



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19
March 20, 2020

Call commenced at 1:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 31 LBC Leaders in attendance, along with the following USA Boxing staff members: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Betsy McCallister and Stacy Arredondo

Take care: McAtee emphasized to everyone to take care of themselves so they are able to take care of others.

USOPC call: McAtee had a call today with the USOPC and the states' mandatory "non-essential" gym/training facilities were discussed. California has put on a 30-day "stay at home" restriction (which may extend longer) and many of the other states are following suit. The OPTC is closing following Colorado's restrictions.

Junior Olympics: McAtee has been working with staff, the physicians commission and will be speaking with the Board of Directors regarding the JO event.

Working remotely: reminder that staff is working from home but are getting things done so can be ready once boxing starts back up.

Gym operations / sanctions: A decision will be made soon about extending the March 31 "no boxing" date and McAtee again emphasized that gyms should be following the local/state rules. The Olympic qualification team has been sent home since the OPTC shut down. A decision about rescheduling and refunding sanctions will be made soon. The national office is working with Golden Gloves event restructuring.

Questions: McAtee asked for questions that could affect everyone, but to email him, Mike Campbell, Betsy or Lynette with questions specific to their LBC.

Arthur Johnson, Ozark asked about events in early June being cancelled and if sanction fees can go toward next year. McAtee answered that he will address this with the national Board of Directors and have answer within 30 days.



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Shaun Tallon, Illinois expressed concern about not having officials since many are older. McAtee agreed with concern and expressed that health and safety of all is the first priority and that we are extending level III official certification by 6 months.

Frank Aleman, Central CA asked about refunds for Reno and the concern about contaminated mail. McAtee said as far as he knows there have been no cases of contaminated mail (see CDC information below), and we will have an answer next week about Reno refunds.

Note: USA Boxing researched and the CDC reports that it appears COVID-19 becomes inactive after four hours on paper surfaces. Medscape website indicates COVID-19 can stay active for four to five days on paper surfaces and the United States Postal Service quotes the World Health Organization, “...the likelihood of an infected person contaminating commercial goods is low and the risk of catching the virus that causes COVID-19 from a package that has been moved, travelled, and exposed to different conditions and temperature is also low and in general, because of poor survivability of these coronaviruses on surfaces, there is likely very low risk of spread from products or packaging that are shipped over a period of days or weeks at ambient temperatures...” Again, the general rules of personal hygiene, washing hands and use of hand sanitizer after handling the mail would be best practices.

Ray Kerwick, Inland Northwest asked if clubs are not adhering to state/local guidelines are they still covered by insurance. McAtee answered that we will check with insurance company and get answer.

Note: USA Boxing had a conference call with the insurance broker who stated USA Boxing insurance remains in place for boxing related activities. That said, USA Boxing strongly recommends clubs and gyms close operations as directed by local and state regulations. However, USA Boxing insurance does not have coverage should someone claim to have contracted the Coronavirus at the gym.

Jose Banales, Nevada stated that in Nevada the government put ban on gyms, clubs and casinos and not re-opening until May. He suggested that USA Boxing make it so there are no events until at least April 15. McAtee stated that it does vary by state and we are looking into each of the states’ restrictions, but they are changing each day. Next week we will send updated information about recommended club closures and event suspensions.

Joe Zanders, So Cal would like a direct answer from insurance and hopes that gyms that stay open won’t be covered so it will be a deterrent. (See above.)

McAtee thanked everyone for their time and we will know more by Tuesday’s meeting, March 24 at noon PT / 1:00 pm MT / 2:00 pm CT / 3:00 pm ET and 9:00 am in Hawaii. Please call 800-392-9198 with a participant code of 643148.



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