USA Boxing's High Performance department has had a busy and successful start to 2018! Through the first four months of the year, USA Boxing has hosted eight training camps at the new national gym at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center and has had high performance squads compete in six international competitions. USA Boxing is now setting its sights on the 2018 AMBC Youth Men & Women Boxing Championships, due to take place May 20-26, 2018, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This event marks the first major international competition hosted in the U.S. since the 2007 Elite Men's World Championships. USA Boxing is excited to showcase its promising young talent coming up through the pipeline on home soil and provide ourselves the best possible chance to qualify full teams to the Youth Men's & Women's World Championships (August) and Youth Olympic Games (October) this year.

Moving into the second year of the quad, High Performance has placed a strong emphasis on building competitive depth in each facet of membership, including boxers, coaches, medical providers, and officials. Following the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, we decided to make changes to our national event system to provide members with more opportunities to show that they are the best at what they do. Through the implementation of this event system, USA Boxing now has a better ability to identify the top talent in the nation and, in turn, create pathways to transition this talent from the grassroots level to the High Performance program. In less than two years, the increased level of competitiveness throughout the U.S. has been evident as it has led to better competition at the national level and better results internationally.

The United States currently ranks within the top 5 of the world in all age and gender divisions. Looking ahead towards 2020, USA Boxing's objective is to become the number one nation in the world at the Tokyo Olympic Games. If we are to accomplish this objective, we must have each aspect of membership working together with this goal of becoming the best in the world. Better coaches make better boxers, better medical providers keep these boxers in the field of play, and better officials make sure that the best boxers advance to represent our country at the world’s top competitions. It takes each component to make USA the best nation in the world and consistently place boxers at the top of world podiums.

Keep up the great work and GO USA!

Matt Johnson
High Performance Director, USA Boxing
Western Elite Qualifier & Regional Open in Albuquerque by the Numbers

2017 - 360 registered boxers in 2 rings
2018 - 900 registered boxers in 4 rings

Alumni Association Update

The first USA Boxing Alumni Association Newsletter was published last month.

To view please visit www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/alumni.

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.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD?

Team USA will send a total of nine boxers to Kazakhstan for a training camp and an international competition that will take place following the camp. This is the second year USA Boxing has attended a training camp in Kazakhstan. A full competition roster can be seen below.

Another major international tournament will take place next month, the Chemistry Cup, in Germany. The American delegation will consist of eight boxers. The final roster will be announced soon.

Following the conclusion of this year’s Junior Olympic tournament, members of our junior female high performance squad will return to Colorado Springs, Colo. for their second training camp of the year at the Olympic Training Center. A list of participating boxers will be released closer to the start of the training camp!

Kazakhstan Tournament Roster
(subject to change)

49 kg: Salaam Gonzalez
52 kg: Fernando Martinez
56 kg: Duke Ragan
60 kg: Kevin Montano
64 kg: Delante Johnson
69 kg: Quinton Randall
75 kg: Troy Isley
81 kg: Khalil Coe
91 kg: Jared Anderson

HEADS UP Coaches!

Recently many states, schools, leagues and organizations have created policies or action plans on concussion in youth sports. USA Boxing, with help from the Center of Disease Control (CDC), has created resources for coaches to recognize and respond to a concussion, be alert for other serious brain injuries, and how to safely return to school and sports. Visit www.usaboxing.org for a print version of the HEADS UP Concussion Action Plan and other material for your gym or club. And visit www.cdc.gov/headsup for a free and highly recommended training course on concussions.

ALL CONCUSSIONS ARE SERIOUS

If you think you have one:
• DON’T HIDE IT
• REPORT IT
• TAKE TIME TO RECOVER
Welcome to the 101 NEW Boxing Clubs that have joined this quarter!

1st Class Enterprise Boxing
A Future Worth Fighting 4
A1 Boxing #2 at the Mall
Alessi Ringside Gym & Fitness
Alvarez Boxing Gym
Battlegrounds
Beast Control Academy
Born Warrior Boxing
BSO Westpark Pal
Burke County Boxing Club
Canal Boxing Club
Canyon City Boxing Club
Capistrano Boxing Gym
Cardenas Boxing Gym
Champion Boxing
Chase Gym
Cobra Boxing Club Inc
Coliseum Boxing Center
Conception of Boxt
Coyote Boxing
Empire Boxing
Ferebee Hope Sharp Shooters
Fightlab
G-Force MMA & Boxing
Glove Dynasty
Gregory Boxing Inc.
Guerrero’s Boxing Club
GVSU
Hammer Squad Boxing Institution
Hard Hitting Boxing Gym
Hernandez Boxing Gym
Higher Power Boxing Academy
Hit Squad Boxing Club
Idaho Gladiators Boxing Club
Jo-Ryu System
Knuckle Up Boxing Club
Koa Training Academy
KOC Boxing Club, Inc.
Kohala Boxing Club
Krav Maga DFW
Ladies’ Den Boxing Club
Laffoon’s Boxing & MMMA
Last Round Boxing Club
Lee University Boxing Club
Loveland Boxing
Loyal Boyz Boxing & Fitness Academy
Loyola University of Chicago
Mendez Boxing Club
Michael J Zone Rec Club
Mix It Up Boxing Club
MMA Institute
Nasty Knuckles Boxing LLC
Nito Boxing Academy
Norfolk Hit Squad Boxing
Norman Farrell Suns of Moorish
Kemet Al Kebulan
Old School Boxing
Peak Performance Training Center
Phoenix Sports Academy
PK Boxing
Powerhouse Training Facility
Punch House
Ramos Boxing Club
Rayne Boxing Academy
Real Digg Boxing LLC
Renegade Combat Sports
Reyes Macho Time Boxing Camp
Riverside Boxing Academy
Robinson-Neal Boxing Academy
Rowdy’s Performance Fitness
S. Dade Boxing Club
Sarges Westside Boxing
Scribner Boxing
Six Point Boxing
South Park Boxing
Sparrow Boxing Club
Sparta Boxing
State of Fitness Boxing Club
Steel City Boxing Academy
Stick & Move Boxing
Tampa City Boxing
Team Platinum
Team Watson Boxing Club
The Bunny Team
The North End Boxing Club
Three Nation Boxing Club
Title Boxing Club NYC Midtown
West
TKO Fitness
Triumph Boxing & Martial Arts
UFC Gym North Richland Hills
Uhart Boxing
University of Iowa Boxing
University of San Francisco
Untouchable Boxing Club
USD Boxing Club
USS Fight Academy
Velez Boxing Club Inc
Vista Boxing Club
Wall Athletics
Worcester Pal Boxing

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National Staff Update

In an effort to better serve the membership, the national office has hired two new staff members this quarter.

Jeremy Allegre is the new Communications and Digital Media Coordinator for USA Boxing after serving as an intern in the same department since December. He previously interned with USA Field Hockey and holds a B.F.A. in Graphic Design from Central Washington University. Jeremy will help in all aspects of graphics and video for USA Boxing, as well as the website and other communication needs. He is originally from Lake Stevens, Washington.

Chadrick Wigle is the USA Boxing Merchandise Manager. Originally from Canada, Chad has over 16 years of experience in retail/merchandise and has been coaching boxing since 1991. He also holds seats on the Marketing and Coaching Commissions. Chad can be seen at all our upcoming events helping sell our products, as well as handling all USA Boxing online store orders. He also is an AIBA 1 Star certified coach and finds time to help out during training camps in Colorado Springs.

2018 Events

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

- **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

USA Boxing Ringside Physician Symposium

**October 11-13, 2018**
Chattanooga, TN

Earn CME credit while being trained in ringside medicine. More details including session topics and hotel information will be available in early June.

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