



## 2023 USA BOXING YOUTH HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES – MEN & WOMEN

### **Minimum Eligibility Requirements**

In order to be considered eligible to participate in USA Boxing's 2023 Youth High Performance Team Athlete Selection process, 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 eligible to compete for USA in accordance with all USA Boxing rules.
4. Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Boxing, meaning the athlete is not under suspension from USA Boxing.
5. Athlete must be born between January 1, 2005-December 31, 2006.
6. Athlete must meet all requirements to be eligible to train at the Olympic & Paralympic Training Center (OPTC), as established by the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC). These requirements include:
  - a. Completed Safe Sport Certification for athletes over the age of 18
  - b. Completed background screening for athletes over the age of 18

In addition to the minimum eligibility requirements above, athletes must meet at least one of the following performance markers to advance to the evaluation stage of the selection process:

- Athlete must be a finalist from the 2022 USA Boxing Youth National Championships, held December 3-10, 2022, in Lubbock, Texas, in an Olympic weight category.

### **Olympic Weight Categories**

USA Boxing's evaluation of athletes will be determined based upon their ability to compete in the following Olympic weight categories.

#### **Men's Olympic Weight Categories**

51 kg/112 lbs.  
57 kg/125 lbs.  
63.5 kg /139 lbs.  
71 kg/156 lbs.  
80 kg/176 lbs.  
92 kg/203 lbs.  
92+ kg/203+ lbs.

#### **Women's Olympic Weight Categories**

50 kg/110 lbs.  
54 kg/119 lbs.  
57 kg/125 lbs.  
60 kg/132 lbs.  
66 kg/146 lbs.  
75 kg/165 lbs.



**Note: USA Boxing reserves the right to enter a boxer into an international competition in a weight class not listed above, pending he or she meets the minimum evaluation score of 75 points.**

## **Evaluation & Team Selection**

Athletes who meet the requirements above will be selected to participate in the USA Boxing Youth Team Evaluation & Selection Camp, (Final Dates TBD). Each athlete who participates in the USA Boxing Youth Team Evaluation & Selection Camp will be evaluated by the USA Boxing High Performance Staff. This evaluation will be based on the High Performance Evaluation Guidelines outlined in Attachment A.

Once the evaluation process is complete, all evaluations will be submitted to the \*High Performance Selection Committee, which is composed of the USA Boxing High Performance Director and USA Boxing AAC Athlete Representative. The High Performance Selection Committee will review all evaluations and the athlete with the best evaluation, per weight class, will be selected to the Youth High Performance Team, pending that the athlete receives a minimum evaluation score of 75 points. If a weight class does not have an athlete who reaches the minimum evaluation score of 75 points, USA Boxing's coaching staff will make the determination of whether to contest this weight at international competitions or leave the weight uncontested, based on the level of the highest ranked athlete and level of competition.

\*Note: Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must either recuse him/herself or disclose it to the NGB's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process. A conflict of interest exists when the committee member has a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the NGB's Ethics Committee shall vet the conflict and make the final determination of whether that committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting. The Ethics Committee may determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a High Performance Team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the USA Boxing National Office, in accordance with the USA Boxing Grievance and Complaint Policy, which can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Grievance-and-Appeal-Forms>



If the recused individual is the USOPC Boxing AAC Representative, this selection committee member will be replaced by USA Boxing Board's alternate AAC Athlete Representative. If the recused individual is USA Boxing High Performance Director, this selection committee member will be replaced by the USA Boxing Assistant High Performance Director – Operations or High Performance Manager.

### **Youth High Performance Team Requirements**

Once an athlete is selected to the USA Boxing Youth High Performance Team, he or she must adhere to the USA Boxing Code of Conduct and National Team Policies and Procedures and actively participate in the Youth Team training and competition plan established by USA Boxing. Notification of the dates and locations of camps and competitions within this plan will be provided no less than 21 days from the start of each event, when possible. Waivers from these events are not permitted, unless there are extraordinary circumstances submitted in writing to the USA Boxing High Performance Director. At that point, the waiver is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the USA Boxing High Performance Director and the USOPC Boxing AAC Representative. Any unexcused absence may serve as cause for removal from the Youth High Performance Team and all associated benefits, with the right to a hearing pursuant to the USA Boxing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures.

### **Removal of Athletes After Selection**

An athlete who is selected to USA Boxing's Youth High Performance Team may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Boxing:

- a) Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit written notification to USA Boxing's High Performance Director.
- b) Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Boxing. If an athlete refuses verification of his or her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Boxing, his or her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he or she may be removed.
- c) Failure to participate in Mandatory Training Camps and/or Competitions
- d) Failure to comply with the USA Boxing Code of Conduct and/or National Team Policies and Procedures

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Boxing's Bylaws, Article 22 and the USA Boxing Grievance and Complaint Policy.

### **Replacement of Athletes After Selection**

If an athlete is removed from the Youth High Performance Team, he or she will be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete from his or her weight class from the USA Boxing Youth Team Evaluation. If the next highest ranked athlete from his or her weight class from the USA Boxing Youth Team Evaluation is not able to participate, he or she will be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete from his or her weight class from the 2022 Youth National Championships.



## **Supporting Documents & Resources**

The following documents and resources are referenced in the above procedures and found on USA Boxing's website: <https://usaboxing.org/>:

- The USA Boxing Code of Conduct can be found at:
  - [www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Grievance-and-Appeal-Forms](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Grievance-and-Appeal-Forms)
- The USA Boxing National Team Policies & Procedures can be found at:
  - [www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Grievance-and-Appeal-Forms](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Grievance-and-Appeal-Forms)
- The USA Boxing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
  - <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/rulebook/usa-boxing-bylaws>
  - <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Grievance-and-Appeal-Forms>

In addition to the documents above, the Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and USA Boxing.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

- PHONE: (719) 866-5000
- EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)
- WEBSITE: [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org)

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



## Attachment A

### High Performance Evaluation Guidelines

Athletes in the High Performance Squad will be evaluated on the following categories during the USA Boxing Youth Team Evaluation & Selection Camp

<b>USA Boxing Athlete Evaluation Form</b>		
<b>Athlete Name:</b>	<b>Weight Class:</b>	
<b>Evaluation Topic</b>	<b>Max 10 Points per Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>High Performance Compliance:</b> Ability to follow Covid-19 protocol, Team Policies & Procedures, participate fully in individual and team activities.		
<b>International Performance Potential:</b> Potential for success at the international level based on assessment of technique and skill by USA Boxing's Coaching Staff.		
<b>Weight Management:</b> Compliance with Body Weight Management Policy as listed in Team Policies and Procedures.		
<b>Health Management:</b> Compliance with all Medical Rules and Guidelines as listed in Team Policies & Procedures		
<b>High Performance Mindset:</b> Displays drive, determination, willingness to learn new concepts, continuous improvement mindset.		
<b>Evaluation Topic</b>	<b>Max 50 Points per Category</b>	
<b>Performance in Training:</b> Successful implementation of techniques and tactics taught by National Head Coach, National Strength & Conditioning Coach, and High Performance Staff based on the subcategories listed on the following page.		
<b>Boxer Evaluation Score</b>		

<b>Scoring Guide</b>					
<b>0</b>	<b>1 or 2</b>	<b>3 or 4</b>	<b>5 to 6</b>	<b>7 to 8</b>	<b>9 to 10</b>
<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Excellent</b>



## Performance in Training Subcategories

<b>Athlete Name:</b>	<b>Weight Class:</b>	
	<b>Event Name &amp; Date:</b>	
<b>Evaluation Topic (Technical/Tactical Criteria)</b>	<b>0 - 5</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Competitiveness/Domination		
Combination Punching		
Defense/Counter Punching		
Effective Jab		
Mental Toughness/Conditioning		
Effective Feinting		
Intensity/Time Between Attacks		
Coachability		
Adaptability		
Rules Infringement/Ring General		
<b>Total</b>		

Scoring Guide		
0	Very Poor	Did not fulfill any aspect of topic
1	Poor	Boxer not competitive, taking too much punishment
2	Below Average	Boxer did not demonstrate enough boxing criteria
3	Average	Boxing demonstrated adequately in boxing criteria, but not consistent
4	Above Average	Boxer demonstrated majority of boxing criteria proficiently
5	Excellent	Boxer demonstrated all of the boxing criteria consistently and dominantly