

The National Golden Gloves (“Golden Gloves of America, Inc.”) is the National Organization for Golden Gloves in the United States. The Organization currently consists of 30 Franchises that have designated Franchise territories in which they conduct their competitions. Franchises are awarded to local organizations interested in the promotion and betterment of amateur boxing. Franchise territories are defined by maps and descriptions kept on file by the Golden Gloves of America Territorial Committee. Each Franchise has a delegate that represents their Franchise at the National level. It is the objective of each Franchise to conduct local club shows and/or tournaments and to conduct an annual tournament each year in their Franchise area culminating in a regional tournament wherein they select their champions to participate in the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions.

It is the intent and request of Golden Gloves of America Inc. that the exceptions contained in this document as they relate to Golden Gloves Senior competitions (ages 17 through 34) be approved and filed by USA Boxing for use as the Master Template for all Golden Gloves competitions throughout the United States.

All USA Boxing Technical and Competition Rules will apply to all Golden Gloves Members and events with the following exceptions:

GOLDEN GLOVES RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 1) All sanctions for Golden Gloves advancing tournament events will be obtained directly from USA Boxing’s National Office in Colorado Springs, CO. Each sanction application will be charged a reasonable, uniform sanction fee and no other fees will be assessed by any USA Boxing Local Boxing Committee. All Golden Gloves events that involve international participants shall be sanctioned through USA Boxing’s National Office in Colorado Springs, CO.
- 2) Golden Gloves shall structure the age and weight categories for its competitions for advancement to regional and national levels. The current age and weight categories are as follows: Ages-17 through 34 (age determined by the boxers age on December 31st of the current calendar year). Weights – 108 lbs., 114 lbs., 123 lbs., 132 lbs., 141 lbs., 152 lbs., 165 lbs., 178 lbs., 201 lbs., 201+ lbs.
- 3) Golden Gloves will have no minimum bout requirement for a boxer to participate in Golden Gloves competition. Safety and coach’s discretion will determine if a boxer participates and/or what class the boxer participates in.
- 4) Golden Gloves will hold weigh-ins on each day of competition. Weigh-ins will be conducted by knowledgeable Golden Gloves Staff and/or Officials. Boxers will be allowed to weigh-in twice during the designated weigh-in period to make weight.
- 5) Golden Gloves boxers are required to have a pre and post bout medical exam for each bout. The boxer must be considered as fit to compete upon examination by a qualified doctor prior to each bout. The pre bout medical exam may be conducted before or after the boxer weighs-in. The post bout exam shall take place immediately following each bout.
- 6) Golden Gloves may set a shorter duration for the length of a round for their events. The current bout and round length shall be as follows: For National Tournament – (3) three (2) two minute rounds up to the semi-finals. Semi-finals and Finals (3) three (3) three minute rounds. (*Note: the shorter round duration is due to time restraints*). For local, state/regional competitions Franchises may choose to use (3) three (3) minute rounds. (*Depending on time available*).

- 7) Each Golden Gloves Franchise and Golden Gloves of America will designate their own Chief of Officials for their events. The designated Chief of Officials shall be responsible for the assignment of all their event officials. All assigned officials must be currently registered and certified members of USA Boxing. The referee will be in charge of the bout.
- 8) Golden Gloves will require officials working Golden Gloves event to wear the Golden Gloves of America official's uniform.
- 9) Golden Gloves will use 3 judges to judge all bouts. All judge's scores will be used to determine a winner.
- 10) Golden Gloves will use the 10 point must system for scoring all bouts. Golden Gloves may use clickers at the local level while making the transition.
- 11) Golden Gloves boxers shall be required to wear competition approved headgear in all competitions. Boxers will have their own choice of colors.
- 12) Golden Gloves boxers shall use the following competition gloves in all competitions.
10 oz. – 108 lbs. through 141 lbs. and 12 oz. – 152 lbs. through 201+ lbs.
- 13) Golden Gloves boxers will not be required to wear uniforms to match the corner color (red or blue). They may wear local team colors during Franchise tournaments or shows and shall be required to wear uniforms of the colors designated for their Franchise during National competition.
- 14) Golden Gloves shall have exclusive oversight of their competitions and shall conduct their events utilizing the rules, policies and procedures contained in this document. Golden Gloves reserves the right to add, delete or modify these rules, policies and procedures to enable the Organization to conduct its competitions consistent with Golden Gloves traditional standards, as long as proper notice is provided and approved by USA Boxing. For rules and/or procedures not written within, USA Boxing Technical and Competition rules will be followed.
- 15) Coaches must be registered and certified with USA Boxing.

Golden Gloves of America, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws, which are a matter of record, contain additional information on the Golden Gloves Organization and the conduct of the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions.

Any questions or additional information required regarding Golden Gloves activities should be directed to the Golden Gloves Executive Committee c/o Ray Rodgers, President.