



USA Boxing National Rulebook – Synopsis of Major Changes November 1, 2017

Rule 4 SANCTION REQUIREMENTS

- *4.1 Change in procedure:* Approval, LBCs will approve sanctions within their geographic borders for local, state/LBC, regional events and regional and state Affiliated/Group Member Organization events. Sanctions for NCBA, USIBA and NLA non-advancing events will be approved by the LBC governing the geographic area in which the event is held.
- *4.7 Added:* LBC Rate card which will be posted on the USA Boxing website outlining fees each specific LBC charges for membership, events, etc.

Rule 5 BOXER'S QUALIFICATION: MEDICAL ASPECTS

- *5.2 (3 Added:* Within specifications, beards allowed for Master Boxers and considered for religious exemption requests

Rule 7 CLASSIFICATION OF BOXERS

- *7.1 (. The age of a boxer is determined using his/her **YEAR** of birth (a boxer must be eight (8) years old to become a member of USA Boxing)*
- *7.7 Added:* Common Sense Rule providing latitude for weigh-in requirement for unopposed boxers at regional tournaments

Rule 8.2 ELIGIBILITY OF AMATEUR COMBAT SPORTS PARTICIPANTS

- *8.2 (1 b & c Added:* waiver procedure allowing consideration for former amateur combat sports participants to compete as novice boxers, see Appendix K

RULE 9 MATCHED BOUTS

- *9.2 Added full section on Religious Exemptions*

RULE 10 DEVELOPMENTAL BOUTS

- *Added Appendix I which covers Developmental Bout*

RULE 15 DECISIONS

- *15.2 Added Win by Abandon – ABD*
- *15.3 Added Referee Stops Contest – RSC*
- *15.3(1) Correction – changed ABD to RSC*
- *15.4 Added Referee Stops Contest-Injury – RSC-I*

RULE 37 HEADGEAR

- *37.3 Changed – Headgear will be worn in ALL USA Boxing sanctioned events with one possible exception: 1) In the finals of national championships leading to international*

competition, USA Boxing may require elite male boxers to compete without headgear in accordance with AIBA Competition Rules.

RULE 41 AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- *41.1 Added:* USA Boxing approved rule modifications will be posted on USA Boxing's Website

APPENDIX A DUTIES AND GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

- *7.1 NTO (National Technical Official)* will be established beginning January 1, 2018

APPENDIX B - Updated version of the Athlete (boxer) Code of Conduct

APPENDIX C - Updated version of the Non-Athlete Code of Conduct

APPENDIX D - USA Boxing R&J Management System

- *Changed:* Education/Clinics & Testing - Officials Certification (Levels I, II, and III) will have a duration of two (2) years (24 months) (all officials must re-certify every 2 years)
- *Changed:* USA Boxing Master Officials - Master Official criteria has changed, minimum age now 65 with 15 years of service. Members with current Master Official designation will not pay the membership fee but shall begin paying for background screening fees on 11/1/2017. Members receiving Master Official designation beginning 11/1/2017 will pay the full membership/background screening fee)

APPENDIX F - Updated Version - Guide for Making Matches at the Local Level

APPENDIX G - FORMS & WAIVERS

- *Added:* Release to Compete after Lasik Surgery

APPENDIX H - MASTERS BOXING

- *Added:* With signed release, Master boxers may compete after Lasik surgery

APPENDIX J - *ADDED:* USA BOXING SANCTION POLICY

APPENDIX K - *ADDED:* WAIVER REQUEST - Combat Sport to Open Division

APPENDIX M - *ADDED:* Criteria for all event documents (fact sheet, application, etc.) and Sample Event Poster