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Hello,

Thank you for your leadership and continued service to USA Boxing. Our goal, as part of the R/J Commission, is to ensure you are informed, educated and supported every step of the way throughout your tenure as an LBC Chief of Officials. We have updated this very important manual in an effort to guide and assist you in performing your duties. Your position is one of integrity and cohesion, without you setting the standard in your association, your officials could not learn the correct standard.

As a Chief of Officials your responsibilities seem endless at times but we must never forget that the safety of the boxers is paramount. We shall always match bouts according to the rules set forth by USA Boxing and never allow that which is against the rules. We shall always be professional and act in a manner that sets the example for others and lastly, we shall always set others up for success not failure.

We should always strive to engage our Officials and teach them the most up to date materials that have been created. You should hold Clinics often in your LBC and ensure your Officials certifications are up to date.

You have our full support and we are here for you, whenever you need us. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any one of the commission members listed below.

Thank you to the Chief of Officials Task Force that helped update this manual and those before us that created this document.

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Education – Clinics & Testing

The LBC Chief of Officials (COO)

Each LBC shall have a Chief of Officials, elected by the Local Boxing Committees' (LBC) registered officials. The Chief of Officials is responsible for overseeing officiating in the LBC. The Chief of Officials may divide the LBC into sub-district Chiefs of Officials with the recommendation of the president and approval by the LBC Board of Directors.

The responsibility of the COO is basically to recruit, train, assign, inform, and keep records of the LBC Officials, and update or verify match tracker for each LBC sanctioned event; along with enforcing the rules of competition to ensure the safety of the athletes and fair play. The COO should have administrative rights for USAB Web Point to check registration, certification, and sanctions for all events.

Some LBCs are required by their State Boxing Commissions to adhere to the Commissions' rules and regulations, which may include specialized courses to ensure athletes safety. Your LBC Leadership or USA Boxing staff will have that information.

Member Officials

Officials and non-athlete members who are responsible for and/or enforce USA Boxing policy, rules, regulations, etc., must be registered and certified. Registration includes annual background checks (members are charged bi-annually) and completion of SafeSport as required by the USOC. Registration is for all individuals who are involved in local boxing programs; referees, judges, timekeepers, computer technicians, weigh masters, physicians, clerks, glove stewards, competition directors, administrators, draw masters, trainers, match makers, and coaches.

All certified officials are required to **have a passbook** with proof of registration and certification for all USA Boxing sanctioned events before they are allowed to work in any capacity. It's important that official passbooks reflect all work and participation; passbooks are checked at advancing tournaments and prior to elevation or testing for the next level.

Education/Clinics & Testing

The administrative requirements that each Official should be concerned with are: Registration, Certification, and Maintenance. Registration is required annually as of January 1.

Level I certification can be achieved in one of three ways: online or at a clinic or workshop. However, if the LBC Chief of Officials feels the new Level I should take an in-person clinic or workshop, even though they passed the online exam, the COO can instruct them to do so. Please refer to the new National Judges Pathway program later in this document.

Level II and Level III Officials may not certify online at this point in time. The Level II official must attend an in-person clinic to elevate (from a I to a II) or recertify as a level II, every 2 years. The Level III official can only elevate to a Level III or maintain their Level III by testing at a national event every 2 years.

The standardized clinic material is on a PowerPoint presentation and is available to clinicians on USA Boxing's website (www.usaboxing.org). Familiarize yourself with the clinic information as it is updated and current.

Each LBC is REQUIRED to give at least 1 officials clinic per year, however the LBC should offer as many officials' clinics as necessary to keep their officials in compliance and informed.



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Any LBC planning to conduct an Officials Clinic must request an **Officials Certification Clinic Control Number (OCN)** from USA Boxing (Membership Services) in order to conduct a valid officials' clinic. The clinic request form must be submitted at least one week in advance. It must be signed by both the LBC President and the LBC Chief of Officials. Under no circumstance shall an OCN be applied to more than one (1) certification clinic.

The Clinician must enter the OCN in:

- The Officials Passbook, (record of clinics, seminars, and testing).
- The Clinic Certification Transmittal Form which must be sent to Membership Services, USA Boxing.

The LBC Chief of Officials and the LBC President shall have a list of qualified clinicians to conduct clinics in the LBC. Qualified clinicians would be an AIBA Partner or another qualified official agreed upon by the President and COO.

The LBC COO should also participate in all coaches' clinics in the LBC.

One clinician is necessary to administer a certification clinic; however, a maximum of three (3) clinicians shall be granted credit for any individual certification clinic.

Certification clinics **shall not** be administered at regional or national tournaments.

The Level I and II test and key are available from the National Office once an OCN has been received. The Level III test and key are available through the Chair of the R/J Commission. These will only be given out to qualified clinicians for the level they are approved to administer. All tests and keys shall be kept under strict guardianship.

All Clinicians can give the Level I & II tests which will be available at the LBC Clinics.

An AIBA Partner shall give the Level III test (without a clinic). The Level III test will be given at the USA Boxing National Championships, National Junior Olympic Championships, and National Qualifier Tournaments. Group Members who wish to have Level III testing at their national tournament must make a request to the Chairman of the R/J Commission, who in turn, will assign an AIBA Partner to administer the Level III test. The Group Member shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the examiner for food, travel and lodging. Level III officials must pass a Level III test every 2 years. Officials taking the Level III exam must have a completed Exam Admission Verification Form in order to test.

All levels of testing must be recorded in the Officials Passbook and signed by the clinician (record of clinics, seminars, and testing).

At each clinic and/or testing event an Officials' Sign-In Sheet should be used to document each individual's information, member #, address, phone, and e-mail.

Upon completion of a clinic and/or testing, the LBC COO must complete a Clinic Certification Transmittal. There are separate transmittal sheets for each level. These transmittal forms must be kept in the LBC COO's records and a copy must go to USA Boxing (Membership Services) within 10 days.

Each LBC Chief of Officials should keep orderly records of the Officials in their LBC. The LBC COO will need to keep track of each official's certification date, their level, what capacity they can work, and if they are registered for the current year. The LBC COO should also keep a directory of all LBC officials with addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail.

If a member of your LBC attends a certification clinic outside your LBC, the hosting clinician should send a copy of the Clinic Certification Transmittal to their LBC COO so their records can be updated. **Ask your officials to contact you when they attend clinics elsewhere to ensure all records are up to date.**

As your LBC officials obtain their Level II or III, they may choose to attend USA National competitions either as an invited official or on their own; in either case, an Officials Referral Form is required. COOs are advised to allow the officials the opportunity to attend these tournaments and should sign the forms along with the LBC President and encourage their officials' growth.



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National Preparation and Certification Pathway for New USA Boxing Judges

1. Register with USA Boxing. This process includes a background check.
2. Familiarize yourself with the Rules of USA Boxing:
 - The USA Boxing Rulebook can be read and downloaded at the following link: www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/rulebook/
 - The most up-to-date rules are available in the USA Boxing Officials' Commission PowerPoint: www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Membership/For-Officials
 - A 15-minute video introduction to the 10-Point-Scoring System is available at: www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Membership/For-Officials/a
3. Attend a USA Boxing Officials' Certification Clinic or log into your Member Profile in USAB's Webpoint to take the online Level I Officials' exam.
4. Shadow* experienced Judges as instructed by the LBC's Chief of Officials.
 - *Bouts shadowed prior to the Registration and Certification process may count towards the requirement.

The LBC Chief of Officials evaluates every new official, and decides when they are ready to work on their own, and in what capacity. The LBC COO may require attendance at an in-person official's clinic.
5. Stay in contact with your LBC Chief of Officials regarding upcoming boxing events. Talk with your LBC COO about your interest and goals. You will receive a blue Official's Passbook from your LBC Registration Chair that you must bring with you when you work as an Official at any USA Boxing event.
6. You are ready to officiate at USA Boxing events! For more information, watch the USA Boxing educational videos presented by members of the USA Boxing Officials Commission: www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Membership/For-Officials/a

Throughout this process, ask for feedback and advice, and talk about officiating with your LBC COO, event supervisors, and other certified USA Boxing officials. Look for mentors. Help recruit other people like you!

In summary, to become an official USA Boxing Judge, you must do the following: familiarize yourself with the rulebook, view the scoring system video, attend a clinic or certify online, and shadow experienced judges until the time your Chief of Officials deems you ready.



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National Judges' Pathway and Online Certification Testing Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why do we need a National Pathway?

Many officials are confused about requirements, since they vary from LBC to LBC. Standardizing the Pathway allows for transparency.

2. Why are we offering online certification?

Online certification is commonplace in other sports, and makes certification more accessible to more people, since they can certify from any location, on any day, at any time. The goal is to recruit more officials into our sport.

3. Can all officials take the online certification test?

No. The online test is only for brand new Level I officials, or for Level I officials who want to maintain their Level I certification.

4. Must I get 100% on the test to pass it?

You must get 80% or higher to pass. If you don't pass it on your first attempt, you must call the national office to have your account reset so that you can take the test again. You must wait 72 hours after you fail the test before you can take it again.

5. How many times can I take the test?

You have 3 chances to pass the test online. If after you have failed the test for the third time, you must attend an in-person clinic and become certified that way.

6. Can an official go straight from passing the online test to judging a bout?

No. According to the new National Pathway, a new judge must first follow the steps for shadowing (and mentoring). Then, the LBC Chief of Officials (COO) will have the final say in when the new official is ready to judge bouts in an official capacity.

7. What about the OCN in the blue passbooks?

Currently we still use Official's Passbooks (blue books). If you take an in-person clinic/test, the clinician will write in your book that you took the clinic and passed the test along with the OCN. If you took the test online, there will be no notation in your book. Your proof of passing the exam will be in your profile and printed on your membership card.

8. Can an LBC COO still require an in-person clinic?

Yes. If the COO feels that the new official needs an in-person clinic, then they can require it.

9. Is this our new certification process? Does everything else change?

Not everything changes. We are simply now allowing for an option of online certification for Level I officials only.

10. My LBC COO gives a great officials' clinic. Will in-person clinics still be offered?

Yes. LBCs are required to still give in-person clinics. Level II and Level III officials must take 24-month maintenance clinics, plus Level II officials can only test at an in-person clinic.

11. Has our insurance carrier approved the online certification?

Yes. Our insurance carrier supports online certification combined with shadowing and mentoring (the new National Pathway).



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Officials' Proficiency Levels

Level I Certification is good for 2 years

Level II Certification is good for 2 years (Changed in 2018)

Level III Certification is good for 2 years (Changed in 2018)

1. To Become a Level I

- a. Become a Registered Member of USA Boxing
- b. Pass Level I exam with 80% or better (Live or Online), or attend an R/J Workshop
- c. Obtain an Officials Passbook
- d. Contact the LBC COO for mentoring and instructions on how to start working

Level I Maintenance

- a. Have a current USA Boxing membership
- b. Take Level I exam every 2 years (Live or Online), or attend an R/J Workshop. May take test as early as 1 year prior to expiration.
- c. Be a proficient timekeeper
- d. Active at LBC competitions (as defined and published by R/J Commission) with satisfactory performance

2. To Elevate to a Level II

- a. Have a current USA Boxing membership
- b. Have been a Level I official for at least 2 years and kept certification current
- c. Officiated at an Association and Regional advancing tournament
- d. Active at LBC Competitions (as defined and published by the R/J Commission) and had satisfactory performance
- e. Attend an in-person Officials Clinic or R/J Workshop and pass the Level II exam with 80% or better

Level II Maintenance

- a. Have a current USA Boxing membership
- b. Worked at minimum a regional advancing tournament within last 2 years
- c. Active at LBC Competitions (as defined and published by the R/J Commission) with satisfactory performance
- d. Recertify at an in-person Officials Clinic or R/J Workshop and pass the Level II exam with 80% or better prior to your certification expiring

3. To Elevate to a Level III

- a. Registered member for at least 3 years and be currently registered
- b. Have been a Level II official for a minimum of 2 years
- c. Officiated at Regional and/or National level for a minimum of 2 years
- d. Active at LBC Competitions (as defined and published by the R/J Commission) and had satisfactory performance
- e. Attend a designated National Tournament to take the Level III exam and pass with 90% or better

Level III Maintenance

- a. Have a current USA Boxing membership
- b. Active at LBC Competitions (as defined and published by the R/J Commission) and had satisfactory performance
- c. Pass a Level III exam at a designated National Tournament every 2 years; may take it up to 1 year prior to expiration



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Maintenance for All Levels

Officials may take a certification clinic or test 1 year prior to the expiration date.

Online clinic/testing is only available to Level I officials at this time.

In the event an officials' certification expires, they will then drop down one level until the appropriate level test can be taken.

USA Boxing Master Officials

1. The Master Officials program is for those officials who have served worldwide or on a national level in a distinguished and honorable manner for a minimum of 15 years.
2. An official must complete the Master Officials Application Form and the LBC COO must turn it in to the national office for review. Once approved a master patch will be given to these officials.
3. Master Official's criteria:
 - National level officials must have reached the age of 65 and met the 15-year requirement.
 - Master AIBA Official: An AIBA Official who has served for a minimum of 15 years, no age requirement.
 - 1) Master Officials shall meet all requirements for testing, certification, and proficiency level as established by USA Boxing Rules.
4. Master Officials recognized by October 31, 2017 shall continue to receive membership with no annual fee but will pay for the background screening bi-annually. Those recognized beginning November 1, 2017 will pay normal annual membership fees to participate with USA Boxing.

Level Patches

Each official shall be given 1 level patch upon elevation to a new level. In most cases the National Office will mail the patches directly to the official once they receive the clinic transmittal from the clinician or when a new official becomes a Level I by taking the online test. Additional patches are available for purchase by contacting the National Office.



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Official's Passbook

Record keeping is so important; always encourage your officials to have their passbooks filled out entirely!

1. Fill in the official's name on the front cover.

INSIDE COVER AND PAGE 1

 Date Issued: <u>Jan 9, 2012</u>	Name <u>John Doe</u>				
	Address <u>1642 Ave F</u>				
I, the undersigned fully understand that all entries made in this passbook are correct to the best of my knowledge.	City <u>Dallas,</u>				
	State <u>Tx</u> Zip <u>75209</u>				
Any alterations, or false documentations subject me to immediate disciplinary action as an affiliate of USA Boxing.	Date of Birth <u>May 1, 1984</u>				
	LBC Name <u>SOUTHWESTERN (526)</u>				
<u>John Doe</u> Passbook Holder's Signature	Region <u>Texas (8)</u>				
	Approximate number of events participated in before issuance of this passbook:				
<u>Jan 9, 2012</u> Date	Referee <u>130</u> Judge <u>223</u>				
	Timekeeper <u>212</u> Clinics <u>10</u>				
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	 CLICK TO UPLOAD				
	Non-Athlete:: 2016 SOUTHWESTERN				
	Joined: 11/12/2015 Expires: 12/31/2016				
					

2. Fill in the inside front cover page as illustrated above
3. Add all your personal information on the next page and include events worked prior to this passbook.
4. Enter your membership number in the passbook.
5. Adhere your current membership card to this page



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Medical Record and Competition Record

Medical Record

Date	Place	Blood Pressure/ Pulse, etc.	Fit/ Unit	Doctor's Initials
1/25/12	Garland TX	BP 110/70 P 60	F	ZMMN
1/26/12	Garland TX	BP 112/70 P 60	F	MMW
1/27/12	Garland TX			
1/28/12	Garland TX			
2/10/12	Irving TX	BP 110/72 P 60	F	JR
2/11/12	Irving TX			
2/14/12	Spokane WA.	105/70	F	JR
2/15/12	↓			
2/16/12	↓			
2/17/12	↓			
2/18/12	↓			
2/17/12	TROOP TX			

Competition Record

Judge	Referee	Timekeeper/ Jury/Clerk	Competition	Official in charge
7	4	135 STK 60	Delias Golden Gloves	JMM
16	2	STK	↓	JMM
6	4	6TK S=12 C=3	↓	JMM
3	5	4TK S=10 C=7	↓	JMM
2	1		Reg 8	D Holmes
4	2		Reg 8	D Holmes
7	1	Domino Olympic		↓
3	1	Team		↓
3	1	Treals		↓
6	0	↓		↓
5	1	TK 6	Wichita V. International	D Holmes

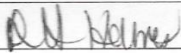
6. Include date, place, vitals and doctors signature on Medical Record.
7. On Competition Record include bouts as judge, referee, clerk, timekeeper, and supervisor, name of competition and signature of Official in Charge.



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RECORD OF CLINICS, SEMINARS AND TESTING

Record of Clinics, Seminars and Testing			Conducted by Organization	Results	Authorized Clinician Signature
1/10/12	Ft Worth Golden Gloves	LBC Certification	SUA	Pass 90% OCN 1201-01-26	

8. Make certain that all information is filled out on this page, especially the OCN number and clinician's signature.

Training Officials – Mentoring & Critiquing

1. It is the responsibility of the LBC COO to see that their officials are properly trained. Enlist the help of your more experienced officials to mentor a new official and critique them along the way.
2. It is a good idea to start them out in the beginning with working weigh-ins, learning matchmaking & bracketing, preparing a bout sheet & scorecards, assignment sheets, ring set-up, and glove table. Then show them how to clerk, time keep, and judge. When they have more experience, they can referee.
3. Remember that each official will advance at different levels. Some may only want to be a clerk; some may want to do everything. Some may only want to work local shows and some may want to travel to national tournaments.
4. Critique the officials or have another experienced official do it. Always try to end the critique on a positive note.
5. Have an experienced referee critique the referees.
6. It's a good idea to have new referees do several sparring sessions at local gyms under the watchful eye of a veteran referee or seasoned official.
7. Live demonstrations at training seminars are very helpful with regard to retaining knowledge.
8. Every new official should be encouraged to print their rulebook and special emphasis should be placed on studying it. Any printed copy should be updated as new rule changes are posted on the USAB website.
9. Remember that leadership dictates the pace, and a knowledgeable, informed, and professional COO will produce solid officials that will enhance our sport.
10. Whatever you do stay within the rules!!!! The safest place to be is within the confines of the USA Boxing rules. You open yourself up and others to liabilities by deviating from the rules.



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Local Boxing Show Guidelines

ASSIGNING OFFICIALS

1. Assigning officials is the responsibility of the LBC's Chief of Officials in the territory in which the competition is being held.
2. The COO must contact their officials in the same manner in advance for each show to ensure it will be properly staffed for weigh-ins and competition.
3. For regional tournaments, the region committee will determine the assigning process.
4. For national events USA Boxing will assume responsibility.
5. Officials Referral Form. The LBC shall recommend qualified officials and in what capacity an individual is certified to act as an official for regional and national events. This form shall be signed by both the LBC President and LBC Chief of Officials.

WEIGH-INS

1. It is the duty of the COO to enforce the rules at competition. Make sure you know them. Have your USA Boxing Technical and Competition Rulebooks on hand at all events.
2. Have a copy of the Sanction Certificate with you for each event.
3. Make sure you have enough officials to run a smooth weigh-in.
4. Officials must check every boxer's passbook. Boxers' passbooks must have their Annual Physical Exam attached to the book, along with a current Membership Card, no facial hair (Master Boxer's allowed to have moustaches and neatly trimmed beards of less than two inches in length), and piercings (none allowed), **before they can weigh-in**. If a boxer doesn't have their passbook at weigh-in, they must present it before they can box, or before their session at a tournament. Advancing tournaments may require proof of birth/citizenship; birth certificate or passport.
5. The LBC COO should have extra Female Forms, Release to Compete with Braces Forms, Release to Compete with Breast Implant Forms available at the weigh-in if needed.
6. The Medical Form is available to use for tournaments.
7. You will also need Bracket Forms for tournaments.
8. ONLY MALE WEIGHMASTERS in the men's weigh-in, and ONLY FEMALE WEIGHMISTRESS in the female weigh-in. Boxers must weigh in their underclothing or less.
9. Assist the physician at the physicals. Make sure he/she knows the rules.
10. Assist with matchmaking. Give the final approval for each bout according to age, weight, and experience. Follow the Appendix F-Weight Categories and Division Reference Chart guidelines published by USA Boxing.
11. Make a Bout Sheet, or see that a competent individual does this. Red corner vs. Blue corner, in that order. No nicknames. This can be done on match tracker on the web point, you can print the bout sheet, and verify results after event.
12. Fill out Supervisor Bout Reports (paper or excel program) according to completed bout sheet. Have officials assist you with this task.



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13. Check the Ring Set up; inspect the Ring (check for loose ropes, debris on the mat, etc.). **First referee of the first bout inspects the ring.**
14. Place scorecards on clipboards and put them at judge's seats, even if you are using computer scoring in case the computer goes down.
15. Have plenty of pens available.
16. Have a bell, 2 time clocks, and a whistle for the Timekeeper.
17. Sit the Clerk next to the Doctor. Keep a folder with Incident Reports, Restriction Forms, Treatment Release Forms, and Insurance Forms and place it with the Clerk. If an Incident occurs, you will have the paperwork at hand.
18. Have a plan in place if someone is injured. Oxygen and a stretcher are required equipment at ringside, to be administered by Medical Professionals. Are there EMTs on site? If not, who will call them? Have the phone number on hand. What route will be used to exit the venue?
19. Talk to the Announcer and give him information; bout sheet, officials assignment sheet, announcements to be made, etc.
20. Officials Assignment Sheet This sheet is necessary for all competitions to inform each official of their duties for each bout. Whether you are the Supervisor for the event or have assigned another official to be in charge. The Supervisor for the event must oversee the assignment of officials at competitions with the best interest of the athletes in mind.
21. You have to make sure to check for conflicts of interest; judging a relative's bout, etc.
22. Rotate officials, if you have enough, to cross-train them.
23. All officials must learn to time keep at local shows.
24. Be sure to assign referees according to their experience; start out new referees with lighter weight classes.
25. Call an Officials Meeting one half hour, or more, before the show starts. Hand out assignments and bout sheets to officials. Have them check for any conflicts. Go over any new rules or USA Boxing information at this time. Ask for their input. Let the officials know you expect them to do their best for the athletes, and that you will be critiquing them throughout the show. Always review the 10 point must scoring system before the show. Remind them of the Official's Code of Conduct, and ringside etiquette. Perception is reality.



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10-Point Scoring — Summary for Judges

10-Point Judging System for AOB

- Electronic Scoring: 5 Judges selected to Judge the bout. 3 judges may be used at local events if there are not enough officials present.
- Manual Scoring: 5 Judges selected to Judge the bout. 3 judges may be used at local events if not enough officials are present
- At the end of each round, Judges enter their round score for the boxers.
- After each round, the Referee collects the scorecards, and delivers them to the Supervisor.
- Judges award points based on the Scoring Allocation. Judges may not score a tie in a round.

Scoring Allocation:

- 10-9 Close Round: A very close round, with boxers evenly matched in most criteria.
- 10-8 Clear Winner: Clear winner due to the difference in quality blows scored, or an advantage in other scoring criteria.
- 10-7 Total Dominance: One boxer is completely dominant over the other in all criteria.

At the end of the Bout: The bout result cannot be a tie. If a Judge has a tie at the end of the bout, the judge will be asked to select a winner for the bout.

Scoring Criteria:

- 1) Number of quality blows on target area
- 2) Domination of the round by technical and tactical superiority
- 3) Competitiveness

Quality Blow: A punch that is clearly visible to the judge, and meets the following criteria:

- Punch connects with knuckle surface of glove.
- Punch is thrown with the weight of the body or shoulder.
- Punch connects in the Target Area.
- Punch connects cleanly (not picked, parried, or blocked).
- Punch connects while not infringing a rule.

Technique & Tactic Superiority: A boxer who demonstrates ring generalship. Examples include:

- causing opponent to miss and make vulnerable to punches
- throwing effective counters and standing the opponent off
- controls the ring and pace of the action
- neutralizes the style or type of boxer
- body punches
- displays superior defense (blocking, slipping, weaving, good footwork)

Domination of the Round: A boxer who controls the round. Examples include:

- Boxer who is an “effective aggressor.”
- Boxer who controls the round with a combination of attack and defense; scores cleanly while defending against counter-punching.
- Boxer who forces the action and sets the tempo of the round.

Competitiveness: A boxer who demonstrates the will to win. Examples include a boxer who:

- doesn't give up
- loses the previous round, and comes back stronger
- gets knocked down in the previous round, and comes back stronger
- changes strategy as necessary to win the round

Infringement of the Rules: Judges do not award points for blows that do not meet the legal blow criteria (i.e. holding and hitting, slapping, hits to the back of the head).



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AOB Bout Outcomes:

Points — WP
Abandon - ABD
Referee Stops Contest - RSC
Referee Stops Contest-Injury – RSC-I
Knockout — KO
Disqualification — DQ
Walkover — WO
Double Knockout — DKO
No Contest — NC

WP: Bout reaches its end and the judges determine the winner, by unanimous or split decisions. In AOB, a bout will end on WP if an unintentional foul caused an injury during a round. In AOB, a bout that is terminated after the first round (or during the progress of subsequent rounds) due to failure of the ring, power failure, or another event out of the control of the Boxers or Referee, will be determined by judges' scores. (Judges will score partial rounds.)

ABD: Boxer retires voluntarily due to injury or Coach throws towel in the ring or appears on the apron, however not while the referee is counting

RSC: Stoppage of a bout, including:

- Retirement
- Boxer fails to resume boxing after the rest interval
- Outclassed
- Cannot continue after a low blow (90 seconds)
- Knocked out of ring (30 seconds)
- Doctor notifies the Supervisor to stop the bout 3 knockdowns in one round (Elite men)
- 3 knockdowns in one round, or 4 in the bout (Elite women, Juniors, Youth) Boxer cannot continue after 8-count

RSC-I: Stoppage of a bout, including:

- Injury caused by correct blow
- Injury not caused by blows (shoulder, knee, ankle)

KO: Stoppage of a bout, including:

- Referee reaches the count of 10
- Referee stops the count and calls the doctor into the ring
- Doctor enters the ring during a referee count
- Boxer falls after an eight-count without receiving a blow
- Both boxers are knocked out

DQ: A Boxer can be disqualified for a foul or misconduct. If an intentional foul causes an injury to a Boxer and the fouled and injured boxer cannot continue because of the injury sustained from the "intentional foul." The third warning will automatically disqualify a boxer.

WO: When the boxer fails to appear for the bout, even though they are scheduled to compete.

DKO: Both boxers knocked down

NC: In AOB, a No Contest may be designated when a bout is terminated before the end of the first round, due to an event that is out of the Boxers' or Referee's control, such as destruction of the ring or power failure.



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Glove Table

1. Don't overlook the glove table. An official should be assigned here to check hand wraps and sign them, and see that each boxer receives the proper size gloves according to USA Boxing Rules.
2. Check the condition of the gloves and have a cleaning solution of 10% household bleach and water to clean the gloves. You must also check headgear condition and label, (USAB or AIBA labels), mouthpiece no red or partially red mouthpiece, (orange, pink, etc), dress to include a distinguishing waistband, no jewelry, and no tape anywhere on uniform.

Bandages/Hand Wraps

All USA Boxing Bouts must be contested using bandages (gauze or Velpeau) that meet the specifications below. If the event organizer provides bandages, then those are the only bandages acceptable for said competition.

The Equipment Inspector(s) will sign off directly on the bandage verifying its compliance as outlined below:

In all categories, the bandage for each hand shall be made of:

A maximum of 15 meters (49 feet) length and 5 centimeters (2 inches) width of Gauze and a maximum of 5 meters (16 feet) length of 10 centimeters (4 inches) width of Gauze.

Surgeon's Tape: A maximum 5 meters (16 feet) length and 2.50 centimeters (1 inch) width

- In all categories, surgeon's tape, no more than five (5) millimeters (0.25 inches) wide, may be applied between the fingers.
- A Boxer may apply his bandage to his hands as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the surgeon's tape.
- Gauze padding may be used to cover the knuckles.

Velpeau Bandages must not be longer than 4.5m (14.76 feet), and not shorter than 2.5m (8.2 feet).

- Bandages must be 5.7cm (2 ¼ inches) wide.
- Bandages must be made of stretchy cotton material with a Velcro closure.
- The use of any substance on the bandages is prohibited.

Competition

1. Do what you can to start the competition on time.
2. As COO or Supervisor, you should be keeping a close watch on the competition, and all around the ring.
3. The COO or Supervisor in charge of the competition must ensure all the rules of USA Boxing are being followed.
4. The scorecards should be handed to the Supervisor to check, before giving the announcer the decision.
5. If you are working as a judge or referee, assign a Supervisor to get the scorecards from the referee to check before giving to the announcer.
6. If a judge makes a mistake, the supervisor may take it to them to be corrected. If this happens, have them initial the correction.
7. Critique the officials or have another experienced official do it. Always try to end the critique on a positive note.
8. Have an experienced referee critique the referees.



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After Competition

1. Sign all officials' passbooks
2. You may show the score of a bout to a coach (not a boxer), after the competition.

You must keep the scorecards for 1 year after the event. You may want to keep your copy of the sanction and bout sheet with it.

All bouts shall be recorded in Match Tracker. Sanction holder may put bouts in Match Tracker before show time, and then the bouts may be verified by the COO or their designee.

COO Equipment/Supply Kit

The LBC COO will need to keep a Supply Kit (duffel bag) with all the aforementioned equipment and forms for competition, including Restriction Affidavits. This should include your USA BOXING RULEBOOK.

Recognition of LBC Officials

You may want to present the level patch in the ring when an official is elevated or have something in place to recognize your official's efforts and achievements, i.e., this could be an annual award given at your LBC tournament or a recognition dinner for all officials to enjoy.

Weigh-Ins and Matched Bouts:

1. Verify age, weight and experience. Do not overmatch a boxer and make sure that boxers are in range with the weight differentials for their weight class.
2. Making Local Matched Bouts. Matched bouts are permitted and must be in accordance with weight limitations described in the Rule Book. (See the Guide for Making Matches at the Local Level in the Forms section)



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