



**LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes**  
**Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19 and Back to Boxing**  
**June 11, 2020**

Call commenced at 3:03 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 26 LBC Leaders in attendance, along with the following USA Boxing staff members: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Ethan Figge, and Stacy Arredondo.

LBCs on the call: Adirondack, Arkansas, Central California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Metro, Mid-Atlantic, Minnesota, NCBA, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Potomac Valley, South Dakota, South Texas, Southern California, West Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

**Welcome:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed everyone and let it be known that he was about to be a grandpa any minute (his grand-daughter, Lydia Dawn, was born later that evening) and if he had to leave the call abruptly that was why.

**Back to Boxing:** Staff (Mike Campbell, Taryn, Andrew, Chad, Lynette, and Ethan) with Angel Villarreal and Shawn Reese, R /J Commission chairpersons, have been working hard to get Back to Boxing guidelines done. We've had 5 versions and are finishing up the edits from Dr. Lebhar and Dr. Sanchez, Medical Commission chairpersons. It will be "Edition 1" and since the USOPC is on edition 70, we are figuring it to be a working document and it will be updated as information changes. It may also vary based on regions. It is all about risk management and the health and safety of boxers, coaches, officials, staff, doctors, and fans.

**Back to Boxing Timeline:** Today (June 1) the document will be given to LBC leaders to pass on to the LBC boards. Send us questions by the weekend and then we will make adjustments before distribution to membership early to mid-next week. The document is 14+ pages long.

**Regional calls:** in addition to the second round of calls that we are having with LBCs grouped as states are opening up for boxing, calls will be scheduled with LBCs that are hosting a test event at similar times. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and improve the event process.

**Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager** said that it's great to see everyone. The Events Department is getting going and the R/J survey already has 360 responses. His overall feeling from the regional calls is that things are different in different areas. The purpose of the test event is for LBCs to test their process for officials. It's a guide and will be different based on your particular venue. The document has flowcharts, timelines, checklists, etc. Campbell said he did a walk through with Diana Leon



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from Gulf and it was very informative. It's important to do a risk assessment, concentrating on minimizing exposure and risk. Campbell highly encourages doing walk-throughs in between. Campbell is looking forward to guiding boxers toward Nationals in December.

**McAtee** mentioned that on Coaches Commissions call, they talked about rescheduling events and that no one will hold a non-test event before July 31. McAtee hopes that LBC leaders will start talking with sanction holders to see if they want to move their event to later in the year or next year. If someone calls the national office, staff will ask if contacted LBC.

**Lynette Smith, Membership Director** asked to please email membership as sanctions are being rescheduled, since we are trying to track them. If you have questions about rescheduling, please utilize membership as your resource.

**Angel Villarreal, R/J Commission Chairperson** stated to put "Safety First" in your daily vocab when it comes to sanctions. The guidelines will start from the officials/boxers arrival through the event. The field of play will be re-designed taking social distancing in mind. It includes sanitizing and doing a walk-through so you can see where there might be a bottle neck. Villarreal explained that there will be changes and additions based on where you live and the venue, but to always keep "Safety First" in mind.

McAtee agrees that as you walk through that you will find new challenges to overcome and to please let us know so can be added for other events. Event planning decisions used to be based on eliminating competitive edge, so now think about boxer's competitive edge and safety of everyone.

**Mike Kilmer (South Dakota)** asked to give overview of personal protective equipment (PPE). McAtee answered that masks will be required except boxers while in ring.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked about waivers and McAtee answered that a waiver template is part of the guideline packet.

McAtee said that as of right now no insurance companies cover infections like this but be sure to keep risk management in mind and keep track of people so we can try to trace contacts if necessary.

**Brad Winslow (Adirondack)** asked if referees can wear a mask. McAtee answered, definitely. He also encourages referees to use face shields.

**Sue Winslow (Adirondack)** asked if there will be zoom training for COOs. We are hoping the referees and judges will have a meeting prior with the LBCs and staff.

**Ernesto Flores (UT)** asked the process for opening up for sparring? McAtee answered that first gyms have to open per local/state regulations then after 2 weeks can have close contact then after 6 weeks sparring can begin. Please continue to follow what your state is doing and if there are any virus spikes, the process will need to be slowed down.



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**Tom Lindsey (South Texas)** asked who pays for the sanitizing, the sanction holder or LBC? McAtee is passing this to the LBC board members and board of governors to decide.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked if there is a minimum square foot for venues in the packet. McAtee said that is included.

**Eiichi Jumawan (Hawaii)** mentioned trouble with the back to boxing tab on the website and McAtee mentioned that we'd talk offline to see if any other states are similar.

**Jose Banales (Nevada)** asked that before staff changes a state on the map to see if the LBC is ready. McAtee thought that as a good idea and we will work to add that to the process.

**General Membership Board Directors:** McAtee said that candidate applications have been announced and wants to encourage leaders to apply if interested and let others know.

McAtee addressed the country's events and let all know that he is excited that his grandchild is being brought into the world of change. He is ready to "hear the bell again!"

Meeting ended at 4:02 pm.



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