

USA Boxing
ELITE ATHLETE SELECTION MODEL
Elite Men & Women
(Excluding Olympic Games and Pan Am Games Qualifying Events)

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

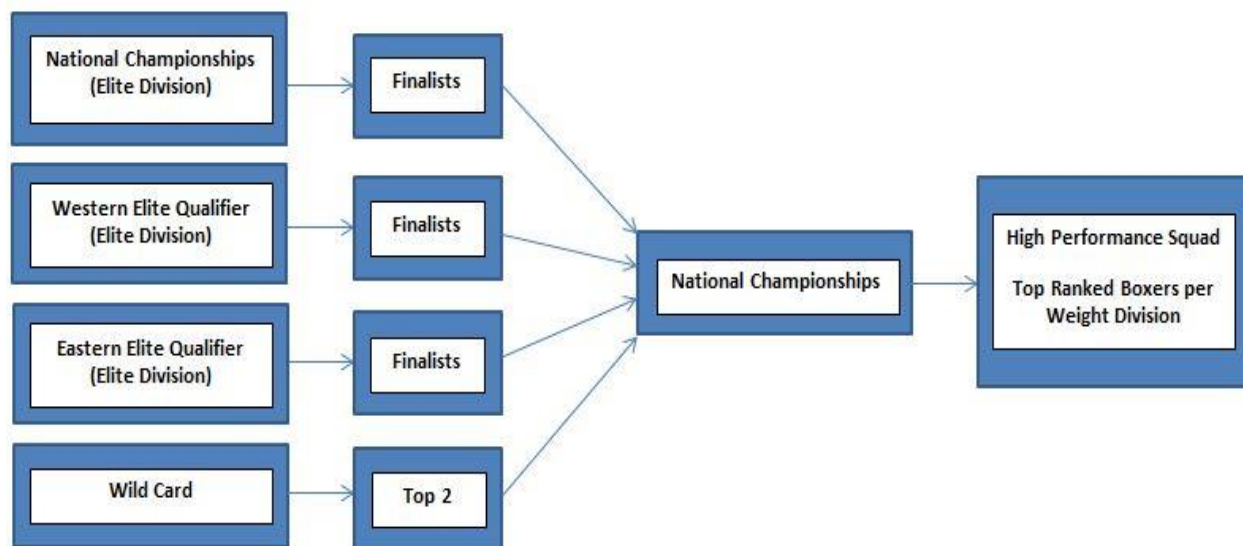
In order to participate in any advancing USA Boxing events and be eligible for selection, athletes must meet the following criteria:

1. Athlete must have proof of U.S. citizenship
2. Athlete must have a valid and current U.S. passport at the time of selection
3. Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Boxing, meaning the athlete is not under suspension from USA Boxing or AIBA
4. Athlete must be a minimum of 18 years old by date of birth, and cannot be older than 39 years old during the year that the National Championships occurs.

National Championships Qualification

Beginning in 2017, the USA Boxing Elite National Championships will consist of a maximum of eight (8) athletes per weight category. Only athletes qualifying through one of the four qualification pathways (see illustration below and page 2) are eligible to compete in the USA Boxing Elite National Championships.

The following illustration summarizes the process for athletes to qualify to compete in the USA Boxing Elite National Championships.



USA Boxing Elite National Championships Qualification Pathways

In order to compete at the USA Boxing Elite National Championships, athletes must qualify through one of the following qualification pathways:

1. Finalists at the previous year's USA Boxing Elite National Championships
2. Finalists at the Western Elite Qualifier
 - a. Dates and location to be announced by USA Boxing
3. Finalists at the Eastern Elite Qualifier
 - a. Dates and location to be announced by USA Boxing
4. Top 2 athletes selected as a Wild Card by the High Performance Selection Committee, which is composed of the USA Boxing High Performance Director, USA Boxing Head Coach, and an athlete representative.
 - a. In order to be eligible for a Wild Card selection, an athlete must meet a minimum of one of the following criteria:
 - i. Medalist at an Elite World Championships
 - ii. Medalist at an Elite Continental Championships
 - iii. Medalist at a Youth World Championships
 - iv. Medalist at a USA Boxing Elite National Championships
 - v. Bronze medalist at National Championships Qualifier 1
 - vi. Bronze medalist at National Championships Qualifier 2
 - vii. Previous Youth National Champion
 1. If multiple athletes meet this criteria, the most recent Youth National Champion will be ranked highest
 - b. The criteria above are listed by priority. Therefore, an athlete who meets criteria that is higher on the list will be given a higher ranking than an athlete who meets criteria that is lower on the list.
 - c. For all criteria above, the athlete must have competed at the same weight or a bordering weight class to be considered for selection.
 - d. An athlete who meets multiple criteria will be ranked higher than an athlete who meets only one criteria.

Note: For all criteria above:

1. 1st place finisher determined as the athlete who wins the gold medal.
2. 2nd place finisher determined as the athlete who wins the silver medal.
3. 3rd place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the gold medalist in the semi-finals.
4. 4th place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the silver medalist in the semi-finals.

Athletes cannot participate in more than one weight category at the USA Boxing Elite National Championships. All athletes who qualify in two or more weight categories must declare in writing, by the registration deadline, as to which weight category he or she will participate in. In the case that an athlete qualifies in more than one weight category, the qualification of the weight category that he or she does not participate in will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. If the next ranked boxer declines the opportunity, the qualification of the weight category will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. This process will be followed up until the 8th place finisher. If the 8th place finisher does not accept the qualification, the qualification place will go unfilled. If a qualified athlete chooses not to participate in the USA Boxing Elite National Championships, the qualification of the weight category will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. If the next ranked boxer declines the opportunity, the qualification of the weight category will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. This process will be followed up until the 8th place finisher. If the 8th place finisher does not accept the qualification, the qualification place will go unfilled.

The ranking order of athletes will be determined as follows:

- 1st place finisher determined as the athlete who wins the gold medal.
- 2nd place finisher determined as the athlete who wins the silver medal.
- 3rd place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the gold medalist in the semi-finals.
- 4th place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the silver medalist in the semi-finals.
- 5th place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the gold medalist in the quarterfinals.
- 6th place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the silver medalist in the quarterfinals.
- 7th place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the 3rd place finisher in the quarter finals.
- 8th place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the 4th place finisher in the quarter finals.

Seeding

Seeding at the USA Boxing Elite National Championships for each weight category will be administered by the prioritized list below:

1. 1st Place finisher at the previous year's USA Boxing Elite National Championships
2. 2nd Place finisher at the previous year's USA Boxing Elite National Championships

3. 1st Place finisher at the National Championships Qualifier 1
4. 1st Place finisher at the National Championships Qualifier 2
5. 2nd Place finisher at the National Championships Qualifier 1
6. 2nd Place finisher at the National Championships Qualifier 2
7. 1st ranked Wild Card selection
8. 2nd ranked Wild Card selection

High Performance Squad Qualification

Based on the results of the National Championships, athletes who finish in the top 4 will qualify to become part of the High Performance Squad. An athlete's ranking within the High Performance Squad will be determined by their place finish at the National Championships. Based on an athlete's High Performance Squad ranking, he or she will be selected to participate in USA Boxing training camps and international competitions. Should a selected athlete choose not to participate fully in the training camp or competition, the selection will then move to the next ranked athlete within that same weight category.

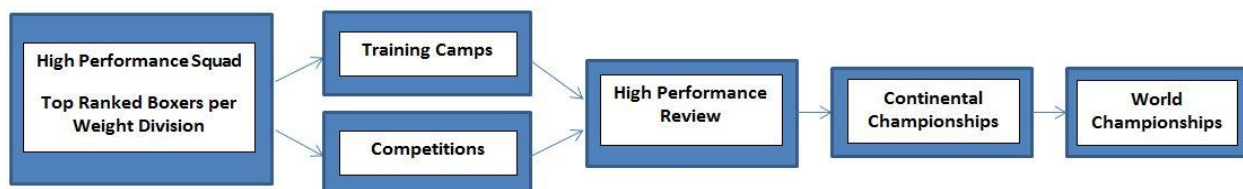
Any athlete who wins a gold or silver medal at an Elite Continental Championships or any medal at an Elite World Championships will receive an automatic qualification to be the top ranked boxer in the High Performance Squad to begin the following year. This policy will begin following the 2017 Continental Championships and 2017 World Championships.

Note: Any athlete who receives this automatic qualification to the following year's High Performance Squad will still be required to compete in the National Championships.

Team Selection

Each athlete who participates in a USA Boxing training camp or international competition will be evaluated by the High Performance Selection Committee, which is composed of the USA Boxing High Performance Director, USA Boxing Head Coach, and an athlete representative.. This evaluation will be based on the High Performance Review Guidelines outlined in Attachment A. The High Performance Review will take place each year prior to the Continental Championships. The athlete with the best evaluation, per weight class, will be selected to participate in the Continental Championships and/or World Championships, based on the schedule designated by AIBA.

The following illustration summarizes the process for High Performance Squad athletes to be selected to compete in the major international competition(s) for the year.



Attachment A

High Performance Review Guidelines

Category	Maximum Obtainable Points
<u>Punctuality</u> -On time with required apparel and/or equipment for all team functions	5
<u>Coachability</u> -Open-minded and accepting of new drills and tactics presented by National Coaching Staff	5
<u>Weight Management</u> -Compliance with Body Weight Management Policy listed in Team Policies & Procedures	5
<u>Health Management</u> -Compliance with all Medical Rules and Guidelines listed in Team Policies & Procedures	5
<u>Performance in Training</u> -Successful implementation of techniques and tactics taught by National Coaching Staff	10
<u>*International Competition Performance</u>	30
Total Maximum Obtainable Points	60

*International Competition Performance scores will be based on the following scale:

- Points for Medal
 - Gold Medal = 20
 - Silver Medal = 15
 - Bronze Medal = 10

- Points for Winning Preliminary Bouts (excludes quarterfinal, semifinal, and championship bouts)
 - Winning against top 10 opponent = 5 points
 - Winning against non-top 10 opponent = 3 points
 - Top 10 opponents determined by AIBA AOB Rankings

- Points for Losing Preliminary Bouts (excludes semifinal and championship bouts)
 - Losing against gold medalist = 8 points
 - Losing against silver medalist = 6 points
 - Losing against bronze medalist = 4 points

DISCLAIMER: USA Boxing reserves the right to make changes to these procedures as deemed necessary.