

**USA Boxing**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**USA vs Canada Duel, 2015**  
**Men**  
**August, 14, 2015**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection. Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Duel.

1.1.2. Minimum International Federation (IF) and Continental Federation (AMBC) standards for participation (if any):

- **Male Boxers:** Male boxers must be between the ages of 18 to 40 on the date before the first day of the competition, for all Elite Men AOB [This means that all athletes participating in the USA vs Canada Duel will be at least 18 (but must also be 40 years old or younger) by the day prior to the boxing
- To be eligible to participate in the 2015 USA vs Canada Duel, all athletes must satisfy the medical requirements according to the AIBA Technical Rules and AOB Competition Rules ([www.aiba.org/default.aspx?pId=183#](http://www.aiba.org/default.aspx?pId=183#)).
- To be eligible to participate in the 2015 USA vs Canada Duel, all athletes must:
  - Satisfy the nationality requirements according to the AOB Competition Rules.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Boxing.
- Because of direct conflicts with the 2015 World Championships Training Camp, an athlete who won the 2015 WSB & World Championships Team Trial cannot compete in the 2015 USA vs Canada Duel.

1.2. Contested Weight Classes:

1.2.1. Provide the list of weight classes selected for this competition.

The following list summarizes the weight classes that were chosen by Boxing Canada to compete in this competition:

- 52 kg
- 56 kg
- 60 kg
- 69 kg
- 75 kg
- 91 kg

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

The USA vs Canada Duel was not originally part of USA Boxing's Men's International Schedule. Therefore, discretionary selection will be utilized to select athletes for this event.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

The following list summarizes the criteria that will be used for selection to compete in the 2015 USA vs Canada Duel:

- Placement at the WSB/World Team Trials, Elite National Championships and Pathway to Glory Olympic Trials Qualifier I
- International competition record (Wins & Losses)
- National competition success in Junior or Youth age divisions
- Upward trend of development
- Strength of competition faced at international and national competitions

Selections will be made based on the athlete's ability to meet the criteria listed above.

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

Michael Martino - Executive Director  
Matthew Johnson - High Performance Director

### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations, the NGB has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the NGB may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Boxing Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of the USA Boxing Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Boxing’s Judiciary Policy, Article 5 (<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/rulebook/usa-boxing-bylaws>) and the USOC’s Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

### 4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

- If the selected athlete must be replaced, the next highest ranked athlete in the same weight class will replace this athlete,

**5. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the USA vs Canada Duel and are included as attachments:

USA Boxing Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

**6. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Boxing in the following locations:

6.1. USA Boxing's Web site: <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

6.2. Other: Not applicable

**7. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Not applicable

**8. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

**9. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Matthew Johnson, USA Boxing, High Performance Director

**10. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The USA Boxing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/rulebook/usa-boxing-bylaws>

## 11. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or AIBA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or AIBA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Boxing. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

## 12. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Boxing may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

## 13. NGB SIGNATURES

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Boxing.**

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Matt Johnson		

\* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete

Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

## ATTACHMENT A

### USA Boxing Code of Conduct

#### USOC ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Boxing Code of Conduct (the "Code"), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the USA Boxing National Team (the "Team"). I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the Team.

**As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:**

- will abide by all published rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Boxing;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will submit to a physical examination by an approved USA Boxing medical personnel if my ability to compete is compromised due to physical injury and I understand that such injury may be cause for my not being selected to the Team, being removed from the Team, or not being allowed to participate if I remain on the Team.
- will not commit an anti-doping rule violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Boxing Association (AIBA), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- will not participate or assist in any gambling or betting activities associated with any event related to my sport or my participation;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of the International Boxing Association;
- am in possession of a valid USA passport, that will not expire prior to six months following the conclusion of the international competition, should I be chosen for an international team that requires a passport;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;

- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team’s written rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew, attire, on-time attendance at required team meetings, consumption of alcoholic beverages and prohibitions on the release of confidential team information;
- will abide by the rules of the International Boxing Association concerning allowable trademark identification on clothing and equipment worn or used in competition or on visible body tattoos.
- understand that if I require legal representation because I am accused of criminal misconduct or an anti-doping rule violation, or if for any other reasons I require the services of an attorney, I will be personally responsible for payment of such legal fees and expenses;
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Boxing and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

**ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman Office at 719-866-5000,  
 or by email at [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)  
 for further information regarding my rights under this Code  
 that are not answered by USA Boxing.

**PARTICIPANTS’ AFFIRMATION**

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

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 Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION  
 (For Participants under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)**

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 Signature Date

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 Print Name and Relationship (Parent or Guardian)