Letter from Leadership

Forming USA Boxing – One Decision at a Time
It is an HONOR and PRIVILEGE to be in a position to serve the members of USA Boxing, who make a difference in the lives of youth and positively impact their communities with every practice, every match, and every interaction they have every day in every boxing club across America.

To be in the National Office during daily operations and witness the staff’s work is an awakening. A true attitude of SERVICE abounds as we work to fill members’ needs, create new opportunities and strengthen the organization’s foundation, all while keeping boxer safety the paramount priority.

Continuous interaction occurs as members are heard via phone calls, e-mails and surveys. These inputs are considered in every meeting and impact every decision we make, every policy enacted, every letter written. Feedback that we receive from you drives the process for site selection of National Events. Your needs and costs are weighed for every potential location.

The USA Boxing National Rulebook was recently revised and released in January 2022. Most of the updates were common-sense adjustments that kept inline with our priority of service to fulfill our members’ needs. Input was collected from various groups: national staff, LBC leadership, and the Coaches and RJs Committees.

One rule amendment that has caused some consternation is the creation of the Pee Wee COED category. Female members make up only about 12% of USA Boxing and a key way to achieve this is by increasing competition opportunities. Finding local matches for beginner female boxers can be challenging for coaches and frustrating for the boxers and parents. Allowing Pee Wee girls to match versus boys within the matchmaking guidelines will increase opportunities. The coaches of both boxers and the Official-in-Charge of the event must agree that the match is suitable to take place. We can find an example of successful mixed gender sport competition in high school wrestling where coed matches were initially necessary because like boxing, there were not enough female wrestlers to create adequate competition opportunities. That created growth in participation and this year 32 states held female-only wrestling state championship tournaments. Thus far three Pee Wee Coed matches have taken place in 2022 with positive feedback that the bouts were a good experience for both boxers.

Thank you Coaches, Officials, Doctors & Volunteers of USA Boxing for doing what you do for amateur boxing and the National Office will continue to serve you as you impact lives.

Michael Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager

Registration is underway NOW for the National Qualifier held in Cleveland April 23-30.

For more information visit the USA Boxing website or https://go.teamusa.org/37cFgRS

Partnership with Every Kid Sports
One of this quarter’s most exciting news is that USA Boxing has entered into a partnership with Every Kid Sports, an organization that removes the financial barrier from income-restricted families. See page 2 for information to see if your boxer qualifies.

2022 National Events
Qualifier - Cleveland, OH · April 23 - 30
Junior Olympics/Summer Festival
Wichita, KS · July 9 - 16
National Championships
Lubbock, TX · December 3 - 10
Every Kid Sports is a program that allows youth aged 8-18 to apply for funds to become a USA Boxing member and participate in the sport of boxing. Any child receiving financial assistance through Medicaid, SNAP, or WIC is eligible to apply. Follow this link for more information and instructions about the application process. [https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Features/2022/February/16/USA-Boxing-Memberships-Included-in-Every-Kids-Sports-Program](https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Features/2022/February/16/USA-Boxing-Memberships-Included-in-Every-Kids-Sports-Program).

### Do you need help paying youth sports registration fees?

The Every Kid Sports Pass can help. Receive up to $1.50, four times per year, per child.

#### Do you qualify?

- Is your child enrolled in Medicaid, SNAP, or WIC?
- Is the sport recreational (not elite or travel team)?
- Does the sport season last at least 4 weeks?
- Is the child ages 4-18 (USA Boxing ages 8-18)?

### PRO Tip: Apply using your smartphone! [www.everykidsports.org](http://www.everykidsports.org)

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**USA Boxing Staffing Update**

USA Boxing staff has expanded in 2022, as well as seen the promotion for a few of our staff. Two members of the High Performance department were promoted at the end of 2021! Derrick Raedel was promoted to High Performance Manager, while Jose Polanco was promoted to Assistant High Performance Director – Sport Performance.

The High Performance department has also added 6 more members to their department in the recent months. Liana Tobin became our Coaching Education Coordinator in October of 2021. Taylor Maggio joined USA Boxing in January as the National Team Sports Dietitian, while Chad Wigle returned to our staff as the National Development Coach. Morgan Bergquist and Maddie Kalke will begin working in March as our new High Performance Coordinator and National Team Athletic Trainer, while Gillian Brennan will begin in April as our Strength and Conditioning Fellow.

The Communications Department added Jacob Hammond as the Video and Content Coordinator in December, to help expand USA Boxing's video and social media presence, while the Events Department has two new Event Coordinators, Kassie Manguilli and Megan Schuller! Both Kassie and Megan joined USA Boxing in February.

Congrats to our staff members that have recently received promotions, and we welcome our new staff and we look forward to having them help us continue to grow USA Boxing.
Coaching Education

We will be holding Bronze and Silver courses the weekend prior to and the week of the National Qualifier in Cleveland, OH (April 23-24 and April 25-28). The Bronze Clinics trains coaches on the boxing fundamentals used by our High Performance team. The Silver Course teaches the advanced skills, and coaching strategy used by our coaches to win international tournaments around the world. Join us and use our high performance techniques to improve your boxer.

Train the Trainer Course

We now have 10 new coaching education trainers. These new trainers went through a rigorous course to be able to teach the coaching clinics. USA Boxing is now ready to hold coaching clinics clinic in every LBC. If your LBC would like host a clinic please contact Liana at ltobin@usaboxing.org.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD?

The USA Boxing High Performance teams are about to start their busy 2022 with the AMBC Elite Championships beginning March 24 in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The team will send 18 boxers to take to the ring in the first international competition of the year. A full team roster can be seen below.

After the Elite Championships, the team will have a short break before heading to a training camp in Italy and then the Elite Women’s World Championships in Istanbul, Turkey in May. Complete rosters for training camp and the Elite Women’s World Championships will be finalized in the coming weeks!

The youth high performance teams will be looking to make their way to Colorado Springs in May, so be sure to be on the lookout for those camp rosters and see who will be selected to represent Team USA later this year at the Youth Continental Championships and Youth World Championships.

Good Luck to the 2022 AMBC Women’s Elite Team

50 kg: Jennifer Lozano - Laredo, TX
52 kg: Shera Mae Patricio - Waianae, HI
57 kg: Amelia Moore - Colorado Springs, CO
60 kg: Rashida Ellis - Lynn, MA
63 kg: Jajaira Gonzalez - Glendora, CA
66 kg: Arika Skoog, Boston, Mass.
70 kg: Morelle McCane - Cleveland, OH
75 kg: Naomi Graham, Fayetteville, N.C.

And the 2022 AMBC Men’s Elite Team

51 kg: Roscoe Hill - Spring, TX
57 kg: Jahmal Harvey - Oxon Hill, MD
60 kg: Jonathan Mansour - San Diego, CA
63.5 kg: Emilio Garcia - Laredo, TX
71 kg: Omari Jones - Orlando, FL
75 kg: Obed Bartee-El - Harvest, AL
80 kg: Rahim Gonzales - Las Vegas, NV
86 kg: Arjan Iseni - Staten Island, NY
82+ kg: Joshua Edwards - Houston, TX
92 kg: Jamar Talley - Camden, NJ

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