CLASS FOR PARIS 2024

WOMEN'S WEIGHT CATEGORIES

FLYWEIGHT 50KG
(22 QUOTA PLACES)

BANTAMWEIGHT 54KG
(22 QUOTA PLACES)

FEATHERWEIGHT 57KG
(22 QUOTA PLACES)

LIGHTWEIGHT 60KG
(22 QUOTA PLACES)

WELTERWEIGHT 66KG
(20 QUOTA PLACES)

MIDDLEWEIGHT 75KG
(16 QUOTA PLACES)

TOTAL (124)

MEN'S WEIGHT CATEGORIES

FLYWEIGHT 51KG
(16 QUOTA PLACES)

FEATHERWEIGHT 57KG
(18 QUOTA PLACES)

LIGHTWEIGHT 63.5KG
(20 QUOTA PLACES)

WELTERWEIGHT 71KG
(20 QUOTA PLACES)

MIDDLEWEIGHT 80KG
(18 QUOTA PLACES)

HEAVYWEIGHT 92KG
(16 QUOTA PLACES)

SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT +92KG
(16 QUOTA PLACES)

TOTAL (124)



WOMEN'S QUOTA ATTRIBUTION

	50kg	54kg	57kg	60kg	66kg	75kg	Total
Americas	2	2	4	4	2	2	16
Europe	4	4	4	4	4	2	22
Asia	4	4	4	4	2	2	20
Oceania	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Africa	2	2	2	2	2	1	11
1st WQT	4	4	2	3	4	4	21
2nd WQT	3 or 4	3 or 4	3 or 4	2 or 3	3 or 4	0	20-23
Host	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0	0-3
Universality	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
	22	22	22	20	20	16	124

MEN'S QUOTA ATTRIBUTION

	51kg	57kg	63.5kg	71kg	80kg	92kg	92+kg	Total
Americas	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Europe	2	4	4	4	2	2	2	22
Asia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Oceania	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Africa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
1st WQT	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28
2nd WQT	4	2 or 3	4 or 5	4 or 5	2 or 3	4	4	25-28
Host	0	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0	0	0-3
Universality	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	4
	16	18	20	20	18	16	16	124



OLYMPIC TRIALS TOP STORYLINES

ONE OF THE DEEPEST BRACKETS IN LAFAYETTE will be the women's 54 kg division

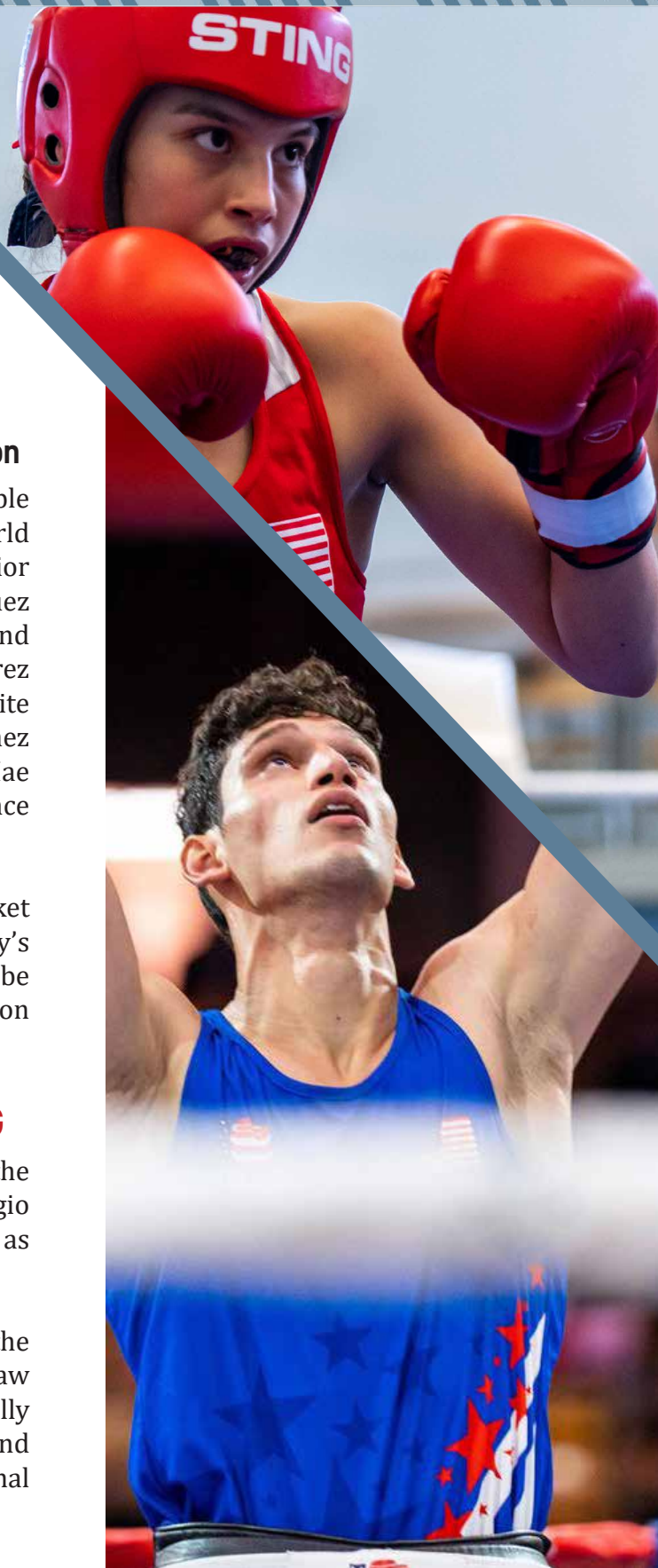
Stacked from top to bottom, the bracket includes multiple international medalists, including 2022 Youth World Champion Yoseline Perez (Houston, Texas), 2021 Junior Pan American Games Gold Medalist Jewry Rodriguez (Houston, Texas), 2015 Junior World Champion and 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials Champion Lupe Gutierrez (Colorado Springs, Colo.), as well as 2022 AMBC Elite Continental Championships bronze medalist Kayla Gomez (El Paso, Texas), multi-time National Champion Shera Mae Patricio (Waianae, Hawaii) and 2023 High Performance Squad member Jasmine Hampton (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

With 54 kg a weight that still needs to punch their ticket to Paris, the top two boxers will advance to this January's selection camp in Colorado Springs, where one will be selected to compete at the next Olympic qualification tournament.

FROM THE RUNWAY TO THE BOXING RING

New York's Alexis Chaparro can be seen walking the runway for the likes of Dolce & Gabbana and Giorgio Armani, but in Lafayette, he will be lacing up the gloves as he looks to win the 80 kg division.

In 2019, Chaparro was one of the youngest boxers in the field for the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, however, saw his time end short at those Trials and would eventually take around a three-year layoff due to hand surgery and mental health reasons. He made his return to the national





stage this summer at the 2023 Summer Festival in Lubbock, Texas, winning three of his four bouts by RSC or KO, before finishing second in the finals.

He will look to redeem himself from 2019, as well as continue the momentum of his comeback and land on top of the podium and earn his way to the Jan. selection camp and be one step closer to his Olympic dreams.

FROM ARMY TO OLYMPIC TRIALS

Thirty-eight-year-old, Derae Crane, last chance at his Olympic Dream

In 2015 Derae Crane (Houston, Texas) competed at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Boxing with the Army World Class Athlete Program, however, fell short of winning, and walked away from the sport. Now, at the age of 38, Crane's Olympic dreams are back and giving it one last Olympic run, with the next chapter of this part of his career taking place in Lafayette.

Crane returned this summer to Lubbock, Texas, after taking seven years away from the sport, however, in his first tournament he fell short of meeting the top two to qualify. Crane, not giving up on his Olympic dream, returned to the Last Chance Qualifier in Pueblo, Colo., and stood by himself at the top of the podium.

Seven years later Crane, a father, Rice University MBA graduate and war veteran will look to add Olympic Trials Champion to his impressive resume.

SEVEN WEIGHT CLASSES STILL LOOKING FOR ITS OLYMPIAN

With five boxers punching their ticket to Paris, seven weight classes still need to qualify for 2024 summer's Olympic Games.



These weight classes include three female weight classes (54 kg, 57 kg and 75 kg) and five male weight classes (51 kg, 63.5 kg, 71 kg, 80 kg, 92 kg).

The winners of these weight classes will advance to the second stage of USA Boxing's qualification process, which would put those winners being evaluated against the 2023 USA Boxing High Performance team. Boxers in these weight classes, with a lot on the line, have a tall obstacle ahead, but an opportunity of a lifetime. Boxers who win Olympic Trials are optimistic of outperforming Team USA current member to advance to the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

FROM DREAMS TO REALITY

Youth Boxers staring in the bright lights

Olympic Trials will bring bright lights, pressure and fast paced boxing. There are some young boxers making their debut in the Olympic Trials and making their transition from youth to the elite stage.

With a lot on the line, these youth boxers hope to bring high intensity and adrenaline to fuel them to keep their Olympic dreams alive. Boxers making their debut include Sa'Rai Brown-El (Marietta, Ga.), 2022 Youth World Championship bronze medalist; Perla Bazaldua (Los Angeles, Calif.), 2023 Youth Brandenburg Cup gold medalist; Ben Johnson (Springdale, Md.), 2023 Youth Brandenburg Cup gold medalist; Ethan Smith (Las Vegas, Nev.), 2023 Youth Brandenburg Cup gold medalist; and Cornellio Phipps (Oxford, Pa.), 2022 Youth World Championships bronze medalist.

MEN'S 57 KG BATTLE

Although Jahmal Harvey (Oxon Hill, Md.) qualified to 2024 Paris Olympic Games at the 2023 Santiago Pan American Games, there are a lot of boxers to watch in the 57 kg weight





class. This specific weight class has high potential and is very talented. The highly anticipated weight class starts with Julius Ballo (San Diego, CA), who has a very respectable resume including standing alone at the top of the podium at the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships, ahead of another name that is destined to be a bright star in the sport for years to come, Steven Navarro (Los Angeles, Calif.).

The bracket also includes some rising up and comers looking to make a statement, such as Cornello Phipps (Oxford, Pa.) and Zaquin Moses (Newark, N.J.), who have had impressive performances the last two years and could make a run for the top spot in Lafayette.

MILITARY TIES

The Olympic Qualifies is represented by a handful of boxers who have military ties. Many veterans and current soldiers are serving the stars and stripes outside the ring but also inside the ring. Boxers with military ties include; Mariana Tovar Lopez (Colorado Springs, Colo.), 2023 USA Boxing Summer Festival champion; Lupe Gutierrez (Fountain, Colo.), 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Boxing champion; Lisa Greer (Colorado Springs, Colo.), 2023 USA Boxing Women's Championships Boxing Tournament Champion; Ariana Carrasco (Colorado Springs, Colo.) 2023 National Golden Gloves Champion; Eli Lankford (Colorado Springs, Colo.), 2023 National Golden Gloves silver medalist; Obed Bartee-El (Colorado Springs, Colo.), 2022 AMBC Elite Championships champion; and Stephanie Simon (Dania Beach, FL.), 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships champion.

BOXERS TO WATCH | FEMALE



PERLA BAZALDUA

HOMETOWN: Los Angeles, California

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Youth Brandenburg Cup – 1st
- 2023 Summer Festival – 1st
- 2022 Youth National Championships – 2nd



SA'RAI BROWN-EL

HOMETOWN: Marietta, Georgia

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Youth Brandenburg Cup – 1st
- 2022 Youth World Championships – 3rd
- 2022 Youth National Championships – 1st
- 2021 Youth National Championships – 1st



ARIANA CARRASCO

HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colorado

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Last Chance Qualifier – 1st
- 2023 National Golden Gloves – 1st
- 2023 National Qualifier – 2nd



RASHIDA ELLIS

HOMETOWN: Lynn, Massachusetts

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2022 Elite World Championships – 1st
- 2020 U.S. Olympian
- 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – 1st
- 2019 Pan American Games – 3rd
- 2019 Elite World Championships – 3rd



KAYLA GOMEZ

HOMETOWN: El Paso, Texas

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 National Golden Gloves – 1st
- 2022 AMBC Elite Championships – 3rd
- 2022 USA Boxing International Invitational – 1st
- 2021 Junior Pan American Games – 1st



LUPE GUTIERREZ

HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colorado

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Last Chance Qualifier – 1st
- 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – 1st
- 2015 Junior World Championships – 1st



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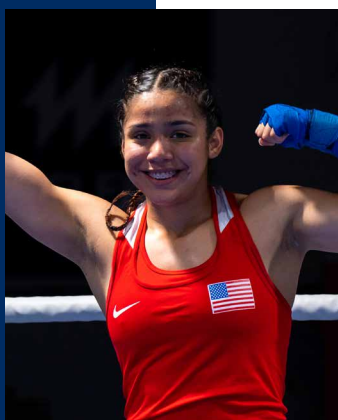


YOOSELINE PEREZ

HOMETOWN: Houston, Texas

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2022 Youth World Championships – 1st
- 2023 Santiago Pan American Games Team Member
- 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships – 3rd
- 2021 USA Boxing Youth National Championships – 1st



JEWRY RODRIGUEZ

HOMETOWN: Houston, Texas

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Gee Bee International Tournament – 3rd
- 2022 Elite National Championships – 2nd
- 2021 Junior Pan American Games – 1st
- 2021 Youth National Championships – 1st



STEPHANIE SIMON

HOMETOWN: Miami, Florida

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 National Golden Gloves – 1st
- 2022 Elite National Championships – 1st
- 2022 USA Boxing International Invitational – 2nd
- 2021 Elite National Championships – 1st

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AMIR ANDERSON

HOMETOWN: Syracuse, New York

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 National Golden Gloves -1st
- 2022 Elite National Championships - 1st
- 2022 Youth World Championships team member
- 2021 Youth National Championships - 1st



JULIUS BALLO

HOMETOWN: San Diego, California

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2022 Elite National Championships - 1st
- 2022 USA Boxing International Invitational - 2nd
- 2021 Elite National Championships - 1st
- 2021 Junior Pan American Games - 1st



OBED BARTEE-EL

HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colorado

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Last Chance Qualifier - 1st
- 2022 AMBC Elite Championships - 1st
- 2021 Elite World Championships - 5th

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DEDRICK CROCKLEM

HOMETOWN: Tacoma, Washington

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Summer Festival – 1st
- 2022 Elite National Championships – 1st
- 2022 Youth World Championships – 3rd
- 2021 Youth National Championships – 1st



ALI FELIZ

HOMETOWN: Bethel, Connecticut

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2022 Elite National Championships – 1st
- 2021 Junior Pan American Games – 2nd
- 2021 Youth National Championships – 1st



AARON GARCIA

HOMETOWN: Payson, Utah

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Last Chance Qualifier – 1st
- 2023 National Golden Gloves – 2nd

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DUSTIN JIMENEZ

HOMETOWN: Rochester, New York

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Last Chance Qualifier – 1st
- 2023 Summer Festival – 1st
- 2023 National Qualifier – 2nd
- 2022 Youth National Championships – 1st



BENJAMIN JOHNSON

HOMETOWN: Springdale, Maryland

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Youth Brandenburg Cup – 1st
- 2023 Elite National Qualifier – 1st
- 2022 Youth National Championships – 1st
- 2021 Youth National Championships – 1st



VERSHAUN LEE

HOMETOWN: Rockford, Illinois

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Summer Festival – 2nd
- 2023 National Golden Gloves – 2nd
- 2021 Elite World Championships Team member
- 2021 National Golden Gloves – 1st

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STEVEN NAVARRO

HOMETOWN: Los Angeles, California

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Summer Festival – 1st
- 2022 Elite National Championships – 2nd
- 2021 Youth National Championships – 1st
- 2021 Junior Pan American Games – 2nd



JORDAN ROACH

HOMETOWN: Upper Marlboro, Maryland

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Czech Grand Prix – 3rd
- 2022 Elite National Championships – 1st

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ETHAN SMITH

HOMETOWN: Las Vegas, Nevada

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Youth Brandenburg Cup – 1st
- 2023 Last Chance Qualifier – 2nd
- 2022 Youth National Championships – 1st



RYAN WILLIAMS

HOMETOWN: Toledo, Ohio

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2023 Last Chance Qualifier – 2nd
- 2022 Elite National Championships – 2nd
- 2022 Youth World Championships team member
- 2021 Youth National Championships – 1st

QUALIFIED BOXERS | FEMALE

50 KG

1. Jazzelle Bobadilla | Ewa Beach, HI
2. Irene Diaz | Hawthorne, CA
3. Kayla Gomez | El Paso, TX
4. Emeraldal Gonzalez | Fayetteville NC
5. Zoe Hicks | Lansing, MI
6. Priscila Medina | Fort Worth, TX
7. Sheelyn Patricio | Waianae, HI
8. Lexus Ramirez | Hanford, CA
9. Sa'Rai Brown-El | Marietta, GA

54 KG

1. Natalie Dove | Philadelphia, PA
2. Kayla Gomez | El Paso, TX
3. Lupe Gutierrez | Fountain, CO
4. Jasmine Hampton | Ann Arbor, MI
5. Chantel Navarro | Glendale, CA
6. Shera Mae Patricio | Waianae, HI
7. Yoseline Perez | Houston, TX
8. Claire Prince | New York, NY
9. Trinity Prospers | Knoxville, TN
10. Jewry Rodriguez | Houston, TX
11. Alyssa Vega | Odessa, TX
12. Sa'Rai Brown-El | Marietta, GA
13. Perla Bazaldua | Los Angeles, CA
14. Lia Lewandowski | Berlin, NJ
15. Summer Griffiths | Myrtle Beach, SC

57 KG

1. Atiana Edwards | Colorado Springs, CO
2. Shera Mae Patricio | Waianae, HI
3. Yoseline Perez | Houston, TX
4. Elise Soto | Randolph, NJ
5. Deborah Grant | Spring Lake, NC
6. Jasmine Hampton | Ann Arbor, MI
7. Sierra Martinez | Colorado Springs, CO
8. Valencia Kelly | Atlanta, GA
9. Lizbeth Ocegüera | Calexico, CA
10. Alexandra Fernandez | Splendora, TX
11. Bianca Ortega | San Antonio, TX

60 KG

1. Jessica Capurso | Sayville, NY
2. Ja'leecia Dominguez | Crown Point, IN
3. Rashida Ellis | Haverhill, MA
4. Paige Gilbert | Casper WY
5. Lisa Greer | Colorado Springs, CO
6. Karla Hall | Henderson NV
7. Neida Ibarra | Tulsa, OK
8. Jessica Lampron | Boston MA
9. Faith Mendez | Ocala, FL
10. Alexandra Plichta, Austin | TX
11. Amelia Moore | Colorado Springs, CO
12. Angielkia Miles | Rochester, NY
13. Kenisha Johnson | Nashville, TN
14. Casey Dial | Clarksville, TN



66 KG

1. Jill Barbeta | Houston, TX
2. Ariana Carrasco | Colorado Springs, CO
3. Carson Crawford | Culver City, CA
4. Christine Forkins | Nashville, TN
5. Alegeria Lee Johnson | Rochester, NY
6. Kenisha Johnson | Nashville, TN
7. Amelia Moore | Colorado Springs CO
8. Brooke Mullen | Boyertown, PA
9. Stephanie Simon | Dania Beach, FL
10. Stacia Suttles | Philadelphia, PA
11. Whitney Gomez | Bend, OR
12. Sasha Saldna | Whittier, CA
13. Briana Carrera | Dallas, TX

75 KG

1. Seraphina Brown | Belmont, MA
2. Trinity Burke | Shippenville, PA
3. Chelsi Davis | Vineyard, UT
4. Christine Forkins | Nashville, TN
5. Nadira Mohamed | Columbus, OH
6. Jillian Petroglia | Lindenhurst, NY
7. Ondrea Robinson | Seattle, WA
8. Kendra Samargis | Twin Falls, ID
9. Felicia Thomas | Lewisville, TX
10. Kamyra Ndango | Houston, TX
11. Talia Halvorsen



QUALIFIED BOXERS | MALE

51 KG

1. Maimiliano Baez | Reading PA
2. David Delgado | Woodland CA
3. Alex Espinoza | Garland, TX
4. Aaron Maximus Garcia | Payson, UT
5. Roscoe Hill | Spring, TX
6. Eli Lankford | Colorado Springs, CO
7. Jordan Roach | Upper Marlboro, MD
8. Marcellus Smith | Garfield Hts, OH
9. Amos Thang | Indianapolis, IN
10. Terry, Washington | San Bernardino, CA
11. Ryan Williams | Toledo, OH
12. Kenario Davidson | Colorado Springs, CO
13. Peter Frakes | Cincinnati, OH

57 KG

1. Julius Ballo | San Diego, CA
2. Izak Carlos | Olathe, KS
3. Isaias Estevan Navarro | Los Angeles, CA
4. Aaron Maximus Garcia | Payson, UT
5. Joel Hernandez | Renton, WA
6. Abraham Lozano Garcia | Concord, CA
7. William Luther | Washington DC
8. Zaquin Moses | Newark, NJ
9. Francis Stewart | Cleveland, OH
10. Raimier Walker | Liverpool, NY
11. Cornellio Phipps | Oxford, PA
12. Jordan Fuentes | Fresno, CA
13. Yoruba Moreu Jr. | Albuquerque, NM
14. Jeremiah Perales | Colorado Springs, CO
15. Phillip Vella | Henderson, NV
16. Jamir Germany | Norfolk, VA

63.5 KG

1. Alejandro Alvarado | La Puente, CA
2. Dedrick Crocklem | Tacoma, WA
3. Jordan Jenkins | Dallas, TX
4. Vershaun Lee | Davenport, IA
5. Troy Nash | Colorado Springs, CO
6. Garret Rice | Dearborn, MI
7. Israel Rodriguez | Humble, TX
8. Kentrell Rouser | Pontiac, MI
9. Noah Timoteo | Waianae, HI
10. Cesar Olvera | San Leandro, CA
11. Khalil Osaze | East Cleveland, OH
12. Dustin Jimenez | Rochester, NY
13. Santana Draper | Fresno, TX
14. Javy Melgar Torres | West Valley City, UT
15. Marcell Bonner | Cleveland, OH

71 KG

1. Amir Anderson | Syracuse, NY
2. Keon Davis | Houston, TX
3. Carlos Flowers, Dover DE
4. Benjamin Johnson | Springdale, MD
5. Javier Meza | Amarillo, TX
6. Jason Moreno | Philadelphia, PA
7. Jirair Thompson | Westland MI
8. Kamakani Waialae | Waianae, HI
9. Aaron Waldon | Radcliff, KY
10. Joesph Espinal | Philadelphia, PA
11. Dante Kirkman | Palo Alto, CA
12. Andrew Zammit | Centerville, OH



80 KG

1. Obed Bartee-El | Colorado Springs, CO
2. Isaiah Carr | Kannapolis, NC
3. Alexis Chaparro | Ridgewood, NY
4. Theon Davis | Chicago, IL
5. Julian Delgado | Corpus Christi, TX
6. Nathan Lugo | Marietta, GA
7. Keishawn Partee | Muskegon, MI
8. Ethan Smith | Las Vegas, NV
9. Tyric Trapp | Tinton Falls, NJ
10. Keoni Washington | Antioch, CA
11. Amir Anderson | Syracuse, NY
12. Sean O'Bradaigh | New York, NY
13. Delbert Taylor | Mckees Rocks, PA
14. Xavier Washington | Mansfield, TX
15. Steven Colome | North Port, FL
16. Elijah Austin | Niagara Falls, NY

92 KG

1. Danel Brown | Philadelphia, PA
2. Kyree Brown Zellner | Virginia Beach, VA
3. Leroy Clark | Albuquerque, NM
4. Derae Crane | Houston, TX
5. Maurice Davis | Kalamazoo, MI
6. Malachi Georges | Teaneck, NJ
7. Eric Post | Gardena, CA
8. Charles Pugh | East Cleveland, OH
9. Ben Turla | Kansas City, MO
10. Jacob Cox | Hutchinson, KS
11. Sardius Simmons | Flint, MI
12. Toriano Johnson | Saint Louis, MO
13. Ali Monaghan | Cedar Rapids, IA
14. Tyler Yavalar | Sarasota, FL

92+KG

1. Ali Feliz | Bethel, CT
2. Robert Gonzales | Lubbock, TX
3. TY Jackson | Alexander, AR
4. Jessie Jombo | Grand Prairie, TX
5. Gilbert Kabamba | Boston, MA
6. Alonzo Neal | Aurora, CO
7. Charles Pugh | East Cleveland, OH
8. Eric Ross | Chicago, IL
9. Darnell Thompson | McKinney, TX
10. Steven Williams | Chester, PA
11. Michael Nwachukwu | Raleigh, NC
12. Curtis Gee | Little Rock, AR
13. Giovanni Perkins-Cornicelli | Rancho Mirage, CA
14. Toriano Johnson | Saint Louis, MO
15. Rockill Brown | Cleveland, OH



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