



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19
March 24, 2020

Call commenced at 1:05 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 26 LBC Leaders in attendance, along with the following USA Boxing staff members: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Betsy McCallister and Stacy Arredondo

Share Information: Mike McAtee, Executive Director reminded the presidents to keep their boards in the loop and share the meeting notes that Stacy sends out.

2020 Olympics Postponed: It was decided that the 2020 Tokyo Olympics are postponed. With the exception of mission-essential staff at the Olympic & Paralympic Training centers, USOPC staff are working remotely.

No Boxing Until April 30: After consultation with the Medical Commission, Dr. Lebhar & Dr. Sanchez; the Coaches Chairperson, Jeff Mays; and the Officials Chairperson, Shawn Reese plus feedback on government restrictions, USA Boxing sanctioned events will be postponed through April 30.

Junior Olympics: Based on the recommendation that 6-8 weeks of training preparation is needed for the safety of our boxers and after speaking with venues, we are postponing National JOs and looking for dates to reschedule at the end of the summer (August or September). Starting back in the gym after April 30 does not give boxers enough time to train. We should have information next week as to when and where. The National Championships will remain as scheduled in December.

Gym Survival Kit – USA Boxing is putting together some information to help gyms/clubs survive as small businesses. USOPC is lobbying Congress to allow non-profits entities eligibility to obtain small business loans.

Gyms Still Being Open – McAtee stated that it is not our job to be COVID-19 police so to let the local government take care of monitoring closure of gyms/sports clubs. We are sending out a letter to coaches close their gym/club to stem the spread of the coronavirus. It is also important they follow local and state restrictions and federal regulations.

Safe Practices – We are working with the Medical Commission and R/J Committee to put out guidelines for safe practices once boxing resumes.



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Questions:

Arthur Johnson (Ozark) was confirming that the June Annual Boxing Invitational will be cancelled, and if so, how will re-scheduling and refunds be handled. McAtee responded that we are working on it and should have more information by the end of next week, April 3. A decision on Western Qualifier registrations will also be addressed. We are currently working with Ai Group (Webpoint) and the finance department and it will be discussed with the Board of Directors.

Arthur Johnson (Ozark) stated that small business loans will vary by state. McAtee agreed and stated that the “survival kit” will include a list of websites for each of the states, so coaches/gym owners can look up information for their own state.

Jim Perella (New England) asked for an email to go out from the national office about the Western Qualifier and JO’s. McAtee said that information will be posted about suspending boxing until April 30 by tomorrow and the event information in the next week. McAtee informed that there were 82 sanctions in March and 86 in April affected by the April 30th suspension date.

Steve Garcia (New Mexico) asked about how to move forward rescheduling sanctions and recommends contacting sanction holders to discuss re-populating event dates.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) asked if JOs can be an open tournament and McAtee responded that we are looking into it.

Nate Walenta (Nebraska) asked if the current qualification team will remain with the postponement of the Olympics. McAtee stated that we don’t know at this time, but we will provide updates as they become available. McAtee also stated that the word is that the Games will be rescheduled to take place by summer of 2021. He suggested that all check out <https://www.insidethegames.biz/>

Alex Gutierrez (West Texas) asked how pushing back JO’s will affect the Eastern Qualifier. McAtee responded that we will have more information next week, but it is looking like we will just have two events: one in late August / September and the National Championships in December. They will probably be open tournaments as those held in 2016. We are checking dates/contracts with cities now and are trying to provide competition opportunities for all ages.

Home Work-Outs: McAtee stated that information will be put on social media and the website about home boxing work-outs and strength & conditioning.

Reminders: Take care of yourself and family; thanks for all you do; and the next call will be held at the same time on Friday, March 27.

The call ended at 1:41 pm.



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