



**LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes**  
**Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19 and Back to Boxing**  
**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

Call commenced at 3:04 pm.

Staff: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Ethan Figge

LBCs represented on the call: Oregon, South Dakota, Minnesota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, South Texas, Adirondack, Lake Erie, Arkansas, Colorado, Nevada, Illinois, Central California, New Jersey, Southwestern, Metro, Gulf, Ozark, Inland Northwest, Southern California, and Georgia.

**Welcome:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed everyone to the call.

**Back to Boxing Tier 2 document:** Thank you to all who have sent in questions and feedback so far. Please send questions to us over the weekend as we are creating a FAQ section and will group like topics together.

**Rescheduling Sanctions:** Lynette Smith, Membership Director, spoke on the information/instructions that was sent out about re-scheduling sanctions. Since LBCs control the calendar, LBCs must be the entity to determine the re-scheduling and scheduling of events.

**States Opening Up:** McAtee discussed that we realized that many states have different tiers of opening among their cities and counties. We do not want to cause more work but from an LBC standpoint, you will have to exercise discretion and communicate with your LBC members. **Ernesto Flores (UT)** stated that while Salt Lake City is not open, the rest of the state of Utah is. We really have to rely on our LBC Leadership to communicate with your members regarding city, county and state regulations.

**Competition Map:** We are also trying to refine the "Return to Competition Map" to better serve the different sections of each LBC but is very challenging.

**Test Events:** Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations and Events Manager mentioned to please get your test event sanctions submitted and we will enter into Webpoint. We are looking forward to getting the first few under our belts and then continue as we get back to competition. We will need your feedback as you progress through your test events.



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**Deontae Williams (Minnesota)** asked about Golden Gloves tournaments. McAtee responded that the national tournament is cancelled but some franchises are going to hold their state tournament anyway.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** stated that there isn't information about HIPAA included in the Tier 2 document. Ethan Figge responded that all questions asked in health screening are HIPAA compliant (according to the CDC).

**Jeanne DePriest (Colorado)** asked is we come up with our own COVID question? No, USAB will provide the list of questions to ask. Is the list going to include "have you contracted COVID?" and that anyone having had COVID must be cleared by a doctor.

McAtee added that a checklist will include the questions and that the sheet will go into the boxer's passbook. This will let the doctors know they have been asked the questions. Also included is a poster to hang up so folks will know as they enter the venue what is expected.

**Debbie Holmes (Southwestern)** asked if we will wear face shields or goggles. Angel Villarreal, R/J Committee Chairperson, who wears PPE every day, commented, that uniformity throughout the country is important whichever we choose. Exactly which is still up for discussion. McAtee added that price may determine which is selected. Prices are coming down but will be an expense for all boxing competitions. If you feel strongly, one way or another, please send an email with your preference.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked if USAB will be able to order a huge supply of goggles/shields, masks etc. and LBCs buy from the national office at cost? Mike McAtee responded that this question came up in a regional call. We are still looking into that. We would send out supply order requests and then LBCs could respond with the number that they commit to buying and USAB would purchase for everyone.

**Leslie Washington (Lake Erie)** commented that one of their ringside doctors, Dr. Klein, made face masks for all of their officials. The LBC also bought a thermometer and if someone has a temperature (100.4 or higher), they would be excused, not make a big deal about it.

McAtee stated that we can talk offline about the masks. Officials taking temps would be very respectful and if a temperature is over the threshold, the coach/parent would know as well. Our national doctors suggested, if someone tests high and it is hot outside, let the athlete wait a minute and take the temp again. They should stay in front of the official taking the temperatures during the wait time though.

**Tom Lindsey (South Texas)** asked about the suggestion in the operation manual about changing gloves after replacing a dropped mouthpiece – why? McAtee responded this a Doctor recommendation as an extra safety feature. Therefore, the match would remain in time-out until the new gloves have been donned. Villarreal agrees. Shaun Tallon recommended that each referee keep an extra pair gloves in their back pocket to cut down on the time this will take.

Mike Campbell mentioned the regional calls have gone very well. A good gauge to keep up with different parts of the country. He encourages all to keep your thoughts and ideas coming.



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**Angel Villarreal (Wisconsin)** said Boxing is back on TV – ESPN, but we are a totally different sport than professional boxing, so please keep that in mind.

**Sanctions:** Mike McAtee asked everyone to begin working on getting sanctions rescheduled. Reasonableness and flexibility will be bywords as we all work to get them back on the schedule. Test events are to test our procedures, so your boxers, coaches, officials and doctors become comfortable with how things are run under the new safety procedures. Should your LBC find the need for more than 2 test events, let us know and we will approve.

**Test Event Calls:** We are finishing up regional calls and then we will begin scheduling test event calls. We will group these calls based on similar test event dates. On those calls we will focus on sharing ideas and learning from one another.

Also, if you have something specific to your LBC to discuss, we will schedule a call with your LBC leadership. We are here to work for you, and we all want to get back to boxing – SAFELY! As you schedule meetings/calls/video calls, with your LBC members, national office staff is available should you need a staff member to participate on the LBC call.

**R/J Officials Survey:** Mike Campbell will be sending out the RJ/Officials survey results. It is interesting the variety of opinions about when boxing should resume.

**Charlie Rios (Oregon)** asked if we had been in communication with the sanction holders for the Northwest Invitational. Campbell advised he has been in touch with them and that it is tentatively rescheduled in October. They need to work with Oregon LBC leadership to finalize rescheduling and that they needed to participate in a test event prior to the Northwest Invitational taking place. Campbell believes the test event is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>.

McAtee closed by stating, things are changing. We want to get back to boxing safely; keeping the health and safety of members, administration and staff as our #1 consideration. And we will continue to be good citizens, following protocols and our local, city, county and state recommendations.

Please take the time to read over the protocols and email with questions and suggestions so we may share with all presidents and test event administration.

Call ended at 3:48 p.m.



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