2019 is off to an excellent start as the National Office gears up for Team USA’s Olympic qualifying events.

We have a very aggressive tournament schedule kicking off with the Western Qualifier in Reno, NV in March; followed by a new location for the Junior Olympics in Wisconsin; a fall which will include an Eastern and Last Chance Qualifier (dates and locations are still being solidified); and then the year will round out with our National Championships/ Olympic Qualifiers in Louisiana.

We look forward to working with you as we build towards Tokyo in 2020!

In Your Corner,

Mike McAtee
Executive Director

Attention Class of 2019 - Academic Awards Information

USA Boxing is pleased to announce our second annual USA Boxing National Academic Awards. The USA Boxing National Academic Awards recognizes student-boxers with academic achievement who will be graduating in Spring 2019.

Nominations for the Class of 2019 are accepted until March 1. To apply visit: https://go.teamusa.org/2sKaKaB
2018 EVENT SANCTIONS

There were 1368 Event Sanctions in 2018 with at least one event held in all 50 states plus DC.

This map outlines event locations. It should be noted that California had 158 events, Texas had 137 events, and New York had 97 events.

2019 Events Announced

Save these dates and plan to attend the 2019 events:

March 23-30
Western Elite Qualifier
Reno, NV

June 22-29
National Junior Olympics
Madison, WI

Eastern Qualifier - TBA

Last Chance Qualifier - TBA

December 8-15
National Championships/Olympic Trials
Lake Charles, LA

Watch for postings of additional event dates and locations soon!

2018 Salt Lake City National Championships

965 boxers registered
Ages 8-37
25% female
722 boxers attended
142 elite division boxers (75 male, 67 female)
134 age/weight division champions crowned
595 bouts contested
521 coaches
83 officials
5 days of competition
4 rings
The Quarter's Athlete Spotlight is Aaron Aponte, who currently ranks third at 141 lbs. on USA Boxing's rankings list. Aaron was recently recognized by his city’s Mayor, Yioset de la Cruz, for his outstanding representation of hard work and dedication to the sport of boxing and his community service. We caught up with Aaron to learn a little more about the 17-year-old from Hialeah, FL.

What got you started in boxing, and what made you stick with the sport?
I first started at the age of 9. At the time I had been playing baseball. I was getting into fights during and after the games so my dad put me in boxing so I could get stronger and hit the ball harder. Instead, I fell in love with the sport of boxing and told my dad it was all I wanted to do. He told me I had to finish my commitment to my baseball team, so I played baseball until the age of 11. I started boxing in competitions at the age of 10 and never looked back. I trained every day in both sports until I only focused on boxing.

What would you say is the biggest thing you have learned from boxing?
The biggest thing I’ve learned from boxing is that hard work pays off, if you’re persistent and focused.

What does it mean to you for being recognized by your city and Mayor?
This means a lot to my family and me, as this is usually a time of sadness as we mourn the loss of my youngest cousin, Julian Anthony Fraga, who lost his battle against cancer (A.L.L.) on February 5, 2015 at the age of eight. This changed me forever and taught me to never take life for granted and live life to the fullest. From now on, February 5th will be Aaron “Alien King” Aponte Day, which will bring some joy to our family. This is a day where I will give back to my community as I do during the holidays.

For Thanksgiving, I usually go feed the homeless with my mom and this past Christmas I championed a toy drive from our gym for less fortunate kids. My goal is to eventually open up a foundation in Julian’s honor for pediatric cancer.

MatchTracker Cudos
In 2018, USA Boxing sanctioned 1368 events in which there were almost 30,000 matches! There were nearly 22,000 match results recorded in WebPoint’s MatchTracker online profile tool for our membership. Overall, reporting in MatchTracker was greatly improved in 2018 with about 85% of matches being reported.

These LBCs are commended for their excellent efforts in reporting their results:
- Michigan
- Nebraska
- Illinois
- Virginia
- South Texas
- NCBA
- Indiana
- Minnesota
- Hawaii
- Colorado
- Ohio
- Wisconsin
- Lake Erie
- California Border
- Allegheny Mountain
- Missouri Valley
- Central California
- Northern California
- Southern California
- Hawaii
- Allegheny Mountain
- Potomac Valley

Coaches Corner
The graph below outlines the experience of our coaches. (Information gathered from Wepoint)
Congratulations to the 11 members awarded the USA Boxing Foundation’s Thomas Sarge Johnson Scholarship for 2019!

Musa Alsulaimani
Penn State, Landscape Contracting

Hana Burkly
Georgetown, Global Health

Dean Cuadrado
City College of NY, Biology

Zoe Glass
Jackson College, Medical Science

Rebecca Maine
Penn State, PT Assistant

Gabrielle Marvin
University of Louisiana Monroe, Radiologic Sciences

Kevin Montano
Cal State University, Sacramento, Kinesiology

Jose Montoya
College of South Nevada, Pre-Nursing

Francis Oran
Lehigh Carbon Community College, Accounting

Joseph Orosco
Trinity College, Urban Studies / Mechanical Engineering

Simon Pergande
Middle Tennessee State University, Forensic Science

Be sure to join the USA Boxing Alumni Association during the month of February to be entered to win one free room for seven nights at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino during our 2019 Western Elite Qualifier & Regional Open Champions.

Head to usaboxing.org for more information!

Register for a FREE room in Reno!

Our USA Boxing Equipment can now be ordered online!

Head to the USA Boxing website under “Shop” for all your training equipment needs!

100% of the profits go back to USA Boxing!

Following two successful training camps, one that featured a 86 boxers from 5 different countries, Team USA is headed to their first international tournament of 2019! 26 boxers will head to Sofia, Bulgaria for the 2019 Strandja Tournament, the largest delegation USA Boxing has sent to an international tournament. With a mix of international and world championship medalists and boxers representing Team USA for the first time, be sure to follow the team’s results on usaboxing.org once the tournament begins on February 14.

March will be another busy month for USA Boxing’s high performance squads. Three training camps will take place throughout the month, including the first training camp for our junior and youth male high performance boxers, as well as the GeeBee Tournament in Finland for an elite men’s team and the Emil Jechev Tournament in Bulgaria for our youth male.
Welcome to our 111 New Clubs this Quarter!

To find a club in your area, go to www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/membership/find-a-club
For more information on what is happening this quarter, contact:

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