

USA Boxing 2020 Olympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures Update

Following the International Olympic Committee (IOC) congress held in November 2018, the IOC has announced that 2020 Olympic Qualification Guidelines for Boxing have yet to be finalized. Without Olympic Qualification Guidelines, USA Boxing is unable to finalize its Athlete Selection Procedures to provide the process for USA Boxing athletes to advance from domestic to international competitions in their attempts to qualify for and participate at the 2020 Olympic Games.

Despite the inability to finalize athlete selection procedures, USA Boxing would like to provide an overview of the projected procedures, based on the current information received from AIBA, to give USA Boxing athletes as much notice and information as possible to plan for 2019 and 2020.

The following process is what USA Boxing plans to implement to select athletes to compete at Olympic qualifying events in 2019 and 2020. This information is subject to change and will be updated after the 2020 Olympic Qualification Guidelines are published.

Athlete Selection to 2019 Olympic Qualifying Events

The following process summarizes the selection process that will be utilized by USA Boxing to select athletes to compete in Olympic qualifying events that are anticipated to take place in 2019.

2019 Elite Athlete Selection Process

Athletes are invited into the 2019 High Performance Squad by achieving any of the following results:

- Placing in the top two (2) of the 2018 USA Boxing Elite National Championships in a weight class to be contested at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games,*
- Top four (4) finish at the 2017 or 2018 Elite World Championships in an Olympic weight category*
- Top two (2) finish at the 2018 Youth World Championships*
- *2017 USA Boxing Elite National Champion who won 75% or more of the elite international competition bouts he or she competed at in 2018.*

Once selected to the High Performance Squad, athletes will be eligible for opportunities to participate in High Performance training camps and international competitions during the first three (3) months of 2019. The selection of athletes to compete at the anticipated 2019 Olympic qualifying events will be based on the performance and training results of the 2019 High Performance Squad as outlined below.

**Boxer must have competed in a minimum of four (4) bouts to meet this marker.*

Each athlete who participates as a member of the 2019 High Performance Squad in a USA Boxing High Performance training camp and/or international competition from January 1- March 31, 2019, will be evaluated by the USA Boxing High Performance Staff, which is composed of the National Head Coach, National Assistant Coach, National Strength & Conditioning Coach, and High Performance Manager.

The evaluation of all High Performance Squad athletes will be based on the High Performance Review Guidelines, listed in Attachment A, and will take place following the completion of all High Performance Squad events between January 1-March 31, 2019. The High Performance Staff will utilize the USA Boxing Athlete Assessment Form, provided in Attachment B. The High Performance Reviews for all athletes will be provided to the High Performance Selection Committee for consideration to participate in the anticipated 2019 Olympic qualifying events. The High Performance Selection Committee is composed of the USA Boxing High Performance Director, USA Boxing Executive Director, and the USOC Boxing AAC Representative. The Selection Committee is responsible for reviewing athlete selections. Priority will be given to the highest ranked athletes from the reviews as provided from the High Performance Staff.

As of January 2019, USA Boxing anticipates the following competitions to be Olympic qualifying events in 2019:

- 2019 AIBA Elite Men's World Championships (September 7-21, 2019 – Yekaterinburg, Russia)
 - 2019 AIBA Elite Women's World Championships (TBD - October 2019 – Ulan Ude, Russia)
 - World Series of Boxing Season IV – Elite Men Only (TBD – October 2019 – February 2020)
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If the U.S. qualifies an athlete for the 2020 Olympic Games, by name, through the 2019 AIBA Elite Men's World Championships or the 2019 AIBA Elite Women's World Championships, the weight category that the athlete qualified in will be closed from the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing.

Following the completion of the 2019 AIBA Elite Men's World Championships and 2019 AIBA Elite Women's World Championships, any weight category that the U.S. has not qualified will be contested at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing, as outlined below, to determine athlete selection for *2020 Olympic qualifying events.

Athlete Selection to 2020 Olympic Qualifying Events

The following process summarizes the selection process that will be utilized by USA Boxing to select athletes to compete in Olympic qualifying events that are anticipated to take place in 2020.

2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing

The following summarizes the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing Qualification Guidelines, as well as the selection process that will be utilized by USA Boxing to select athletes to compete in the 2020 USA Boxing Men's & Women's Olympic Trials.

2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing Weight Categories

The 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing will consist of a maximum of eight (8) athletes per each of the following 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games weight categories*:

Men's Weight Category	Women's Weight Category
52kg	48-51kg
57kg	54-57kg
63kg	57-60kg
69kg	64-69kg
75kg	69-75kg
81kg	
91kg	
91+kg	

** The Olympic weight categories for the 2020 Tokyo Games have not yet been approved by the IOC.*

The exact number of weight categories contested at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing is dependent on the remaining Olympic nomination places not qualified by U.S. athletes in 2019.

If a U.S. athlete earns an Olympic nomination, by name, through any of the anticipated Olympic qualifying events in 2019 listed above, the qualified weight category will NOT be contested for the purposes of naming an athlete to the anticipated Olympic qualifying events in 2020. If a U.S. athlete earns an Olympic nomination through any of the anticipated Olympic qualifying events in 2019, the qualified weight category will be contested at the 2019 Elite National Championships in conjunction with the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing using the same competition format. HOWEVER, the results will determine the ranking of athletes who may be selected to compete in any remaining anticipated Olympic qualifying events in 2020, should the athlete who earned the Olympic nomination be unable to participate in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games for whatever reason.

2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing Qualification Pathways

In order to compete at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's & Women's Boxing, athletes must qualify, by placing in the top two (2), at one of the following Olympic Trials Qualification Pathways:

- 1. 2018 USA Boxing Elite National Championships*
 - a. (December 2-8, 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah)*
- 2. 2019 Western Olympic Trials Qualifier*
 - a. (March 24-30, 2019, Reno, Nevada)*
- 3. 2019 Eastern Olympic Trials Qualifier*
 - a. (October 5-12, 2019, Columbus, Ohio)*
- 4. 2019 Last Chance Olympic Trials Qualifier*
 - a. (November 10-16, 2019, Colorado Springs, Colorado)*

In the case that an athlete qualifies in more than one weight category, he or she must declare in writing, by the registration deadline (Date TBD) as to which weight category he or she will participate because athletes cannot participate in more than one weight category at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s & Women’s Boxing. The qualification of the weight category that he or she does not participate in will be reallocated to the next placed boxer in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. If the next placed boxer declines the opportunity or has already qualified in the same weight category from another Olympic Trials Qualification Pathway, the qualification of the weight category will be reallocated to the next placed boxer in the same weight category from the same Olympic Trials 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. This same process of reallocation will be followed in the case that a boxer declines his or her qualification and does not participate in the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s & Women’s Boxing.

As of January 2019, USA Boxing anticipates the following competitions to be Olympic qualifying events in 2020:

- 2020 AMBC Elite Men’s & Women’s Continental Olympic Qualifier (TBD - 2020)*
 - 2020 AIBA Elite Men’s Final World Qualifier (TBD - 2020)*
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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>International Performance Potential</u> -Potential for success at the international level based on assessment of technique and skill by USA Boxing's National Head Coach and National Assistant Coach	5
<u>Weight Management</u> -Compliance with Body Weight Management Policy listed in Attachment C	5
<u>Health Management</u> -Compliance with all Medical Rules and Guidelines listed in Attachment D	5
<u>Performance in Training</u> -Successful implementation of techniques and tactics taught by USA Boxing's National Head Coach and National Assistant Coach	10
<u>*International Competition Performance</u>	30
<i>Total Maximum Obtainable Points</i>	<i>60</i>

**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*



Attachment B

<i>USA Boxing Athlete Assessment Form</i>							
<i>Athlete Name:</i> _____	<i>Weight Class:</i> _____			<i>Event Name & Date:</i> _____			
<i>Evaluation Topic</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Punctuality: On time with required apparel and/or equipment for all team functions.</i>							
<i>International Performance Potential: Potential for success at the international level based on assessment of technique and skill by USA Boxing's National Head Coach & National Assistant Coach Coaching Staff</i>							
<i>Weight Management: Compliance with Body Weight Management Policy as listed in Team Policies and Procedures.</i>							
<i>Health Management: Compliance with all Medical Rules and Guidelines as listed in Team Policies and Procedures</i>							
<i>Evaluation Topic</i>	<i>Max 10 Points Possible</i>			<i>Comments</i>			
<i>Performance in Training: Successful implementation of techniques and tactics taught by National Head Coach & National Assistant Coach</i>							
<i>Evaluation Topic</i>	<i>Max 30 Points Possible</i>			<i>Comments</i>			
<i>International Competition Performance</i>							
<i>Total Number of Points:</i> _____							

0	<i>Did not fulfill any aspect of topic</i>
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1	<i>Poor</i>
2	<i>Fair</i>
3	<i>Good</i>
4	<i>Very Good</i>
5	<i>Outstanding</i>



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Attachment C

Weight Management Policies

All USA Boxing athletes selected to participate in training camps and/or competitions must abide by the following weight management policy. In the event Athlete fails to make weight at a competition or follow the Athlete Weight Management Guidelines listed below, whether held in the United States or a foreign country, athlete shall be subject to the following penalties;

- a) Dismissal from trip and liability for reimbursement of all expenses for said competition paid on Athlete's behalf by USA Boxing including transportation, per diem and housing.
- b) Athlete stipend reduction and/or forfeiture for the month in which the event is held.
- c) Possible forfeiture of athlete stipend for the entire term of the contract and removal from team

At all competitions at which Athlete represents USA Boxing, Athlete shall meet the weight class in which he or she is selected to compete.

At all training camps leading to international competitions, Athletes are required to abide by the Athlete Weight Management Guidelines listed below.

Official weigh-ins will be conducted multiple times per day during USA Boxing training camps. Athlete's Official Weight will be determined using the average off all official weigh-ins over the course of the first 5 days of the training camp. Weights may be conducted with a hydration test, whereby Athletes must be HYDRATED (USG >1.025).

Athlete Guidelines Within 21+ days of Competition

Elite Men's Weight Divisions	
Class	7% or LESS
52kg	55.64
57kg	60.99
63kg	67.41
69kg	73.83

Elite Women's Weight Divisions	
Class	7% or LESS
48kg	51.36
51kg	54.57
54kg	57.78
57kg	60.99



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75kg	80.25
81kg	86.67
91kg	97.37

60kg	64.20
64kg	68.48
69kg	73.83
75kg	80.25
81kg	86.67

Athlete Guidelines Within 14 days of Competition

Elite Men's Weight Divisions	
Class	5% or LESS
52kg	54.60
57kg	59.85
63kg	66.15
69kg	72.45
75kg	78.75
81kg	85.05
91kg	95.50

Elite Women's Weight Divisions	
Class	5% or LESS
48kg	50.40
51kg	53.55
54kg	56.70
57kg	59.85
60kg	63.00
64kg	67.20
69kg	72.45
75kg	78.75
81kg	85.05



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Athlete Guidelines Within 7 days of Competition

Elite Women's Weight Divisions	
Class	3% or LESS
48kg	49.44
51kg	52.53
54kg	55.62
57kg	58.71
60kg	61.80
64kg	65.92
69kg	71.07
75kg	77.25
81kg	83.43

Elite Men's Weight Divisions	
Class	3% or LESS
52kg	53.56
57kg	58.71
63kg	64.89
69kg	71.07
75kg	77.25
81kg	83.43
91kg	93.73



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Attachment D

Medical Management Policies

- Athlete shall promptly notify USA Boxing in writing of any illness or injury that interferes, or could reasonably be expected to interfere, in any manner with Athlete's High Performance Schedule.
- Should Athlete be ill or injured and unable to meet the requirements listed within the High Performance Schedule, Athlete will be required to report to a USOC Network Clinic or other medical provider, approved by USA Boxing, to undergo a thorough examination to determine if the athlete has medical reasons to forego any planned event in which Athlete has been selected to compete. Athlete shall comply with the full rehabilitation process as prescribed by USA Boxing, USOC or other agreed upon rehabilitation services.



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- Any boxing related medical appointments made for medical treatment outside of the Olympic Training Center Sports Medicine Department must be reported to the USA Boxing medical staff.
- Athletes training at the Olympic Training Center are expected to attend all scheduled medical appointments. If an athlete does not attend a scheduled appointment at OTC Sports Medicine, he or she may be liable for decreased or suspended Sports Medicine and Recovery Center privileges and a reduction to his or her stipend.
- All elite athletes are required to complete two wellness surveys on a daily basis. These surveys are provided by the USOC Sports Medicine and are utilized to track health and wellness with the goal of reducing the chances of illness and injury. Athletes failing to complete a minimum of 80% of their wellness surveys within a month timeframe may be subject to a reduction of his or her athlete stipend.



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