Quarterly Newsletter of USA Boxing
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Letter from Leadership
USA Boxing is excited to be less than 45 days from the start of the Tokyo Olympic Games! Like any lead up to an Olympic Games, this past quad (the four years leading up to the Games) has had more than its fair share of challenges and obstacles for Team USA to overcome. The hard work and dedication of every boxer, personal coach, national coach, and staff member who has participated as a member of USA Boxing’s High Performance Team over the past quad has helped put Team USA in great standing leading into the Games this summer. Without your efforts, we would not be in the position we are today, so thank you!

Following the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, USA Boxing set its objective to move from 6th place in Rio to the number one nation in the world at the Tokyo Games. Our 2020 Olympic Team of nine boxers, six of whom are world championship medalists and all nine, Pan Am Games medalists, supported by our world class High Performance staff, is poised and ready to finish the job and accomplish this objective!

The development of our High Performance program will not end at the conclusion of the Games on August 9. With the 2024 Olympic Games nearly three years out, USA Boxing has already begun looking ahead towards the future of our sport and the next generation of Olympians to come. This summer will showcase a glimpse into that next generation as USA Boxing’s Youth National Team will compete in Guadalajara, Mexico to earn their quotas for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games, taking place November 25-December 5, 2021. USA Boxing is also setting its sights on World Championships events for both its elite men and women, which are scheduled to take place in the fall of 2021.

USA Boxing has much to be excited about heading into this summer. The tireless work of boxers, coaches and officials throughout the nation has put our organization in a great position to close out this past quad showing the world that USA Boxing is back where it belongs: on top of the podium. The next step is to make sure they know we are here to stay! Whether you are participating in Tokyo, Guadalajara, or Lubbock at the JO Nationals & Summer Festival, we are all a part of one team. Keep up the great work and go USA!

Matt Johnson, High Performance Director

Congratulations to our Olympians
Keyshawn Davis - Norfolk, VA
Rashida Ellis - Lynn, MA
Virginia Fuchs - Houston, TX
Naomi Graham - Fayetteville, NC
Troy Isley - Alexandria, VA
Delante Johnson - Cleveland, OH
Oshae Jones - Toledo, OH
Duke Ragan - Cincinnati, OH
Richard Torrez Jr. - Tulare, CA

Watch for competition dates and times in upcoming social media and website posts.

For up to date information on JOs & the Summer Festival
Scan Below or go to https://bit.ly/JOSummerFest21

Bout Sheets, Live Stream, Brackets, Results, News & Photos will all be available.
USA Boxing Junior Olympics Covid Plan

(These are the minimum standards subject to change based on current information.)

In order to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus, this document is meant to provide protocols on who and when those attending the Junior Olympics need to show documentation of COVID vaccine or testing results.

Covid Documentation Required at Check-in:
Coaches, Officials, Staff, Elite Boxers and Collegiate Boxers will be required at check-in to show COVID vaccine or testing documentation. All other boxer age divisions are NOT required testing or vaccine documentation. (However, please read below about masks and the Field of Play.)

One of the three documentation options below must be presented:
• COVID Vaccine Card showing at least one vaccination.
• Negative COVID test results taken within 72 hours prior to check-in.

Those who do NOT provide one of the above will be required to go get a local covid test. Those who test positive within 72 hours prior will not be allowed to participate at the event. To prevent the spread of the virus, please do not travel to Lubbock.

Field of Play Mask Mandate: Coaches, Officials, Staff, and any Boxer (of any age group) showing a fully vaccinated COVID card at check-in (two vaccine doses from Pfizer or Moderna, or one vaccine dose from Johnson & Johnson as described by the CDC) will NOT be required to wear a mask in the Field of Play. All others (including those with only one dose of Pfizer or Moderna) will be required to wear a mask in the Field of Play, including the gloving area. Boxers will not need to wear a mask while actively warming up or competing.

All boxers will be required to wear a mask at weigh-ins.

Enforcement within the Field of Play: Those violating the mask protocols could be excused from and/or denied entry into the Field of Play.

Spectator Mask Guidelines: Spectators will be allowed at the Junior Olympics. All fans are expected to follow the Lubbock, Texas mask mandate.

USA Boxing Scholarship

The USA Boxing Foundation Scholarship Program is now officially open to apply for. The USA Boxing Foundation Scholarship is for current college or trade school students only. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of a post-secondary program, as well as be a current USA Boxing member and a member in either 2019 or 2020.

Please note that due to COVID-9 closures, the 2 bout minimum is being waived.

Applying does not mean you will be granted a scholarship. The following number of scholarships will be awarded:

 2 trade school awards for $2,000 each  
7 undergraduate awards for $3,000 each  
2 graduate level awards for $2,500 each

Go to https://go.teamusa.org/3wQSzze for the application, complete, and submit to Cam Thompson at cthompson@usaboxing.org.

Join Today at the USA Boxing Alumni Association Website www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/alumni

The Alumni Association champions a lifelong, mutually beneficial relationship between USA Boxing and its alumni (athletes, officials, coaches, and fans).
Changes to SafeSport Training Site

The U.S. Center for SafeSport moved their training platform to “Absorb” on June 9, 2021. **What this means for USA Boxing members is better and more user-friendly access to your SafeSport training portal.**

Another big difference is that **you will receive a full year of credit once you take the training**, for example...if you complete training on 6/1/2021, your training will not expire until 5/31/2022.

What this means for USA Boxing Staff is the ability to provide more support and assistance to our members when they need help logging in, finding their training history or printing their SafeSport completion certificate.

While most folks really don’t like change...this move promises to make it easier on everyone when it comes to complying with the U.S. Congress mandate that participants in youth sport complete SafeSport training annually.

One important thing to keep in mind --- if you had an unfinished course in SafeSport before June 9th unfortunately your course will revert to the beginning and you will have to start over from the beginning.

Where in the World is The High Performance Squad?

While the anticipation for Tokyo grows, our members can get their first look at the next generation of USA Boxing champions, as 13 members of our youth high performance team will compete at the **Junior Pan American Games Qualifier in Guadalajara, Mexico, July 13-18.** Boxers will need to place in the top 8 of their weight class to punch their ticket to the first ever Junior Pan American Games, scheduled for **November 25 – December 5 in Cali, Colombia.** A full roster can be found below. Continue to check USABoxing.org and USA Boxing’s social media accounts for results and live stream information throughout the tournament.

**Youth Team USA Roster**

51 kg: Kayla Gomez ·El Paso, Texas  
52 kg: Steven Navarro, Los Angeles, California  
56 kg: Julius Ballo, San Diego, California  
57 kg: Jewry Rodriguez, Houston, Texas  
60 kg: Faith Mendez, Ocala, Florida  
63 kg: Joel Iriarte, Bakersfield, California  
69 kg: Quincey Williams, Oxon Hill, Maryland  
69 kg: Jesikah Guerra, Victorville, California  
75 kg: Donte Layne, Elmont, New York  
75 kg: Sativa James, Dixon, California  
81 kg: Santiago Franco, Portland, Oregon  
91 kg: Ali Almajdi, Fort Worth, Texas  
91+ kg: Cam’ron Patton, Paris, Tennessee
Special Thanks to Our Sponsors!

Head to a boxing event and needing a place to stay? How about a family vacation? USA Boxing has partnered with HotelPlanner to provide an online portal for our members to book hotel arrangements for any occasion.

Did we mention, HotelPlanner guarantees the lowest price on the internet?

Another perk of using HotelPlanner? A portion of proceeds will be donated to USA Boxing to help continue our sport and grow and produce champions inside and outside the ring.

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