



**LBC Presidents Call Meeting Notes
Thursday, March 5, 2021**

Call commenced at 3:03 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, Central California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Inland Northwest, Lake Erie, Michigan, Middle Atlantic, Minnesota, Nevada, Niagara, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Ozark, Potomac Valley, South Texas, Southeastern, Southern California, Southwestern, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Staff present: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, and Ethan Figge.

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed everyone to the call.

National Championships: McAtee confirmed that Nationals is still happening in Shreveport Louisiana starting March 25, 2021. He cited a press release issued by the state of Louisiana revealing that the state's Covid numbers are on the decline. We will be putting out a notice next week about Covid testing procedures, since we have updated our policy regarding Covid vaccinations based on the CDC. If someone has had at least one dose of the vaccine, testing will not be required. However, a vaccinated person will still be required to wear a mask.

State Openings: McAtee stated that we have some good news out of California regarding youth sports and even in Colorado we are starting to loosen restrictions. As states begin to open, it is important to distinguish the difference between laws, mandates, and rules. USA Boxing is not removing our mask rule from our event guide at this time. Temperature checks, social distancing, and everything else in the Event Operations Guide will remain in effect until otherwise posted. As time goes on these rules and guidelines will evolve but we are not there yet.

Ansel Stewart (Michigan) stated that his governor said all our college athletes can go back to training as long as they wear a mask and are not a contact sport. McAtee answered that it is important to remember the difference between a combat and a contact sport. We are a combat sport so that doesn't apply to us. As long as we are not violating local rules and health departments, we are fine.

Eiichi Jumawan (Hawaii) wanted to confirm, those who have had the Covid vaccination do not need to test before coming to Nationals. McAtee responded that is correct.

Rose Fain (Nevada) asked if she could get a copy of the memo being sent to California Athletic Commission so she can send it to the Nevada state commission. McAtee said yes and that it's still being worked on.

Angel Villarreal (Wisconsin) asked what documentation is needed to prove we have had our vaccines. McAtee answered a picture of the card they give.



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Lynette Smith, Membership Director reported that many of the coaches who are coming to Nationals have not registered with USA Boxing at yet. Its critical they get this process started because the background checks are taking longer and the deadline to register for the event is March 15th. Many coaches might not be aware they need to actually register for Nationals, and a member number is needed before they can.

Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager reported that we have talked to LSU medical school and they are fully supportive at Nationals. Campbell reiterated that coaches need to get registered before the March 15th deadline tor they risk not being in their boxer's corner. March 15th is also the deadline for weight changes. Please read the announcement that just came out on our website about youth teams training camp and competition this year. Just to reemphasize, Junior, Youth, and Elite divisions are required to wear red or blue corresponding with their corners at Nationals. There will be no boxers at check in and no coaches at weigh ins; we are limiting the number of participants as much as possible to keep the event as safe as possible. The Coaches Education classes in Shreveport are all full so we are looking forward to those.

Debbie Holmes (Southwestern) asked if there is going to be spectators at nationals? Campbell responded that there will not be tickets for sale at the event. There will be no public access to the tournament. We will provide one spectator pass per boxer to be used for a teammate or parent. They will be allowed in the venue 10 bouts before their bouts.

Jamil Ali (Middle Atlantic) asked if there will be physicals done at the nationals? McAtee answered that we are trying to get doctors to do that like we have done in the past, but do not count on it and if it does happen it will not be free. He strongly encourages getting it done beforehand.

Angel Villarreal (Wisconsin) encourages all LBCs who are holding a test event to please conduct R/J clinics as the officials will need these clinics for everything from local shows to the nationals.

High Performance Update: Campbell also reported that the High Performance Team is gearing up for the Continental Qualifier by attending a 43 day long Olympic Qualifying camp in Chula Vista with 6 other countries.

Jeanne DePriest (Colorado) asked if having out of state boxers at local events is allowed. McAtee responded that you have the ability to control your event and you might want to ask your local coaches before you start letting people in. Currently we don't have any restrictions on crossing state lines, so to answer the question it is up to the show host and LBC.

Ansel Stewart (Michigan) asked if Canadian boxers can come over and compete. McAtee answered that it is not a problem, but to follow the local guidelines.

Hal Chernoff (South Atlantic) stated that his LBC has been doing little mini camps and the kids are so appreciative to have something to do.

Closing: McAtee closed by stating that he knows that a lot of LBCS were able to get test events done before the holidays, and it's clear there are people out there who want to box. Ethan did a lot of great work researching mental health and youth sports, and it's important for them that we focus on getting the kids back in the gym and socializing with their friends and peer groups. He also stated that for a lot of these kids the boxing gym is their only safe haven. He said Hal's idea is a great way to think outside of the box and he's right the kids to appreciate it. If anyone would like to replicate that please get with Hal. Thanks for all the work and let's keep plugging along and please keep encouraging your coaches to get registered.

Meeting ended at 4:24 pm.



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