



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19 and Back to Boxing
Thursday, July 16, 2020

Call commenced at 3:02 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Arkansas, Central California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Metro, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Ozark, South Texas, Southern California, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Staff: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Stacy Arredondo, & Ethan Figge.

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed everyone to the call. He stated that although it's good to make plans, we need to keep in mind that things are changing. We had test events in Nebraska and Florida this past weekend. The "80% rule" happened, and we learned what didn't work, which is why after-action reports are important.

Giving Games: USA Boxing along with other NGBs are participating in a major fundraising campaign called the Giving Games. It will kick-off next week on July 24th when the Olympics were supposed to happen. We ask for your support to pass information on to members. It's fundraising for the high performance athletes going to the Olympics and also a grant program for gyms. Please help push out on your social media as it is a great opportunity to help USA Boxing.

Membership Numbers Report: 389 new members have joined in the past week.

Coaches App: Please encourage all to download the Coaches App as it contains pertinent information.

High Performance Update: We have 26 boxers in camp at Colorado Springs. This includes the 13 Qualification Team plus 13 alternates. It looks like the Americas Qualifier will be in February and the Last Chance Qualifier in May. We are COVID testing at all of them.

Mike Campbell, Events & Boxing Operations Manager –reported on the test events. He said that both were successful, and we learned that a slow return is important. Both tournament hosts determined that they want another test event before holding a normal sanctioned event. The main objective is to see what works in your venue. We are not going to tell you what to do but are sharing best practices. There is a walk-through tomorrow for a test event in Houston. We've heard from more LBCs about wanting to do test events and want to share the successes between LBCs.



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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): The deadline to participate in the bulk order is tomorrow.

Nebraska's Buffalo Bill Event is scheduled for August 1 & 2. We want consistent policies and want to discourage travel from hotspots. The event will be limited to 13 surrounding LBCs (Ethan Figge will send the list out after this meeting): Oregon- Eastern part only, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Inland Northwest, Iowa, Missouri Valley (West of Wichita), Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah (Excluding Salt Lake), West Texas and Wyoming. The event will have online registration through Webpoint. Other upcoming events are Sugar Bert in Florida and then another event in Texas. The philosophy is that the LBC is in charge of determining who may attend. It also depends which states are "open".

Lynette Smith, Membership Director stated that credit from sanctions can be used for boxing equipment or rescheduling through 2021.

Angel Villarreal, R/J Chairperson reported that we are educating officials at the test events. The goal is to keep officials comfortable working in and around the ring. McAtee would like to do R/J training via ZOOM.

Rafael Davila (South Texas) complimented USA Boxing for doing a positive job and stated that we have to accept that different parts of the country are at different stages; even he and his wife in South Texas are unsure if they will go to events. He reported that coaches in his area haven't even started coaching or opening up yet.

Ernesto Flores (Utah) and Reggie Barnett (Virginia) both asked if test events can be sparring and the answer is, yes they can be. Nebraska and Florida's test events were sparring-no decisions. They can also be contested bouts.

Leslie Washington (Lake Erie) asked if test events are to go in Matchtracker. Judged and scored bouts are to go in Matchtracker.

Injury Data: McAtee stated that we are including injury data in an upcoming Parent's Manual. Boxing's concussion rate is about 1 in approximately 490 bouts, which is much less than soccer and many other sports. Once the reports are completed, they will be available online and in the upcoming parents' guide.

Jackie Atkins (New Jersey) stated that the injury data will be helpful in writing grants

Alex Gutierrez (West Texas) asked if test event is only sparring is a doctor is needed, since they are hard to get because of COVID as well as the amount of money they charge to work events. A ringside doctor does not have to be there if just sparring, but we would like local doctors to observe and provide input with the procedures.



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Patrick Finklin (North Carolina) asked about waivers. Waivers are part of the packet and we encourage them to be used.

Rafael Davila (South Texas) asked if test events will be filmed. McAtee stated that they usually last about three hours but it is a consideration. Campbell stated that Colorado is doing a YouTube link so it can be streamed and Gulf is also streaming.

Nebraska Test Event Recap: Ethan is building a PowerPoint of Nebraska's event flow, which will be shared.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) asked about offering fitness memberships for under 8 year-olds, that way they will be covered by insurance and ready to compete at age 8. USA Boxing will contact our insurance carrier for guidance.

Tom Lindsey (South Texas) asked if voting for meetings can be online. McAtee answered "yes" that ZOOM will be a great way to help with getting a quorum.

Joe Zanders (Southern California) stated that the California governor has issued a set-back and Joe is concerned since Delilah Ponce Rico and the Sernas have ended up with COVID-19.

Closing: McAtee advised to support each other and thanked the presidents again for all that they are doing. Consistently we have half the leaders on the call and we really appreciate it!

Meeting ended at 3:55.



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