



2024 Rule Book Revisions

References of AIBA and IBA changed to International Federation.

References of USOC changed to USOPC.

References of doctor changed to physician.

Open and novice terms deleted.

International Federation, Boxing Event, Sparring, Tough-Man, Sanctioned Boxing Event, and Unsanctioned Boxing Event definitions added.

Official in Charge definition updated.

Tough Man Competition definition deleted but referenced in Individual Physical Combat Sport definition.

Transgender definition and link to Transgender Policy added.

The sub-titles RULES FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT and RULES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS were deleted as all rules must be followed by everyone.

Grammar, punctuation, and number formatting edited as needed.

Links added to other documents/manuals/lists that are on the USA Boxing website.

1.1.2 – Ineligibility of incarcerated athletes moved from Rule 8.1.3a.

1.5 – Other unsanctioned and unregulated combat sports and unsanctioned events clarified.

1.5.1 – Tough Man and open/novice boxer references deleted and requirement of disclosing individual physical combat sport experience clarified.

1.6 – Disclosure of combat sports experience clarified.

2.1 & 2.2 – Member in Good Standing clarified.

4.1 – 4.5 – Deleted from Rule Book with a reference to follow the USA Boxing Sanction Manual.

4.6 & 4.7 – Reformatted and now 4.2 and 4.3,

4.3.10 – LBC Board of Directors are responsible for ensuring that Matchtracker is added in the specified time.

5.2.5 – The use of Kinesiology tape (K-tape) was added with the specifications that it may be used from the waist down and to the back of the body, but if it comes lose it may not be re-applied.

8.1 – Incarcerated athletes taken off nationality table since addressed in Rule 1.2.

8.1.3 – Incarcerated athlete ineligibility moved to Rule 1.1.2 and nationality requirement changed from two years (2) to three (3) years to coincide with the Olympic Charter.

8.3 – in the first sentence the reference of all members was changed to athletes and a statement about non-athletes being permitted to show electronic verification to participate was added. Formatting was adjusted to coincide with the rest of the Rule Book’s numbering.

14.1 – Referees are not part of the judge count was added.

15.1.4.a – Verbiage added: If at any time the bout is stopped due to an injury, initially caused by an accidental foul, the bout will be determined by the scorecards.

15.3.1 now 15.2.2 - If a boxer fails to resume boxing immediately after the rest period between rounds, the opponent will be declared the winner of the bout by ABD not RSC. This rule was moved under 15.2.2 under the ABD and numbering changed accordingly.

15.6 – Emergency changed to a head blow.

15.6.4 – Added that every KO due to a head blow must be followed by a medical restriction with reference to Rule 5.4.

21.1.a – Added that Judges may either sit or stand in one position.

26.1.1 Second sentence deleted to avoid confusion.

26.2.4 – Brand names were deleted, and specific items listed that can be used in the corner for cuts were added.

26.3.4 – Video cameras added to the prohibited devices in the corner.

26.5 (previously 30.1) - The OIC and Sanction Holder will determine which media are permitted, and the Sanctioning Policy is referenced.

30.1-30.3 – Ring set-up diagrams are now Appendix L.

31.1.1 – 31.1.3 – Official in Charge requirements updated based on R/J Committee’s recommendations.

34.5 – The officials’ dress made more specific.

36.1 – Glove labels updated to include accepting an imprint.

36.2 – Certificate of insurance was added as a requirement for equipment manufacturers.

37.1 – Headgear labels updated to include accepting an imprint.

37.2 – Insurance and indemnification added as a requirement for manufacturers.

38.2.2 - If a hand wrap is in question, the referee will summon the Official In Charge to the ring apron to inspect the bandage for compliance was added.

38.3.1 – A minimum length added for gauze and tape, and figures rounded to whole numbers.

40.4 – Brand name of Vaseline deleted

42.1 – Rule added about text messages, instant messaging, etc. not being an official form of communication.

Appendix A 1.5.7 – An exception that physicians may be at weigh-ins with the opposite gender was added.

Appendix D – Changed to refer to the R/J manual, which is to be followed as an extension of the Rule Book.

Appendix F – Hand wrap length rounded to a whole number.

Appendix G – Restriction Notification Form example highlighted in red and yellow to stress the importance to NOT copy.

Appendix H – Masters equipment labels updated.

Appendix I 6 & 16 – Changed less than 3 bouts to less than 5 bouts to participate in developmental bouts.

Appendix J – 3rd Party Flowchart and sanction information moved to the USA Boxing Sanction Manual. Added a link to the Sanction Manual and added a link to the website for the Golden Gloves rule modifications.

Appendix K – Combat Sport Verification Form updated.

Previous Appendix L – Poster example was deleted but added to the Sanction Manual.

New Appendix L – Field of Play ring set-up diagrams added.