

RULE 1. MEMBERSHIP

1.1. All participating members; **Boxers, Coaches, Officials, Physicians**, must be members of USA Boxing, to participate in USA Boxing activities, which is not limited to **club workouts, sparring sessions, and competitions**.

1.2. Any member of USA Boxing shall be permanently disqualified from USA Boxing if they are:

1.2.1. Convicted of a felony involving a rape or a sex crime against any person; or

1.2.2. Is required under applicable state or federal law to be a registered sex offender or the equivalent thereof.

1.2.3. Any felonious or lesser crime deemed egregious by the ethics committee

1.2.4. All non-athletes are required to successfully pass a background screening every two years.

1.2.5. All members must provide both a physical and mailing address upon registration.

1.3. Boxers must be registered with the LBC in which they reside and have been passed as physically sound by the attending examining physician immediately before and after the contest.

1.4. A boxer may not represent a club or an organization that is not a member of an LBC or USA Boxing. Any boxer who boxes for a club or organization, which is not a registered member of the LBC, must enter the contest as "unattached".

1.5. Any boxer who participates in an **unsanctioned USA Boxing contest** or tournament or in a tough man, wild man, barroom brawl or any similar competition that is never sanctioned by USA Boxing is automatically and immediately terminated or suspended as a member of USA Boxing. Such terminated or suspended boxer may make an appeal for consideration through USA Boxing's grievance and complaint process.

1.6. In order to be eligible to compete in an AIBA Competition, at any level, a Boxer who has competed at an amateur level in any Individual Physical Combat Sport must submit an application to the USA Boxing national office, who in turn will submit the request to the AIBA Eligibility Committee. The AIBA Eligibility Committee will review each application based on the information submitted and the guidelines and criteria developed by the Committee. The applying Boxer will only be eligible to compete in an AIBA Competition where the AIBA Eligibility Committee has deemed that Boxer to be eligible. The decision of the AIBA Eligibility Committee will be final and not subject to appeal or challenge (either by the Boxer or third parties).

RULE 2. MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

2.1. All participants, not limited to athletes, officials, referees, judges, physicians, coaches, team officials, must be currently registered and **properly certified** and not under any suspension from AIBA and/or USA Boxing to work or compete at any and all competitions.

RULE 3. INSURANCE COVERAGE

3.1. Accident insurance. Any boxer entering any sanctioned boxing competition must carry a twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000) accident insurance policy. USA Boxing provides this insurance coverage as a condition for participation and is automatically provided for upon registration. The insurance premium is included as part of the USA Boxing registration fee.

3.2. For sanctioned events and supervised practices for local, club, LBC, regional, national and international boxing competitions, insurance coverage for medical, surgical, hospital, and dental care up to a total of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), with a \$1,000 deductible with primary coverage, \$2,500 without, is provided by USA Boxing. Claims will be paid to the proper institutions only after all other insurance programs have been exhausted. In the event of accidental death, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) will be paid to the estate of said deceased.

3.2.1. All medical, surgical, hospital, and dental claims for injuries occurring during LBC, regional, national or international competitions shall be submitted directly to the USA Boxing National Office. 3. Organized Group Travel policy. USA Boxing provides insurance coverage for accidental death/injury up to a limit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per person for all travel to and from all USA Boxing-sanctioned competitions.

RULE 4. SANCTION REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Local Boxing Committees (LBCs) approve sanctions for all local, state/LBC and regional events within their geographic boundaries. USA Boxing will approve sanctions for all National, International and Affiliate Member events. Local Boxing Committees will be notified of these sanctioned events to foster cooperation and volunteer participation.

4.2 Requirements

4.2.1 Sanctions may be issued to Clubs and Organizations that are current members of USA Boxing

4.2.2 Submission of a sanction application form and payment (online or through the LBC) 4.2.3 Approval of sanction application by LBC

4.2.3.1 Sanctions may not be transferred to any other entity

4.2.4 Use of the word "Olympic" or any derivative, prohibited in name of event, marketing and promotion of the sanctioned event

4.2.5 Sanctions and payment must be received by the National Office at least ten (10) days before the start date of the event

4.2.6 Written notification of cancelled event must be received within more than seven (7) days of the original sanction date to receive an 80% refund of the sanction fee. If notification of cancelled sanction is received after the seven (7) day notice period the sanction fee will be retained by USA Boxing

4.2.7 One Certificate of Liability request per sanction may be requested in writing at least seven (7) days prior to event start date, additional certificate requests will incur a \$10 administrative charge by USA Boxing. Certificate of Liability requests with less than seven (7) days to the competition, the sanction holder will be charged a \$50 administrative fee.

4.3 Conditions

4.3.1 The club is currently registered with USA Boxing

4.3.2 All associated announcements, advertising and entry forms must state that no entries will be accepted unless boxer is registered with USA Boxing

4.3.3 All associated announcements, advertising and entry forms must bear the statement, "Held under the sanction of USA Boxing, Inc." and include the address of the Local Boxing Committee

4.3.4 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Alcoholic beverages may be served or sold at USA Boxing sanctioned events ONLY IF provided by a licensed vendor or caterer. NO GLASS containers shall be allowed at USA Boxing sanctioned events.

4.4 Withdrawal of Sanction

4.4.1 In the case of non-compliance with Requirements and Conditions, the LBC or National Office may withdraw the sanction following these steps:

4.4.1.1 Provide written notification outlining the problem(s) of non-compliance

4.4.1.1.1 The communication will list the necessary corrective measures to become compliant

4.4.1.2 Refer to Judicial Committee if a hearing is requested

4.4.2 Reporting Requirements

4.4.2.1 Each sanction holder shall provide a "report of sanctioned event" to the issuing LBC within 14 days after the last day of the event (USA Boxing Bylaws 15.3[C])

4.4.2.2 Provide a written narrative and a variety of action photographs of the activities conducted during the event so the information may be shared via USA Boxing's website (USA Boxing Bylaws 15.4[E])

4.4.2.2.1 Failure to provide sanctioned event report, narrative and photos will result in withholding future sanctions

4.5 PRO-AM Boxing Sanction

4.5.1 All currently registered USA Boxing, Inc. member athletes are eligible to compete in a USA Boxing sanctioned Pro-Am competition

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4.5.2 Pro-Am Sanctions may only be granted to current member USA Boxing Clubs that have been registered for at least one year or may be granted through the LBC

4.5.3 Completed USA Boxing, Inc. sanction application form and Pro-Am Sanction Information Form shall be submitted to the LBC President or designee at least 30 days prior to the Pro Am event. Application packet will include:

4.5.3.1 Certificate of 3rd party liability insurance for the pro portion of the event 4.5.3.2 Proof of accident insurance for pro boxers 4.5.3.3 Pro-Am Sanction fee: Regular sanction fee plus designated fee for each USA Boxing athlete bout on the card

4.5.4 LBC President or designee shall review all documents before forwarding to USA Boxing, Inc. The paperwork shall be received by the National Office no less than ten (10) days prior to the event, documents received later than the minimum requirement may not be approved.

4.5.5 The LBC and USA Boxing, Inc. shall be responsible for only the USA Boxing athlete portion of the event.

4.5.6 All Pro-Am events shall be conducted by current USA Boxing, Inc. rules, policies and procedures.

4.5.7 The LBC President or designee shall complete and send a Report of Pro-Am Event to the National Office within 30 days following the event

4.5.8 Documents 4.5.8.1 Pro-Am Checklist 4.5.8.2 Pro-Am Sanction Information Form 4.5.8.3 Report of Pro-Am Event

4.6 International Club Exchanges

4.6.1 Procedures for club exchange with countries outside of the United States – ALL participants of club exchanges must be registered and in good standing with their respective National Federation and must adhere to the rules of USA Boxing, Inc.

4.6.1.1 Border Club Exchanges with Canada and Mexico (inside or outside the U.S.)

4.6.1.1.1 Inside U.S. - Host club shall apply for sanction through the LBC and indicate the event is an International Club Exchange, including a list of country(s) participating

4.6.1.1.1.1 Complete the International Club Exchange form to accompany sanction application

4.6.1.1.1.2 Within ten (10) days of event, complete the Results of International Club Exchange form and send to the USA Boxing national office

4.6.1.1.2 Outside U.S.

4.6.1.1.2.1 USA Boxing, Inc. Club shall fill out the International Club Exchange form and send to the LBC at least 14 days prior to departure

4.6.1.1.2.2 Within ten (10) days of close of the event, complete the Results of International Club Exchange form and send to USA Boxing national office

4.6.1.2 Club Exchanges with any other country (inside or outside the U.S., including U.S. Territories)

4.6.1.2.1 Inside U.S. – Host club shall apply for sanction through the LBC and indicate the event is an International Club Exchange, including list of country(s) participating (must be received in the USA Boxing national office at least 14 days prior to foreign team arrival)

4.6.1.2.1.1 Complete the International Club Exchange form to accompany sanction application

4.6.1.2.1.2 Include invitation letter sent to visiting club/association

4.6.1.2.1.3 Include letter of response from International NGB/Federation giving permission for the exchange to take place

4.6.1.2.1.4 Insurance Coverage for foreign delegation

4.6.1.2.1.5 Include a certificate of insurance from the International NGB/Federation verifying coverage for the team travelling to the U.S.

4.6.1.2.1.5.1 OR if insurance certificate NOT provided

4.6.1.2.1.6 Include a check made payable to USA Boxing, Inc. for TravMed Insurance which covers all participants for a fee of \$5.00 per person per day. Travel dates are to be added to the total number of days team will be in the United States.

4.6.1.2.1.7 Within ten (10) days of event, complete the Results of International Club Exchange form and send to the USA Boxing national office

4.6.1.2.2 Outside U.S.

4.6.1.2.2.1 USA Boxing, Inc. Club shall fill out the International Club Exchange form and send to the LBC at least 21 days prior to departure

4.6.1.2.2.2 Include letter of invitation from National Federation

4.6.1.2.2.3 Insurance Coverage for U.S. Club Team

4.6.1.2.2.4 ALL U.S. Club teams MUST obtain TravMed insurance for all delegates travelling abroad

4.6.1.2.2.5 Include a check made payable to USA Boxing, Inc. for TravMed insurance which covers all participants for a fee of \$5.00 per person per day. Travel dates are to be added to the total number of days team will be outside the United States.

4.6.1.2.2.6 Within ten (10) days of return to the U.S., complete the Results of International Club Exchange form and send to USA Boxing national office

4.6.2 Foreign athletes competing in International Club Exchanges must be in good standing with their National Boxing Federation.

4.6.3 Teams participating in international club competition must adhere to all USA Boxing rules of competition

4.6.4 International Club Exchange teams may not use USA on their competition suits or in advertising the event

4.6.5 Teams, whether USA Boxing, Inc., club or foreign, must be designated as club teams and may not be referred to as national teams

4.6.6 No international club competition date will be approved which conflicts with other USA national or international competitions

4.6.7 Documents 4.6.7.1 USA Boxing International Club Exchange Form 4.6.7.2 USA Boxing Results of International Club Exchange Form

4.7 Feature Bout

4.7.1 Any sanctioned event may apply to hold one Feature Bout following these conditions:

4.7.1.1 Youth and Elite Athletes only

4.7.1.2 Well-matched experience and weight

4.7.1.3 Males may box four (4) rounds of three (3) minutes in duration

4.7.1.4 Females may box five (5) rounds of two (2) minutes in duration

4.7.1.5 No substitutions

4.7.2 LBC will approve and forward Feature Bout Application to the USA Boxing national office

4.7.3 Document 4.7.3.1 Feature Bout Application

Sanction Fees – National Level LBC/Club Show \$250 Int'l Club Exchange \$250 TravMed Insurance when required - \$5 per person per day Pro-Am \$250 Plus \$100 per bout for each USA Boxing Athlete bout

Feature Bout \$250 Affiliate Member \$250 LBCs may charge a higher sanction fee, however not triple the base cost. USA Boxing reserves the right to change the sanction fee.

RULE 5. BOXER'S QUALIFICATION: MEDICAL ASPECTS

5.1. Medical Certification

5.1.1. As of January 1, 2014 all boxers registered in USA Boxing must have an initial medical examination, to be repeated **annually**, and recorded in a valid up-to-date Boxer's USA Boxing approved Competition Record Book in which such Boxer must be certified as **fit to box** by a qualified Medical Doctor.

5.1.1.1. A qualified Medical Doctor is a licensed Medical Doctor (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.). The valid up-to-date Boxer's USA Boxing approved Competition Record Book must be signed by the doctor performing the examination.

5.1.2. The Boxer must be considered as **fit to compete** upon examination by a Ringside Doctor before being weighed-in. In order to ensure smooth running of the Weigh-In, the Supervisor may decide to begin the Medical Examination earlier. The Supervisor will inform all Boxer's representatives of this change.

5.1.3. At the Medical Examination, the Boxer or representative must provide the Supervisor all required documents in accordance with these rules.

5.1.3.1. Boxers who wish to compete with braces are required to have attached to their passbooks a completed Release To Compete With Braces form (Appendix A). This form requires the written approval of their dentist, parents and/or guardian (if under 18 years of age) and a **dentist-molded** mouthpiece. This includes upper and/or lower braces. Boxers competing with braces waive the right to dental coverage under the USA Boxing insurance program.

5.1.4. The Annual Medical Certificate must be standardized as per Appendix A.

5.1.5. Boxers must respect a minimum rest period of:

5.1.5.1. AOB – Once (1) per calendar day with a minimum of twelve (12) hours between two (2) Bouts;

5.2. Boxer with Allowed Handicap

5.2.1. Refer to current USA Boxing Medical Handbook for allowed handicaps.

5.3. Prohibited Conditions

Boxers with the following prohibited conditions will not be allowed to enter any USA Boxing Competition:

5.3.1. Wearing any dressing on abrasion, wound or cut other than a steri-strip. Soft wrap or braces on lower extremities are allowed, but must not have any hard plastic or metal components. No soft wraps, other than hand wraps, are allowed on the upper extremities. The decision will be made by the Ringside Doctor examining the Boxer on the day the Boxer is competing.

5.3.2. Boxers must be **clean-shaved** before all Medical Examinations. Beards and moustaches will not be allowed. No type of **body piercing** and no body accessories will be permitted to be worn during a Bout.

5.3.3. Any implantable device which can alter a physiological process or enhance performance.

5.3.4. Refer to current USA Boxing Medical Handbook for other prohibited conditions.

5.3.5. Medical Certification following Probation Periods - Before resuming boxing after any period of rest prescribed in Rule 5.5 below, a Boxer must be certified as fit to box by a Doctor to be able to take part in competitive boxing.

5.3.6. Boxer is only allowed to wear **soft** contact lenses. All other contact lenses will be prohibited.

5.3.6.1. If the concerned Boxer loses contact lenses:

5.3.6.1.1. The Boxer accepts to continue to box, the Bout will continue;

5.3.6.1.2. The Boxer does not accept to continue to box without the contact lenses, the Referee **must terminate** the Bout and the opponent will be declared the winner by TKO.

5.4. Knockout (KO) and Technical Knockout (TKO)

When the result of the Bout is Knockout or Technical Knockout, the Ringside Doctor must fill out and sign a Restriction Affidavit which data will be updated in the USA Boxing Database and sent automatically to the USA Boxing national office and Local Boxing Committee concerned. The Restriction Affidavit must recommend **how many rest days** should be prescribed or the protective restrictive measures and be delivered to the Supervisor by the Ringside Doctor.

5.5. Protective Restrictive Measures

5.5.1. One Knockout - A Boxer who has been knocked out as a result of head blows during a contest or wherein the Referee has stopped the contest due to the Boxer having received hard blows to the head, making this Boxer defenseless or incapable of continuing, will not be permitted to take part in competitive boxing or sparring for a period of at least **30** days after the Boxer has been knocked out.

5.5.2. Two Knockouts - A Boxer who has been knocked out as a result of head blows during a contest or wherein the Referee has stopped the contest due to a Boxer having received hard blows to the head, making this Boxer defenseless or incapable of continuing twice in a period of 90 days, will not be permitted to take part in competitive boxing or sparring during a period of 90 days from the second Knockout.

5.5.3. Three Knockouts - A Boxer who has been knocked out as a result of head blows during a contest or wherein the Referee has stopped the contest due to the Boxer having received hard blows to the head, making this Boxer defenseless or incapable of continuing three times in a period of 12 months, will not be permitted to take part in competitive boxing or sparring for one (1) year from the third Knockout.

5.5.4. If a Boxer has been knocked out or received a severe head blow which results in a Bout being terminated, the Ringside Doctor will classify the seriousness of the concussion and prescribe the medical restriction period as follows:

5.5.4.1. In the event of no Loss of Consciousness (LOC), a minimum restriction of 30 days;

5.5.4.2. In the event of LOC for less than one (1) minute, a minimum restriction of 90 days;

5.5.4.3. In the event of LOC more than one (1) minute, a minimum restriction of 180 days;

5.5.4.4. Any Boxer who suffers a second LOC within three (3) months of resuming boxing after a first LOC will have the highest applicable medical restriction period doubled;

5.5.4.5. Any Boxer who suffers three (3) LOCs within 12 months will be suspended for a minimum of eighteen (18) months from the date of the third LOC;

5.5.4.6. Any Boxer who has a medical restriction must not train or spar during the restricted period.

5.5.5. All protective measures must also apply if a Knockout and/or concussion occur during training or anywhere else. The Coach will be responsible to report all incidents to USA Boxing.

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5.5.6. If one Boxer is knocked out by a blow after “break” or “stop” and is counted “ten” (10), the win by disqualification will not permit this Boxer to continue boxing in the competition.

5.5.7. Boxers returning from protective restrictive measures must receive written clearance from a qualified Medical Doctor and inform their Local Boxing Committee before returning to box.

5.5.8. In case of body blows, the rest period or the protective restrictive measures will be at the discretion of the Ringside Doctor, following the post Bout Medical Examination.

RULE 6. SCORING SYSTEM

6.1. Electronic Scoring System 6.1.1. The Scoring System must be used in all Bouts. The Scoring System will be based on a “Ten Point Must-System”.

6.1.2. Following the selection of the 5 Judges, when they arrived in the FOP, the RJ Coordinator will randomly select a position around the ring.

6.1.3. Just before starting each Bout, the Scoring System will randomly select three (3) Judges out of the five (5) Judges, and only the scores of these three (3) Judges will be counted.

6.1.4. At the end of each round, each Judge must determine the winning Boxer of that round by awarding a score of ten (10) points and by awarding nine (9) or less points - down to 6 - to the losing Boxer, depending on the judgment as to the degree to which the opponent lost the round. Every round must have a declared winner.

6.1.5. The Judges will have to push the scoring pad within fifteen (15) seconds. These scores will be transmitted directly to a computer system managed by the Supervisor, and no alterations or additions will be made to these scores after the initial transmission.

6.1.5.1. In the event of a Live TV Broadcast: The announcement of the scores on the live TV broadcast will be made immediately prior to the start of the next round (excluding the announcement of the scores awarded for the final round, in which case the Official Announcer’s rule will apply to the display and announcement of the scores). This announcement must be approved by the Supervisor who will then submit the scores to the broadcaster for transmission on the live TV broadcast. At the end of the Bout, the precise scores awarded and the Judge who awarded each score will be identified on a public display. This public display will also indicate the total score by each selected Judge for each Boxer for the entire Bout (including any deduction due to warnings).

6.1.6. In the event the total scores awarded by each Judge, including any deduction, are equal at the end of the Bout, Judges must record in the Scoring System who in their opinion is the winner of the Bout. They will only be requested to do so if:

6.1.6.1. One (1) of the 2 (two) other Judges also awarded equal scores

6.1.6.2. The two (2) other Judges appointed different winners

6.1.6.3. The two (2) other Judges awarded equal scores

6.1.7. The scores of the final round must not be disclosed or displayed until the winner of the Bout has been announced. The Supervisor will then inform the Official Announcer of the official results.

6.1.8. All results recorded in the Scoring System must be printed at the conclusion of the Bout and must be included in the official report forwarded to the USA Boxing Office by the Supervisor.

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6.1.9. If the Scoring System becomes defective, the Referee will in that case collect all 5 Judges' score cards with the names of the Judges to give to the Supervisor. The Supervisor will randomly draw only three (3) Judges out of five (5) Judges and keep the name of counted Judges. From the second round, the Supervisor will count the scores from the same 3 Judges who were previously selected.

6.1.10. In case of unavailability of a Judge due to unexpected circumstances, the Scoring System will randomly select a third Judge out of the two (2) Judges who have not been selected initially.

6.1.11. The concerned Judge will be asked to move position to the unavailable Judge's position.

6.2. Manual Scoring System 6.2.1. For all AOB/USA Boxing competitions, it is acceptable to operate with a manual scoring system (score cards) for all AOB/USA Boxing Competitions. 6.2.2. For all AOB/USA Boxing competitions, it is acceptable to operate the scoring system with three (3) judges instead of five (5).

6.2.3. 1- Nomination of the Referee and Judges 6.2.3.1. For each bout, the Draw Commission shall appoint one (1) Referee and three (3) Judges without giving the position of the three (3) Judges. 6.2.4. 2- Position of the Judges 6.2.4.1. The R&Js Coordinator shall coordinate the position of the three (3) judges on the Field of Play (FOP) following the next steps: 6.2.4.1.1. 1- When arriving on the FOP, the R&Js Coordinator will ask them to pick up a ping pong ball to randomly select their positions around the ring. 6.2.4.1.2. 2- The R&Js Coordinator shall write the position of each of them on the draw commission sheet. 6.2.4.1.3. 3- The R&Js will seat on the waiting seat of the selected position. 6.2.4.1.4. 4- The R&Js Coordinator shall deliver the sheet to the Supervisor and / or the Deputy Supervisor (and the announcer if applicable) 6.2.4.1.5. 5- The Supervisor or the Deputy Supervisor shall

then report the judges' names on the Supervisor Score Card for the appropriate bout. 6.2.4.1.6. 6- Before the start of the bout, the Judges shall sit at their selected positions around the ring, as usual. 6.2.5. 3- Collection of the score round by round 6.2.5.1. At the end of each round, the Referee shall collect the score card of the three (3) judges, and give them to the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor. 6.2.5.2. The Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor will report the score of each judge on the Supervisor Bout Report. He/she shall also complete the date, competition and bout number on the judge score card. 6.2.5.3. All score card must be kept bout by bout alongside to the Supervisor Bout Report by the Supervisor. 6.3. 4- Decision 6.3.1. At the end of the last round, the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor must calculate final scores including all judges' scores, warnings, and declared winner (red or blue). 6.4. 5- Official Announcement 6.4.1. The Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor shall fill in the Official Bout Result for Announcer with the correct decision and winner. He/she shall then give the form to the Official Announcer. The decision and the winner shall then be announced by the Official Announcer. 6.5. This whole procedure shall apply for each bout and every step shall be carefully completed in this order. 6.6. The Scoring System will appoint the winner by an unanimous or split decision as follows: 6.6.1. Unanimous decision by points: the three (3) Judges appoint the same winner, or

6.6.2. Split decision by points:

6.6.2.1. Two (2) Judges appoint one (1) Boxer as the winner and the other Judge appoint the other Boxer as the winner;

6.6.2.2. Two (2) Judges appoint one (1) Boxer as the winner and the result of the other Judge is a draw.

6.7. **Each Judge will independently judge the merits of the two (2) Boxers using the Scoring System based on following criteria which are weighted equally:**

6.7.1. Number of **quality blows** on target area 6.7.2. **Domination** of the Bout 6.7.3. **Competitiveness** 6.7.4. **Technique** and tactics superiority 6.7.5. Infringement of the **rules**.

6.8. The Judges must apply the following criteria to score round:

6.8.1. 10 vs. 9 – Close round 6.8.2. 10 vs. 8 – Clear winner 6.8.3. 10 vs. 7 – Total dominance 6.8.4. 10 vs. 6 – Overmatched.

6.8.5. 10 vs. 5 – Unanimous KO

6.8.6. 10 vs. 4 – Unanimous KO

6.8.7. 10 vs. 3 – Unanimous KO

6.8.8. 10 vs. 2 – Unanimous KO

6.8.9. 10 vs. 1 – Unanimous KO

6.8.10. 10 vs. 0 – Unanimous KO

RULE 7. DECISIONS

7.1. Win on points – WP

7.1.1. At the end of a Bout, the winner will be determined on the basis of the total score of the Judges and will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance with the Scoring System by either unanimous or split decision.

7.1.2. The Judges will score the round for each Boxer up to the time of the termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance to the Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.

7.1.2.1. Rule 5.1.2. applies if an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;

7.1.3. The Judges will score the round for each Boxer up to the time of the termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance with the Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.

7.1.3.1. Rule 5.1.3. applies in the case both Boxers are injured at the same time and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;

7.1.4. The Bout may be terminated 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. In such circumstances, the Judges will score the round for each Boxer up to the time of the termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance to the Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.

7.1.5. AIDS Stoppage Rule: If both boxers are bleeding or where one boxer is bleeding and the opponent has an open cut or abrasion, the referee may stop the bout and take the boxers to the doctor to be examined. If the bout is stopped the decision will be determined by the score cards.

RULE 7. DECISIONS

7.1. **Win on points** – WP

7.4.1. If a Boxer is disqualified for a foul or for any other reason, the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by **DQ**.

7.4.2. If the Referee, at his/her discretion, determines that an intentional foul caused an **injury** to a Boxer and that the fouled and injured Boxer cannot continue because of the injury sustained from this intentional foul, the offending Boxer will be disqualified and the injured Boxer will be declared the winner of the Bout by DQ.

7.4.3. The third warning in the **whole Bout** will automatically disqualify the Boxer and the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by DQ.

7.4.4. If the Boxer has been disqualified due to blatant misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior, it has to be brought to the attention of the USA Boxing Judicial Committee by the Supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the respective Bout, a disqualified Boxer will not be entitled or awarded points relating to the Bout. A disqualified Boxer by any other technical rule will maintain his/her individual placement and/or team/ranking points earned.

7.5. **Win by Knockout** – KO

7.5.1. If a Boxer is knocked down and fails to resume boxing before that Boxer is counted up to **ten (10)**, the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by KO.

7.5.2. In the case of an emergency and the Referee summons the Ringside Doctor in the ring before the Boxer is counted up to ten (10), the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by KO.

7.5.3. In the event a Double KO occurs, both Boxers will lose the Bout by KO.

7.6. Win by Walkover – **WO**

7.6.1. If a Boxer is present in the ring fully attired and ready to box and the opposing Boxer fails to appear in the ring after being announced and a maximum period of **one minute** has elapsed after the bell has been sounded, the Referee will declare the present Boxer to be the winner by WO.

7.6.2. In the case the Supervisor knows in advance that a Boxer will not be present, he must cancel the procedure mentioned in Rule 5.6.1 and the result must be officially announced.

RULE 8. PROTESTS

8.1. The protest may only challenge a decision of the Referee.

8.2. No protest against Judges' decisions will be accepted.

8.3. The process to lodge a protest is detailed in each of the Competition Rules:

8.3.1. USA Boxing –USA Boxing Competition Rules

RULE 9. FOULS

9.1. Types of Fouls

9.1.1. Hitting below the belt, **holding**, tripping, kicking, and butting with foot or knee;

9.1.2. 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;

9.1.3. Hitting with **open** glove, the inside of the glove, wrist or side of the hand;

9.1.4. Hits landing on the back of the opponent, and especially any blow on the back of the neck or head and **kidney** punch;

9.1.5. **Pivot** blows i.e. backhand;

9.1.6. Attack while holding the ropes or making any unfair use of the ropes;

9.1.7. Lying on, wrestling and throwing in the clinch;

9.1.8. An attack on an opponent who is down or who is in the act of rising;

9.1.9. **Holding** and hitting or **pulling** and hitting;

9.1.10. Holding or locking, on the opponent's **arm** or head, or pushing an arm underneath the arm of the opponent;

9.1.11. Ducking **below the belt** of the opponent;

9.1.12. Completely passive defense by means of double cover and intentionally falling, running, or **turning the back** to avoid a blow;

9.1.13. **Speaking**;

9.1.14. Not stepping back when ordered to **break**;

9.1.15. Attempting to strike opponent immediately after the Referee has ordered "**break**" and before taking a step back;

9.1.16. Assaulting or behaving in an aggressive manner towards a **Referee** at any time;

9.1.17. Spitting out the gumshield (mouth piece) intentionally without receiving a **correct** punch will cause the Boxer to receive a mandatory warning;

9.1.18. If the gumshield (mouth piece) 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;

9.1.19. Keeping the advanced hand **straight** in order to obstruct the opponent's vision;

9.1.20. Biting an opponent;

9.1.21. **Faking** / simulating i.e. faking/simulating injury.

RULE 10. LOW BLOW

10.1. 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.

10.2. After a low blow, if the offended Boxer complains about the severity of the low blow, the Referee will have two (2) options:

10.2.1. The offending Boxer will be **immediately disqualified** if it is an **intentional** and hard blow.

10.2.2. Start an eight (8) count.

10.3. After the eight (8) count, the Referee will have (2) options:

10.3.1. The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee will give a warning to the offender and the Bout will continue.

10.3.2. 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 one (1) minute and a half.

10.4. After above mentioned timeframe, the Referee will have two (2) options:

10.4.1. The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee will give a warning to the offender and the Bout will continue.

10.4.2. The Boxer is unfit to continue: the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.

RULE 11. CAUTION, WARNING, DISQUALIFICATION

11.1. 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, be cautioned, warned or disqualified. If a Referee intends to warn a Boxer, the Referee must say “**stop**” and demonstrate the infringement. The Referee must then point to the Boxer, to the Supervisor and to each of the Judges.

11.2. If a Boxer receives a Referee’s warning, the Supervisor 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.

11.3. If the Referee has any reason to believe that a foul has been committed which the Referee has not seen, the Referee may consult the Judges.

11.4. In the event that any irregularity is found in the bandages after the Bout that in the Referee’s opinion gave an advantage to the Boxer, this Boxer must be disqualified immediately.

11.5. The Supervisor, Referees’ Evaluator and Judges’ Evaluator have the right to caution, to remove and to disqualify a **Second** who has infringed these rules.

RULE 12. KNOCKDOWN

12.1. A Boxer will be considered to be knocked down if:

12.1.1. The Boxer touches the floor with any part of the body other than the Boxer’s feet as the result of a **blow** or series of blows.

12.1.2. The Boxer hangs **helplessly** on the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows.

12.1.3. The Boxer is outside or partly outside the **ropes** as the result of a blow or series of blows.

12.1.4. Following a hard punch, the Boxer has not fallen and is not lying on the ropes, but is in a semiconscious state and cannot, in the opinion of the **Referee**, continue the Bout.

12.2. Counts following a Knockdown

In the case of a Knockdown, the Referee must say “stop” and then begin to count from one (1) to eight (8) if the Boxer is fit to continue; and count from one (1) to ten (10) if the Boxer is **unfit to continue**. The Referee will count with intervals of a second between the numbers, and will indicate each second with the hand so that the Boxer who has been knocked down may be **aware of the count**. Before the number “one” is counted, an interval of one second must have elapsed from the time when the Boxer is knocked down, and the time of announcing “one”.

12.3. Responsibilities of the Opponent

If a Boxer is knocked down, the Boxer’s opponent must at once go to the **neutral corner** as designated by the Referee and remain there until the Referee allows the Boxer to leave. If the opponent does not respect this, the Referee must suspend the count until the opponent complies with the command.

12.4. Mandatory Eight Count

When a Boxer is knocked down as the result of a blow, the Bout **must not continue** until the Referee has reached a mandatory count of eight (8), even if the Boxer is **ready to continue** before then or the round has come to a close.

12.5. Both Boxers Knocked Down

If both Boxers are knocked down at the same time, the count will be continued as long as one of them is still knocked down.

12.6. Compulsory Count Limits

12.6.1. A maximum of **three (3)** eight counts will be given in one (1) round;

12.6.2. No limit of the amount of eight counts will apply in one Bout for **Elite** Men;

12.6.3. In USA Boxing Master’s, Women, Youth and Junior Competitions, a maximum of **four (4)** eight counts will apply in one Bout.

12.6.3.1. For Master’s Boxing over the age of 50 a maximum of two (2) eight counts per round and three (3) eight counts per bout will be applied.

12.7. Boxer Knocked Out of the Ring

In the event of a Boxer being knocked out of the ring, the Boxer must be allowed thirty (30) seconds to come back into the ring **without the help** of anyone. In the case he is not able to come back within the above mentioned timeframe, such Boxer will be deemed to have lost the Bout by **TKO**.

12.8. Knockout

After the Referee has said "ten", the Bout ends and must be decided as **KO**. The Referee may stop the count if in his/her opinion the Boxer is in immediate need of medical attention.

12.9. Boxer Knocked Down at the End of a Round

In the event of a Boxer being knocked down at the end of any round, the Referee must continue to count until the Boxer is no longer knocked down irrespective of the end of the round. Should the Referee count up to ten (10), such Boxer will be deemed to have lost the Bout by KO. The **gong/bell** will not save the Boxer.

12.10. Second Knockdown without a Further Punch

If a Boxer is knocked down as the result of a punch and the Bout is continued after the count of eight (8) has been reached, but the Boxer falls again without having received a further punch, the Referee must continue the count from the count of **eight (8)** up to the count of ten (10).