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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOBBY RUSSO

Hello All,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. Unfortunately, Covid-19 (or a version of it) is still around but thankfully does not appear as dangerous as the original virus. So, hopefully by this time, most of your tournaments have concluded and were successful.

The National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions is still scheduled for next month, August 15, 2022, in Tulsa. For those of you still holding tournaments (and for those who have completed their tournaments), please note that all of the preliminary team information and rosters need to be submitted by August 1 to Dave Packer. Also, all final team rosters and applications must be delivered by the delegates no later than Saturday, August 13, in Tulsa.

Delegates, please make your travel arrangements so that you are in Tulsa on Saturday August 13, with the team information. Boxers and coaches can arrive on Saturday or Sunday.

There has been some confusion on the weight divisions that will be contested at the Nationals. These are the weight divisions:

Men 112, 125, 139, 147, 156, 165, 176, 189, 203, 203+
Women 106, 114, 125, 132, 139, 146, 154, 165, 178, 178+

I'm looking forward to another successful Tournament of Champions the 99th year of a great American tradition!

See you in Tulsa -

Bob Russo, President



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COACHES CORNER

JOHN BROWN

As a coach who tries to put on frequent boxing shows to keep my boxers busy, it can be a frustrating endeavor when there are few boxing only gyms within my region. Why is that ??? Since there is no organized approach to the establishment of more places for young people to learn our sport, it is all left up to chance.

Here's an example: Two years ago, a former boxing coach in Topeka, John Alcalá, gave me a call and asked me to go with him to look at a building to possibly start a gym. I've known John since the late 1980s, when he ran Alcalá's Boxing Club. He also helped start the Topeka Golden Gloves with Raul Guevara.

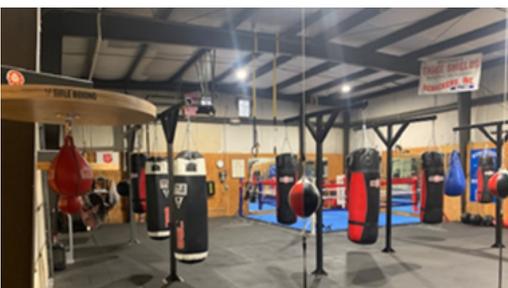
John informed me there was a Salvation Army building with potential. The location had one relatively large room, but it was a multi-use room and of course would not work for boxing as we must have dedicated space due to rings, bags, and other equipment. The equipment is impossible to set up and take down daily. But as John and I were leaving the Salvation Army, we noticed they had a Morton type structure on their property, and we asked if we could check it out. It contained machinery but was large enough to meet our needs.



John, a ranking member in the Kansas House of Representatives, snapped into action and quickly convinced the Salvation Army that this building could indeed become a quality boxing center for Topeka. He then convinced both the Topeka police and fire departments to support the program. With everyone on board it was named the 3 Shields Boxing Academy representing the Salvation Army, Police Department & Fire department.

Working together, we then asked the Kansas City Golden Gloves for help and were immediately approved for a \$10,000 grant for the necessary equipment. This is the fantastic part about most Golden Glove franchises - they work to help support existing boxing clubs and help open new ones.

We recruited help and set the gym up on one Saturday. John used his numerous contacts in the community to recruit more coaches and supporters. The club is now a well-oiled machine with John heading the program, a full time P.A.L. police officer assigned to the program, and plenty of boxers.



**3 SHIELDS
BOXING ACADEMY**

COACHES CORNER(CONTINUED)

The youth program includes both boys and girls ages 8-17. The club includes an after-school program with certified teachers to make sure the kids keep their grades up. He also created a unique program recruiting the mothers of boxers to become coaches. He now has seven of them making sure each young boxer gets plenty of attention.

Due to John's known passion for helping kids through boxing he gets whatever he needs from a giving community.

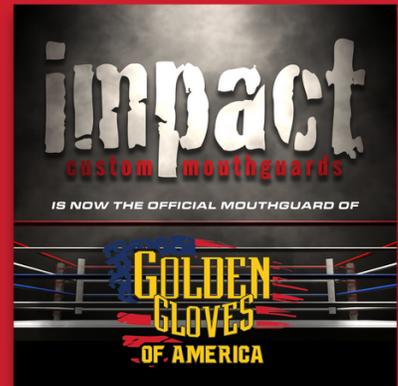
The club is building a stable of quality boxers that will impact our sport for years to come and more importantly have a positive influence on thousands of young lives.

It just takes one interested person to make the birth of a boxing program possible. Challenge is, of course, how to find more of those kindhearted and passionate volunteers.

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Kansas City Golden Gloves

Make no mistake...Kansas City is a boxing town; and leading the way for boxers, coaches, officials, and volunteers in KC is the Kansas City Golden Gloves!

The mission and vision: The KC Golden Gloves is dedicated to amateur boxing as a way to develop discipline, respect, and wellness in its athletes and empower the next generation of leaders and citizens in the Kansas City area. With a rich history, the sport of boxing provides an environment for teaching and inspiring confidence, work ethic, physical and emotional well being, sportsmanship, social development, and a culture of citizenship. Our vision is to create a community of dedicated athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, and supporters of amateur boxing to achieve our mission.

KC Gloves not only talks the talk...they walk the walk! They produce a Regional Tournament that rivals the production of any professional boxing show.

This Tournament has the unique distinction of being the longest running sporting event in Kansas City, an honor that the KC Gloves does not take lightly. In a year when the country shut down, KC knew that they MUST maintain this status and produce a Regional Tournament. And they did just that, with no spectators allowed. To accommodate their fans they produced a free livestream that was enjoyed by fans across the globe.

The KC Golden Gloves is adamant in its commitment to help produce the next generation of strong community leaders.



One of the ways they encourage this is through their Scholarship Program. To date they have awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships to KC boxers.

But the KC Gloves commitment to boxers, coaches, and the community doesn't end here. In the past few years this franchise has taken the initiative to open several new boxing gyms, supply existing gyms with equipment, sanctions, and other expenses that are necessary to running safe and productive gyms, and provide continued education for coaches, boxers, and officials.

When the country opened back up after the pandemic, KC Golden Gloves hosted a series of Back to Boxing Events to help keep the boxing community engaged. At the time, local gyms could not afford the sanction fees and other costs of producing shows when they were unable to have in person shows and charge admission. The KC Gloves saw the need in the community to kick start boxing and incurred the costs.

Last May they partnered with the Irish Center of KC to bring boxing to an entirely new fan base by producing a premium, upscale boxing show with the best of the best boxers in the area. To say that the sold-out event was a rousing success would be an understatement! This new and enthusiastic group of fans demanded more shows like this, and the plans for the next Irish Ballroom Boxing Show are underway!

Leading the way with all of this innovation is Chris Walden, the President of the KC Golden Gloves. We recently sat down with Chris for a quick KC Golden Gloves Q&A!

GGOA: Hi Chris! Thank you for taking the time to talk with us!

CW: Thank you for having me!

GGOA: Briefly, what is the history of the Kansas City Golden Gloves?

CW: KC has a rich and storied history of boxing. The KC Golden Gloves Regional Championships are KC's longest running sporting event. Next year will be our 88th consecutive year! The organization became a non-profit in 1968. I think this was key to our mission. Everyone involved is a volunteer and shares a passion for amateur boxing.

GGOA: What are some of the challenges you faced when you became the president of KCC Golden Gloves?

CW: When I took over as President of KC Golden Gloves we barely had enough funds to send a team to the national tournament, we didn't have a venue for our regional championships, and we lacked people to serve on our board. I thought I could help. I am proud of where we are now as an organization, and what we do for boxers, coaches, and officials in Kansas City.

GGOA: What notable boxers have been the product of Kansas City Golden Gloves?

CW: In the 1970s Tony Chiaverini was a KC Golden Gloves Champion. As a pro he fought Sugar Ray Leonard at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas with Howard Cossell calling the bout on ABC's Wide World of Sports. This was the biggest of the big time back then. I remember watching as a young boy.

Everyone in KC was! Tony serves on our BOD and as an official today. He is a true gentleman and a great person for young people to be around. Craig "Kidfire" Cummings was a local KC Golden Gloves Champ. Craig was a successful professional boxer and now serves the city as a firefighter, a boxing coach in a community center gym, and on our BOD. Former professional Cruiserweight champion BJ Flores was a KC Gloves Champ and is currently an analyst with NBC Sports. Greg Suttington was a KC and National Golden Gloves champ and coaches at a local gym. Cam F. Awesome is the most decorated amateur boxer in history. He was an Olympic Trials Champion in 2012 and 2016. He is now a motivational speaker. Cam helps spread our message and has been a great asset to KC Golden Gloves and serves on our BOD. Local BBQ guru George Gates was an amateur boxer in KC and still supports the KC Golden Gloves today. And though former heavyweight champion Tommy Morrison was not an amateur in KC, he spent his pro career here and supported amateur boxing. And now we have a brand new crop of KC Golden Gloves boxers making names for themselves in the professional ring.

GGOA: How does boxing benefit your community?

CW: Boxing gyms are special places. They are places where young boys and girls become outstanding young men and women. The environment of a boxing gym is one of fun, tempered with respect. They are great places for young people to spend their time. Many kids cannot compete in organized sports. Boxing gyms provide an avenue of competition for these kids. I'm amazed at how many successful people have boxing in their background.

GGOA: How does boxing benefit the individual?

CW: Just stepping into the boxing ring takes immense courage. A boxer is alone inside the ropes. For many young people this will be the biggest step they've taken in their lives. From boxing, individuals develop confidence and respect, for both themselves and others. I've seen it again and again.

GGOA: Why is it important to the KC Golden Gloves to implement boxing programs in KC?

CW: As an organization, we are dedicated to growing amateur boxing in KC. Implementing new boxing programs provides an opportunity for more youth to be in the great environment of a boxing gym. It also provides our current boxers more opportunities to compete locally.

GGOA: What is the main objective of these gyms?

CW: The objective is consistent with our mission statement: to develop discipline, respect, and wellness in its athletes and to empower the next generation of leaders and citizens of the KC area.

GGOA: Who are these programs available to?

CW: To compete in a USA Boxing sanctioned event the boxer, male and female, must be 8 years old. There is no maximum age in the Master's Division. Boxing gyms will typically accommodate competitive and recreational boxers. Most boxers will never turn pro, but there is an advantage to training and the self-confidence that comes with competing at the amateur level.

GGOA: What are some of the obstacles and objections you've encountered while implementing boxing programs?

CW: There is a misconception that kids are being taught to fight. This is far from the truth. They are being taught to box. Most boxers do not get into trouble at school and do not get into fights. They have the self confidence to walk away. It takes a lot of assistance to open a boxing gym. The first step is to overcome this misconception with the people you will be asking for help. The most difficult obstacle is finding a dedicated coach and coaching staff for the gym. Most coaches are volunteers. Finding a great coach is a challenge, but they are out there. Boxing is in their blood. A great coach is the most rare commodity in boxing and should be treasured. It can also be a challenge to find a facility. There is equipment to buy and registration fees to pay. It is not easy to create a boxing gym, but it is very rewarding for all involved.

GGOA: Are there certain areas of the city that are targeted for these programs? If so, why?

CW: Our local boxing legend, Middleweight Tony Chiaverini told me how things were back in the "good ole days" when the KC Golden Gloves tournament would sell out 13,000 seats. There were 9 boxing programs in KC, funded through the city, at Rec Centers. These were the best gyms with the best boxers, including Tony. The programs were shut down due to lack of funding. As a result, boxing in KC suffered. Our initial efforts to open boxing gyms were focused on community centers through the Parks and Rec Department. These centers are sometimes in areas where there are "at risk" kids. These areas are a perfect fit for a boxing gym.



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The 2017 National Golden Gloves Team Champions from KC

GGOA: What are some of the things that KC Gloves does to support safety in boxing?

CW: I have been an official for 15 years. EVERY training meeting I have been to emphasizes the safety of the boxer as the #1 priority for officials. The KC Golden Gloves provides training clinics in compliance with USA Boxing's guidelines. Officials must be trained, registered, and certified by USAB, a subsidiary of the USOPC and Paralympics. Officials and coaches must pass background checks. We provide free, mini clinics to our local gyms and coaches emphasizing safety as our number one priority.

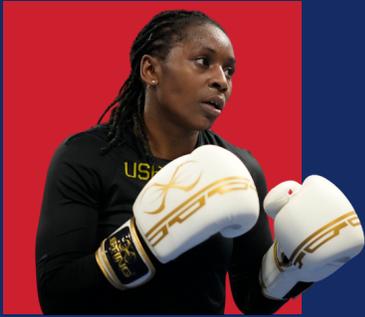
GGOA: What are some of the future projections for these gyms and The KC Golden Gloves?

CW: Our plan is to continue to help open one or two gyms per year in KC. Every time a boxing gym opens there are 20-30 young men and women who are in an environment of discipline, respect, and physical fitness each night, instead of being someplace else that may not provide these positives. I will be satisfied when amateur boxing in KC is the way that Tony said it was in the "good ole days."

The Kansas City Golden Gloves is looking to the future with optimism and excitement. They have many future projects on the horizon, including a continued effort to support their local boxing gyms and ensure their success, special boxing nights to promote the positives of boxing to develop new fans, and a podcast that promises to discuss and highlight the KC amateur and pro boxing scene. Be on the lookout for it in the early fall!

The KC Golden Gloves are well on their way to bringing back the "good ole days" of boxing to this modern generation of boxers!





BOXER SPOTLIGHT

RASHIDA ELLIS

by Zordan Holman

Lightweight Rashida Ellis (Lynn, Mass.) closed out the 2022 Elite Women's World Championships the same way she began this tournament, having fun and winning. Ellis, who won bronze at the 2019 Elite Women's World Championships, became the first American woman to win the lightweight division at the IBA World Championships following her 3-2 decision victory over 2019 World Champion and 2020 Olympic silver medalist Beatriz Ferreira of Brazil.

"It's about time," stated Ellis following her victory. "I feel good, I worked hard for this. I had to just fight my fight and look what happens when I do."

Ellis was in the lead following the first round, which saw the judges score it 4-1. The second and third round were more evenly matched, with both rounds being scored 3-2 for the American, resulting in a final 3-2 decision.

This marked the fifth time the American and Brazilian have met in international competition, with Ferreira taking the last three decisions, including the recent 2022 Elite AMBC Championship finals held this March in Ecuador.

"It was absolutely fantastic," said USA Boxing Head Coach Billy Walsh. "This year she has changed after coming out of the Olympics disappointed, so Ellis got herself in really great shape for this and produced a performance that was world class. All five of her performances were world class."

Ellis defeated Marija Malencia of Croatia (5-0), Krisandy Rioz of Venezuela (5-0), Jaismine of India (4-1) and Donjeta Sadiku of Kosovo (5-0) in route to Rashida Ellis' championship bout.



MICKEY WARD

NATIONAL GOLDEN GLOVES SPECIAL GUEST



The 2022 National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions is honored to have the legendary Mickey Ward returning to meet, greet, and take in all the action the tournament offers!

Ward, a former Golden Gloves boxer, turned pro in 1985. He was known as the people's boxer due to his down to earth relatability.

With a winning record of 38-13, Irish Mickey Ward was well known for his legendary trio of fights with Arturo Gatti. The bouts were epic, with each boxer leaving everything they had in the ring and gaining a massive respect for one another.

Ward was named Ring magazine's Fighter of the Year on three occasions, and his trilogy with Gatti earned him a spot on HBO's Fights of the Decade list.

Don't miss the chance to meet this legend at the 2022 National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions!



BOXING CLUBS

WHY THEY ARE A VITAL PART OF COMMUNITIES

by Missy Fitzwater



This is a story about a community center in the core of Kansas City. It is a story about the Kansas City Golden Gloves initiative to bring boxing back to the city's core. It is a story about a group of people who volunteer their time to try and accomplish all of that. But what this story is really about is a little boy named Benny.

It was an exciting time; the glowing promises of a new year seemed to be coming true as the Kansas City Golden Gloves and my trainer, Coach Craig Cummings, opened the door to Kansas City's newest boxing gym at the Garrison Community Center. Mr. Cummings asked if I would like to help coach and I couldn't have been more excited. If boxing is my "religion," my soul, then helping kids learn about boxing was my heart.

And as the famous movie quote says, "If you build it, they will come," the kids poured into the brand new boxing gym in their community center. There were kids of all ages, boys and girls, who were curious about the rings, bags, and gloves. Many of them stayed and wanted to take a jab at this exciting new sport in their midst. For some, it would turn out to be a short lived whim. And this was okay. Boxing isn't for everyone.

Soon enough, though, we had a fairly consistent core of kids who attended the gym regularly and began to build their skills. Our little team was gelling into a cohesive group. It was thrilling for me to see certain new boxers who were responding to boxing in the same manner that I had when I first began the sport. I could see confidence building in some kids and respect and discipline in others. Every time I witness the positive impact that boxing has on a kid, I'm filled with happiness. I love to see kids find something in boxing that fills a void in their life.

Things were progressing nicely in our new gym. There seemed to be a steady flow of new kids who stopped in to check things out.

On a typically typical evening we had a small group of "regulars" who were going through the routine of training, when the door slammed open, and a small storm entered the gym. A little boy, probably 10 or 11 years old, burst into the gym and began to wreak havoc. He was in a boxing gym, and he was here to fight.

He began to aggressively call out kids who were working on bag drills, footwork drills, and other training techniques. "You wanna fight me? I bet you don't, but I wanna fight you," he hollered at the top of his lungs. I quickly intervened. The regular boxers went back to the tasks at hand, and I attempted to explain to this kid that this isn't how it worked. Number one, this isn't about "fighting," at least not in the sense that he had interpreted boxing. I tried to tell him that this was a sport, with techniques to be learned. I offered to go over the basics with him. He would have none of this. He informed me that he already knew how to fight. No one needed to show him anything. With that he stormed off and grabbed a pair of gloves.

I returned my attention to the other boxers in the gym and moved them along to the next drill. I spent a few minutes with them and then decided to address the situation with the new little boy. He was beating a heavy bag with as much anger as I have ever seen in a person. I watched for a bit and then approached him to try and offer him some instruction on the proper way to stand, throw a punch, etc. He turned and struck out at me. I caught his gloved hand just before it connected with my chin.

I told him to remove the gloves and to leave the gym. He removed the gloves all right, and then proceeded to throw them at me. I picked them up and returned them to the bin. I then escorted him to the door. I told him that he had to leave tonight because he had been disrespectful to the other boxers in the gym and to someone who was trying to help him. That would not be tolerated in this gym. I also told him that he was welcome to come back the next night and try again. He hollered and yelled all the way to the door and left with just as much bluster as he had entered.

This was the first time that Benny was asked to leave the gym; it would definitely not be the last.

Benny would return often. He would be asked to leave just as often. But, he was always told that he could try it again on the next night that we were open. The door to boxing was never permanently closed.

His returns began to last longer and longer, until he had received a sufficient amount of instruction that Coach Cummings finally determined that he was ready to spar. This was what he had been waiting for; he was finally going to get to "fight."

It was a treat to see Benny's instinct in action. He had a knack for this boxing thing; and undeniable natural ability.

Unfortunately, after his sparring experience, Benny no longer wanted to bother with the other toils in the gym. All he wanted to do was spar. The coaches explained to him that he had to work on bags, do the drills, and practice all of the techniques he had acquired every night before he would be allowed to spar.

This must have been a deal breaker for Benny. He no longer found his way down to the boxing gym.

As time went on and we didn't see Benny, I thought that I might be relieved. After all, this kid was challenging, to say the least. But I found myself missing him, wondering what trouble he might be getting himself into. I thought of him often.

After a couple of months, I began to go to the gym on non-boxing days to get in my own workouts and take advantage of some quiet time in the gym. One quiet afternoon, as I was shadowboxing in the ring, the door slammed open and a familiar storm entered the gym; Benny was back.

I stopped what I was doing and greeted him! The first thing out of his mouth was, "Can I spar?" Well, I told him that nothing had changed. He still had to do his other work before he could spar. But I made a deal with him; If he gave me three rounds each of shadowboxing and bag work, then I would give him three rounds of mitts. And that's just what we did.

This began a new routine of sorts for Benny. Anytime I came to the gym for my own work, Benny would find me or I would find him, and we would negotiate a boxing workout that would culminate in some sparring.

One day when I was working out Benny came into the gym, and I braced myself for the latest round of negotiations. But on this day, Benny didn't want to negotiate. He wanted to talk. He sat down on the floor next to my weight bench. There seemed to be something different about him that I couldn't quite place. Then it dawned on me; Benny didn't have on his usual armor of defiance and anger. He was quiet, complacent.

I asked him what was up. He gave a generic answer. I tried another angle and asked him a little about his life, how many brothers and sisters does he have, is he the oldest, that sort of thing. And that's when Benny began to talk. More than I'd ever heard him say. He spoke in a soft voice, and he spoke volumes.

He talked about how many times he'd moved from city to city, town to town, in his life. He detailed the reality of his home life. The narrative that this little boy shared with me filled me with fear and made my stomach churn. I wanted to reach out to him, hug him, protect and shelter him. But I knew that this would cause him to flee. Benny didn't take kindly to kind gestures.

That afternoon there was no boxing, just a lot of talking in a boxing gym.

When I got in the car to head home that day, the tears came. I was overwhelmed with so many emotions. I was terrified by the life this little boy has seen; but I was so grateful that this boxing gym had made it possible for my path to cross with Benny's.

I would love to say that this was a catalytic moment, that magically changed Benny's life. That he became an outgoing and happy little boy. Sadly, Benny is still angry, defiant, and guarded. But I can say that moving forward, Benny is different. He says please and thank you, he holds doors open for me when we come to them. He talks to me from time to time, sometimes about serious matters, and sometimes about little boy matters; those are my favorite conversations, the nonsense conversations.



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We still have to have negotiations about boxing workouts and he still doesn't come to boxing class regularly. But I can count on seeing him in the gym at least once a week. Will he ever be a competitive boxer? I have high hopes that he will. Like I said, he does have natural ability...but for now, I am happy that he finds his way to this boxing gym where he can talk about whatever he needs to. I'm happy that he can come here and win a negotiation where he earns what he wants.

I'm grateful that gyms like this exist for kids like Benny, who above all else, just need the opportunity to be little boys and learn the lessons that all little boys deserve to learn.



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Yvonne A. Grealish of Dorchester Center, Massachusetts passed away on February 23, 2022. Yvonne was active in amateur and professional boxing. Yvonne, together with her husband Martin, ran the Grealish Boxing Gym in Dorchester and both her son and her daughter were boxers. Yvonne was an active member of USA Boxing New England and served as Board Secretary of USA Boxing New England. May she rest in peace.



Robert E. Miller, 76, passed away on April 29, 2022. Bob served in the US Army as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. He was the owner and operator of Uncle Sam's Boxing Club and was the President of the Adirondack Association of USA Boxing. Bob started boxing at age 12 and later became the face of the sport as a promoter, manager, trainer and cutman in the Troy area. He was inducted into the New York State Boxing Hall of Fame in 2015. Bob worked with the Who's Who of boxing in New York and Canada, including Lucian Bute, Jean Pascal, Adrian Diaconu, Eric Lucas and Adonis Stevenson. But without question, the most famous fighter Bob worked with was Mike Tyson, promoting the majority of his first 25 bouts up until 1986. Bob was partially paralyzed in a serious car accident in 2016 but continued to promote boxing events and vowed to "never retire". Rest in Peace, Bob.

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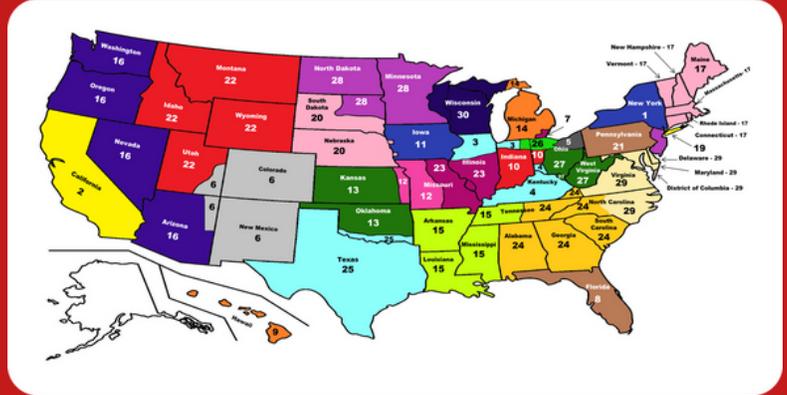
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- 119 lb Champion: Alexa Araiza-Mones-Texas
- 125 lb Champion: Lizbeth Retiz-Texas
- 132 lb Champion: Neida Ibarra-Kansas/Oklahoma
- 141 lb Champion: Trudy Li-New York Metro
- 152 lb Champion: Stephanie Simon-Washington DC
- 165 lb Champion: Morelle McCane- Cleveland
- 178 lb Champion: Angel Levering-Omaha
- 178+lb Champion: Brittany Parker-Omaha

MEN'S CHAMPIONS

- 108 lb Champion: Andres Perez-Texas
- 114 lb Champion: Figo Ramirez-Texas
- 125 lb Champion: German Lopez-Texas
- 138 lb Champion: Vershaun Lee-Chicago
- 152 lb Champion: Giovanni Marquez-Texas
- 165 lb Champion: Jordan Panthen-Hawaii
- 178 lb Champion: Abel Gonzalez-Florida
- 201 lb Champion: Jkhory Gibson-Texas
- 201+ lb Champion: Skylar Lacy-Indiana

TEAM CHAMPIONS

- 1st Place: TEXAS
- 2nd Place: FLORIDA
- 3rd Place: DETROIT

OUTSTANDING MALE BOXER AWARDS:

108-125 Stan Gallup Award:
German Lopez-Texas

138-165 Myrl Taylor Award:
Giovanni Marquez-Texas

178-201+ Ray Rodgers Award:
Abel Gonzalez-Florida

OUTSTANDING FEMALE BOXER AWARDS:

106-119 George DeFabis Award:
Alexis Aralza-Mones-Texas

125-141 John Brown Award:
Neida Ibarra-Kansas/Oklahoma

152-178+ Bobby Magruder Award:
Morelle McCane-Cleveland

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- JULY 8 WISCONSIN STATE GOLDEN GLOVES
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- JULY 11-16 USAB JUNIOR OLYMPICS
- JULY 15-17 UPPER MIDWEST GOLDEN GLOVES
- JULY 16-24 TEXAS GOLDEN GLOVES
- JULY 22-23 TRI STATE GOLDEN GLOVES
- JULY 22-23 BUFFALO GOLDEN GLOVES
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- JULY 23-24 CALIFORNIA STATE GOLDEN GLOVES



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DATES:

Staff arrival: Thursday, August 11, 2022

Franchise Representative Arrival: Friday, August 12, 2022 and/or Saturday, August 13, 2022

Team arrivals: Boxers and Coaches may arrive Saturday, August 13th or Sunday, August 14th (prior to Sunday's 1:30 p.m. scheduled boxers/coaches/franchise meeting)

Competition: Monday August 15th thru Saturday August 20th

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:

All teams staying at the Headquarters Hotels should contact their hotel for transportation from and to the airport. Please contact your hotel upon arrival for airport shuttle service. On departure, please make arrangements with the hotel shuttle service.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:

DoubleTree Downtown: 616 W. 7th St., Tulsa, OK 74127. Call 918-587-8000

ADDITIONAL HOTELS:

Holiday Inn Tulsa City Center: 17 W. 7th St, Tulsa, OK 74119. Call 855-914-1748

LaQuinta Inn & Suites: 707 S. Houston, Tulsa, OK 74127. Call 918-794-6000

ENTRIES:

Each current Franchise in good standing is eligible to enter up to 10 male and 10 female boxers.

Franchise Preliminary Team Rosters: The Franchise Preliminary Team Rosters must be mailed or emailed to the Executive Director to be received no later than August 1st.

Final Team Rosters and remainder of your teams's forms must be turned in at The Headquarters Office on Friday, August 12th from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or Saturday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Headquarters Office will not be open on Sunday, August 14th as this date is reserved for draw/bracketing, bout sheet distribution and boxes/coaches/franchise meeting.

WEIGHTS:

MALE: 112, 125, 139, 147, 156, 165, 176, 189, 203, 203+

FEMALE: 106, 114, 125, 132, 139, 146, 154, 165, 178, 178+

BOXER AGE REQUIREMENT:

Boxers ages 18 thru 40. All boxers must be at least 18 years of age on the first day of their local competition but not yet 41 on August 20, 2022

CITIZENSHIP:

All US citizens are eligible to participate. Non US citizens who are legal residents of the US and have resided in the US for at least one (1) year are also eligible to participate.

FRANCHISE DELEGATION:

A full Franchise Delegation is 20 boxers, 2 team coaches, 2 officials (any of the 2 officials may be Doctors and we encourage you to bring a Doctor!) 1 delegate and 1 alternate delegate (26 members are recognized as a full team delegation).

No Franchise may participate in the tournament with less than eight (8) qualified contestants.

The Board of Directors may waive this requirement based on extenuating circumstances which judgement shall be at its sole discretion.

TEAM REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN:

At the headquarters office, in the Cox Business Center. (**PASSBOOKS AND ALL TEAM FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN AT REGISTRATION**)

Friday August 12th – 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday August 13th – 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (**The Headquarters Office will close at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13th. Late arrivals will not be entered into the tournament.**)

CREDENTIALS:

Credentials will be issued to Delegates when the team is registered. Credentials will be issued for the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, 2 guests, boxer entrants and all coaches who are registered and endorsed by the Franchise Delegate. Credentials will be good for admission to all sessions of the competition. All participants must present their credential for admission to the venue. If the credential is lost it will not be replaced.

Officials credentials will be issued at their mandatory meeting, Monday morning August 15th.

Headquarters Office Staff will also issue credentials to Emeritus members, Medical Staff, working Staff and crew, non-delegate Hall of Fame Members, News Media and Special Guests.

DRAW AND BRACKETING:

Draw and Bracketing will take place on Sunday August 14th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BOXER/COACH/DELEGATES MEETING::

Sunday August 14th, 1:30 p.m. at the Cox Business Center, Exhibit Hall C (boxing venue). (Note: Monday's Bout Sheet should be available at this time.)

WEIGH-INS AND PHYSICALS:

Monday August 15th thru Saturday August 20th Weigh-ins will be held at the Cox Business Center at 8:00 a.m. sharp each day. All boxers must weigh-in on the dates they are scheduled to box!!!

Physicals will take place immediately following the Boxer's weigh-in.

COMPETITION SESSIONS:

Monday August 15th thru Saturday August 20th at the Cox Business Center - One session each evening starting at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

RINGS-ROUNDS:

Monday-Friday, 3 rings, three 3 minute rounds.

Saturday (Finals) 1 ring, three 3 minute rounds.

SCORING SYSTEM:

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FINALISTS BOXERS & COACHES MEETING:

Saturday August 20th, 10:00 a.m. +-Immediately following weigh-ins... Briefing, Interviews and Photos.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:

All participants must wear team uniforms with team colors as provided by their Franchise. Mandatory equipment, including hand wraps and competition head-guard as specified in the USA Boxing Official Rulebook. Coaches must have their own corner equipment. Competition Boxing Gloves will be provided and must be used by all boxers in competition.

RULES:

USA Boxing Rules, with Golden Gloves Rule Modifications will be used in the conducting of the Tournament. Additional Golden Gloves Policies and Procedures as contained in Golden Gloves of