Letter from Leadership

USA Boxing Members,

I hope this holiday season finds you and your family safe and well. 2020 has turned out to be a very challenging year after coming off one of the most successful years in USA Boxing history. With over 50,000 members, 2,000 registered clubs, 1,800+ boxing events and over 53,000 bouts, we were ready to build on our successes of 2019.

On March 12, 2020, USA Boxing was like the rest of the country and the world and was faced with an opponent like no other, COVID-19. We were forced to cancel and postpone events as we attempted to “flatten the curve.” However approximately ten weeks later, more than half the country was able to begin training again and by July 11, we were #Back2Boxing.

To the credit of our coaches and boxers, boxing never stopped but just adapted. Boxing moved forward with smaller classes; no contact drills focusing on techniques; training outdoors; and virtual workouts. The national office staff and committees were committed to using the lack of competition to fill the void with outreach and projects including:

- Weekly Local Boxing Committee (LBCs) Presidents calls
- Regional LBC Leader video calls
- Developing a COVID gym survival guide
- #Back2Boxing gym and competition COVID mitigation protocol manuals
- High Performance Strength and Conditioning workouts
- High Performance Q&A sessions with Head Coach Billy Walsh
- Referee and Judges video certifications and workshops
- Giving Games and #Saveourgymgs fundraising efforts
- Grassroots Grant program, which provided over $50,000 in cash, equipment and 2021 gym registrations
- 50% off boxing equipment sales to help cash strapped gyms

What does this mean? It means USA Boxing was knocked down by COVID but more importantly we got up, wiped off our gloves, took our eight count and will come out more hungry and determined in 2021.

By working with our LBC Leaders, our group members (Golden Gloves, National Collegiate Boxing Association, United States Intercollegiate Boxing Association, and National Latino Boxing Association), as well as supporting grassroots programs like Silver Gloves and our members, USA Boxing has become a stronger organization during the pandemic.

2021 will feature our postponed 2020 National Championships in the first quarter; will host the 2021 Junior Olympics in July; will celebrate the 2020 Olympic Games which should be one of the strongest showings in years; and will close out 2021 with our National Championships.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the National Office Staff, I wish you a safe and joyous Christmas and Holiday Season and the readiness to come out swinging in 2021.

In your corner,

Mike McAtee
Executive Director
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES UPDATE
The Membership Department is very busy with renewals, phone calls and background screening appeals.

Discount for 2020 Clubs & Non-members:
We continue to offer a 10% discount to non-athletes and clubs that were members if you renew before January 1, 2021. The discount may be accessed by utilizing one of the following discount codes:

Non-athletes - B2B10NA
Clubs - B2B10CLUB

If you renewed after November 1st but did not use the code, please contact the Membership Department and we will credit the 10% back to your credit card.

Holiday Office Schedule:
The office will be closed December 24, 25; and 31 along with January 1. A membership staff person will be available Monday, December 28 – Wednesday, December 30 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (Mountain Time).

As we come to the close of a very challenging year, membership staff want to say how grateful we are for each and every one of you! Holiday wishes to all of you from all of us.

50 USA BOXING GYMS AWARDED GRASSROOTS GRANT
To ease the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic, USA Boxing and the USA Boxing Foundation pooled resources to provide grants to 50 gyms across the country. The grant recipients received $750, equipment valued at $280 and renewal of their club’s membership fee for 2021.

Applications were accepted from any club meeting the requirements for most of September. The country was simultaneously divided into 5 regions. The number of grants awarded to a region was proportional to the number of applications received from that area with the largest number of grants going to the northeast region.

The recipients were selected by a committee of 5 people. 1 USA Boxing Foundation board member, 1 USA Boxing board member, 2 LBC board members, 1 coach and 1 athlete representative.

#BACKTOBOXING
Continue to follow your state and local government restrictions on gym openings / regulations

Check out the Back to Boxing Protocols posted on the USA Boxing website at https://bit.ly/BacktoBoxing

· Return to the Gym & Competition Recommendations ·
· Sanction & Event Updates · At Home Work-outs ·
· Gym COVID-19 Financial Survival Guide ·
· Family Resources · SBA Stimulus Fact Sheet ·
· LBC President Meeting Minutes · And More!

#BACKTOBOXING By The Numbers
Test events: 40
Sparring Bouts: 169
Official Bouts: 200
Officials: 299
Where in the World is THE HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD?

After Team USA wraps up their year in Chula Vista, California with Team Canada and Team Great Britain, our Olympic Qualification Team will have a short break for the holidays before returning to Colorado Springs in January to begin training for upcoming events, including the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, in 2021.

Join Today at the USA Boxing Alumni Association Website
www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/alumni

Congratulations to the 2021 USA Boxing Foundation’s Thomas Sarge Johnson Scholarship Recipients

Those awarded the scholarships had to meet a set criteria that included a minimum GPA of 2.0, USA Boxing membership for the past two years, as well as competed in at least two sanctioned bouts in 2018 and 2019.

Musa Al-Sulaimani
NCBA
Penn State University
Landscape Contracting

Angel Barrera
Illinois LBC
University of Illinois - Chicago
Finance

Alycia Link
Lake Erie LBC
National University
Applied Behavior Analysis

Zoe Glass-Hicks
Michigan LBC
Ferris State University
Criminal Justice

Challen Jimenez
MO Valley LBC
Friends University
Health Sciences

Alicia Montes
Border LBC
El Paso Community College
Art

Jake Nugent
Lake Erie LBC
Cleveland State University
Engineering

Wrylee Padilla
Wyoming LBC
University of Las Vegas
Kinesiology

Order your copy of My Journey from Boxing Ring to Boardroom: 5 Virtues for Life and Leadership, USA Boxing Board of Director Héctor Colón’s new memoir at Hectorcolonmke.com.

Books purchased using the code “USA Boxing” will see proceeds donated back to USA Boxing.

USA Boxing will be rescheduling the coaching education clinics originally set to take place in Shreveport once the dates of the postponed national championships are determined. In the meantime, please reach out to Derrick (draedel@usaboxing.org) or Andrew (abanuet@usaboxing.org) with questions about coaching education or requests to schedule a bronze certification course in your LBC.
“Down But Not Out …
Lost But Not Forgotten”

Unfortunately, we lost some of our Boxing Family this year.

We want to acknowledge and honor our members and associates who we lost since the 2019 National Championships. Each one has helped change the lives of USA Boxing's boxers, coaches and officials by sharing their time, energy, sweat, blood, tears and passion for the greatest sport in the world, Olympic style boxing.

We pay tribute in memory of:

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