



## LBC Presidents Call Meeting Notes Thursday, April 22, 2021

Call commenced at 3:04 pm Mountain Time.

**LBCs represented on the call:** Allegheny Mountain, California Border, Central California, Colorado, Florida, Gulf, Hawaii, Illinois, Lake Erie, Middle Atlantic, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Ozark, Southern California, Southwestern, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

**Staff present:** Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, and Ethan Figge.

**Welcome:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed everyone to the call and reminded about submitting After-Action Reports for club shows. These provide meaningful data that continues to help open other states that are still closed for amateur boxing. A couple updates from LBCs include Nevada opening up, thanks to all the hard work by their LBC leaders; Metro is doing their Test Event in May; the whole New England area is trending in a positive direction; and after Ethan had some discussions with the California Department of Health, we are working with our LBC leaders in California to get them up and running.

McAtee also stressed that it is important to not let our guard down; all USA Boxing Sanctions must still follow our Event Operations Guidelines. USA Boxing is still requiring all the rules and documentation contained within the Event Operations Guide. This includes mask adherence; it does not matter if your state requires masks or not. All USA Boxing Sanctions will have masks worn until further notice.

**National Championships Recap:** Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager reported that we are closing out the 2020 National Championships and getting ready to send out a coach's survey, which provides extremely meaningful information that allows us to put on better events. There were 1,150 boxers, which Campbell thinks there were a lot of dropouts due to the 72-hour prior Covid test requirement. This was an extremely useful tool in limiting potential Covid spread. After 550 Covid tests during the event, we resulted in only 2 positive tests, which is a testament to the effectiveness of the 72-hour test. After contact tracing of the two positives, we found there was no cross spreading within the respective pods. This reemphasizes the effectiveness of masks and social distancing. We had 15 sessions over 9 days of competition, 1,150 boxers, 800 coaches, 125 officials, and cleared over 1,000 matches. This is well over the previous record of matches at a National Tournament. There were 27 coaches who attended the Bronze Clinic, and 12 coaches passed the Silver Level course.

**Documents Prior to Events:** Check-in was also a big success of the tournament, which can be attributed to the incredible effort of submitting the necessary documents into the National Office for verification prior to



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the event. Going forward, document verification will be prerequisite of registration. Meaning boxers and coaches cannot register for a National Tournament while missing documents or other prerequisites like MatchTracker.

**Junior Olympics (JO):** Campbell asked the LBCs for help in getting any missing bouts in passbooks rectified so boxers can register for JO. There is a form attached to the JO announcement and on the website “Missing Match Tracker”. We will need one form completed with an attached picture for each missing bout, emailed to [Membership@usaboxing.org](mailto:Membership@usaboxing.org) . With registration open for just 48 hours, we already have 250 boxers registered. If you have any “superstar” administrators in your LBC, please have them reach out to Campbell as we are always looking to make our staff more robust. There will be 5 rings at the JO so there will be plenty of opportunities for younger officials to come and get some experience.

**Summer Festival:** Campbell also announced that there will also be a Summer Festival tournament combined with JO. This will be used to give collegiate and elite boxers more competition opportunities. To register for the collegiate division, a boxer must upload a college transcript into Webpoint and have less than 15 bouts. We will set up a time for a call with the LBC leaders and JO Coordinators to finalize the selection plans for picking your JO team. The JO tournament will have limits on the brackets, but we will take a waitlist. This waitlist will be re-addressed on June 14<sup>th</sup> to expand the brackets to allow more boxers in the tournament. The other change to registration is concerning weight changes. Whatever weight a boxer registers at will be the weight they must stay at until the final 2 weeks of registration. In this 2-week window, each boxer will be allowed one weight change. There will be an opening and medal ceremony at JO.

**Adaptive Boxing:** Since one of the pillars in our strategic plan is to build an Adaptive Boxing program, McAtee announced that we have applied for a Veterans Administrative Grant and there will be a special certification for Adaptive Boxing Referees coming out shortly with the first certification offered at JO.

**Angel Villarreal (R/J Committee)** mentioned that the R/J Committee would like every LBC to send a minimum of one official to the JO / Summer Festival. There is going to be a lot of opportunities for all levels of officials because it is more of a grassroots level event.

**Mark Machi (Allegheny Mountain)** stated that he did not attend the National Championships but received great reports from all the boxers and officials from his area. He thanked McAtee and the entire USA Boxing staff for everything they do for amateur boxing.

**Closing:** McAtee responded that we appreciate the kind words, but this was a total team effort, from the local shows doing their paperwork and submitting it to Ethan to all the boxers and coaches at the Nationals who bought into our Covid protocols. It was a top to bottom team effort to pull off an event like Shreveport. McAtee thanked everyone for all the work they do and being part of our great organization.

Meeting ended at 3:47 pm.



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