Letter from Leadership

USA Boxing Membership:

In addition to the excitement of USA Boxing hosting two new events this Spring (USA vs Ireland in New England in March and the Youth Continentals in Colorado in May), this quarter I want to stress the importance of our Safesport program.

We have an obligation to protect children and through Safesport, we can learn to spot, report and prevent the sexual abuse of children. We appreciate the time and effort from our coaches and officials to go through the Safesport training to ensure the safety and well-being of our boxers.

In Your Corner,
Mike McAtee
Executive Director

January Multi Nation Camp Largest in USA Boxing History

For 11 days, 49 boxers from Great Britain, New Zealand and Poland joined 31 members of USA Boxing’s Elite High Performance Squad in Colorado Springs, Colorado for a multi-nation camp. Accommodating the eighty total boxers at the Olympic Training Center was the largest camp USA Boxing has ever hosted.

Boxers from the three international teams had the opportunity to experience life as a member of Team USA, including multiple workouts a day, morning runs, elevation training and numerous sessions of sparring. The training camp concluded with two days of test matches. For photos from the matches visit teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Photos.

Scholarship

Congratulations to the 2018 scholarship recipients!

Thank you to the USA Boxing Foundation for giving them the opportunity to succeed.

- Jillian Bliss
- Arnoldo Castro
- Brian Flowers
- Dean Cuadrado
- Zoe Glass
- Eduardo Vasquez
- Ronnie Lord
- Kevin Montano
- Myles Mizell
- Canar Morrison
- Omar Murillo

REGISTER NOW for the Western Qualifier in Albuquerque, NM
March 6-10

Register online at http://go.teamusa.org/2DBvPsh by February 26
(by Feb. 20 to have your name on the t-shirt)

This year a Masters Open has been added to the event on March 8-11. Check out our website for more information on both events.
Athlete Spotlight: Dante Benjamin

Dante Benjamin (Shaker Heights, Ohio) won his second USA Boxing Junior National title this past December in Salt Lake City, Utah to remain on Team USA’s Junior High Performance Squad.

Coached by Renard Safo at the MLK Civic Center, Benjamin recently completed his second training camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. The middleweight, who described this training camp as “much more intense with harder workouts” than his first training camp, will make his international debut later this year at the Heydar Aliyev Junior Cup in Azerbaijan.

To find out more about Dante’s recent camp experience, check out his Q&A on usaboxing.org.

Alumni Association Update

The first USA Boxing Alumni Association Newsletter will be published March.

To view please visit www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/alumni. The newsletter will include:
- Welcome note from Al Bernstein, Showtime Sports
- Alumni Association Hall of Fame Reception recap
- Member Spotlight
- Information on forthcoming events:
  - Western Regional Qualifier
  - USA vs. Ireland
  - National Golden Gloves

If you have Alumni Association questions or would like to register, please contact Nicole Anderson, USA Boxing Alumni Coordinator at 719-866-2778 or alumni@usaboxing.org.

SafeSport

One of the most reassuring aspects of the SafeSport Program is the online training / education that helps our members prevent abuse from occurring in our sport.

Most of our non-athlete members (coaches and officials) need to renew their Safe Sport Certification for 2018. This link is available through the USA Boxing website.

We ask for your continued patience as the new SafeSport website corrects their glitches. For those of you who are having difficulty, we understand your frustration.

Please keep in mind that you must have a working email address and you must complete all 3 sections before you will be certified.

If you have completed SafeSport and your USA Boxing profile has not been updated with that information, please send us an email at membership@usaboxing.org or call 719-866-2323.

MARCH 12-21

Boston Springfield Manchester

U.S.A. vs. Ireland

Join us in New England or if you can’t, follow the match-ups on social media and live stream.
Welcome to the 104 NEW Boxing Clubs that have joined this quarter!
The new clubs can be found in the following LBCs:

ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN
ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
BORDER
CALIFORNIA BORDER (2)
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA (4)
COLORADO (4)
CONNECTICUT (4)
FLORIDA (2)
FLORIDA GOLD COAST
GEORGIA (3)
GULF (6)
HAWAII (3)
ILLINOIS (6)
INDIANA (4)
INLAND NORTHWEST
IOWA
LAKE ERIE
METROPOLITAN
MICHIGAN
MIDDLE ATLANTIC
MINNESOTA (2)
MONTANA
NCBA COLLEGIATE (2)

NEBRASKA (3)
NEVADA
NEW ENGLAND
NEW JERSEY
NEW MEXICO (2)
NIAGARA
NORTH CAROLINA (4)
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (4)
OHIO
OREGON
OZARK (2)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
POTOMAC VALLEY (3)
SOUTHEASTERN
SOUTHERN
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (2)
SOUTHWESTERN (5)
USIBA
UTAH (3)
VIRGINIA
WEST VIRGINIA (2)
WISCONSIN LBC (2)

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD?

This year’s first international tournament for our Elite HP Squad, the Strandja Tournament, will take place February 14-26 in Bulgaria. A team of 15 boxers will look to start their 2018 international season with gold. Boxers representing Team USA include 2017 Strandja Tournament Champions Virginia Fuchs (Kemah, Texas) and Stacia Suttles (Bronx, New York), as well as three members of the 2017 Elite Men’s World Championships team including bronze medalist Troy Isley (Alexandria, Virginia), Delante Johnson (Cleveland, Ohio) and team captain Quinton Randall (Humble, Texas). A full roster will be announced on usaboxing.org before the start of the tournament!

Introducing the new R/J Workshop!

This workshop will provide officials more options for recertification apart from the standard officials Power Point presentation, which is more rule-based. The R/J Workshop is mechanic and skill-based; it will shorten the learning curve of a beginning official by years and hone the skills of veteran officials to an even higher level. **Anyone can attend a workshop:** Those wanting to become an official, Level I officials who want to recertify or elevate to a Level II, or Level II’s who want to recertify. Tests will be given for recertification. Level III officials will not be able to recertify or retest at a workshop.

If you would be interested in attending an R/J Workshop in your area, contact your LBC Chief of Officials.
National Board Update

The USA Board of Directors (pictured above with the Executive Director and two independent contractors) met in Salt Lake City during the National Championships.

In addition to staff reports, the approval of the 2018 budget and LBC treasury supervision were the main agenda items. (A copy of approved meeting minutes can be found on the website).

Since December’s meeting and per the USA Boxing bylaws, the Nominating and Governance committee has selected a new independent director and a treasurer.

**Ebony Haliburton is our new Independent Director.** She is currently the Director of Student Athlete Development at Kansas State University for the women’s basketball team. She has experience in coaching, public relations and encouraging positive athlete behavior; all of which will be an asset to the Board as well as our membership.

**Al Thompson has been selected as the Board Treasurer.** Although the position is not a voting member of the Board, Al will give guidance and supervision to the financial aspects of our organization. Al is a retired attorney with a long history of financial experience. He served as chief counsel for a logistics audit firm which provided a wealth of knowledge in the fields of audit and finance.

They both are looking forward to serving USA Boxing! **Welcome to the team Ebony & Al!**

For more information on what is happening this quarter, contact:

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**2018 Events**

Save these dates and plan to attend the 2018 National events:

- **March 4-10:** Western Elite Qualifier & Regional Open Championships, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- **June 24-30:** Junior Olympics, Prep Nationals & Youth Open, Charleston, West Virginia
- **October 7-13:** Eastern Elite Qualifier & Regional Open Championships, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- **December 2-8:** Elite and Youth National Championships & Junior and Prep Open, Salt Lake City, Utah

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