2020 National Championships FAQ

Below are frequently asked questions USA Boxing national office staff have received regarding our upcoming National Championships in Shreveport, La. We hope the answers to these questions will help all our members prepare for our event, as well as make the event safe and successful.

COVID-19 QUESTIONS

Do I need to take a Covid-19 test to compete?

Coaches, officials and youth and elite aged boxers are required to present a negative molecular PCR COVID-19 test that was completed within 72 hours of traveling to the event. All other age divisions are HIGHLY encouraged to take a PCR COVID-19 test within 72 hours of traveling.

According to the CDC, other participants that should be tested include those that have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a close contact with someone with a confirmed COVID-19 test.

Participants who fail to produce a negative PCR test or provide proof of positive test within Jan. 1 – March 15, 2021, will be required to get a PCR and an antigen COVID-19 test locally, and cover any of the testing expenses.

Click here for more information on where to find free testing locations in your hometown.

If I have had the COVID-19 vaccination(s), do I need to still be tested before the event?

Participants that have received COVID-19 vaccination(s) are still required to show proof of a negative PCR test within 72 hours of travel to the event.

If I am driving instead of flying to the event, do I still need to be tested?

If you are one of the required groups to be tested before the event, you must be tested no matter your mode of transportation to the event.

How do I show proof of my COVID-19 test?

Those required to show proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test can do so by presenting a printed or electronic copy of results. Name, date and result must be visible.
**Will we be tested at the event?**

Further details of testing protocols during the competition will be announced before the event.

**CHECK-IN QUESTIONS**

**What day do I check-in?**

To help with crowd control and allow our members that will not have to box from the beginning of the tournament, we will be doing a rolling check-in. We will still have our normal check-in days of Saturday and Sunday; however, boxers now do not have to check-in until the day before their bracket begins. A complete list of check-in days can be found here.

Daily check-ins on Monday-Thursday will take place 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. each day, so please plan your travel accordingly.

**Can I change my weight at check-in?**

No, weight changes must be made by March 15, which is the close of registration.

**Can coaches register at check-in?**

Due to COVID-19 protocols, coaches will not be able to do walk-up registration at this event. Coaches must complete their event registration by March 15 and have all certifications (background, coaching and SafeSport) fully complete before arriving to Shreveport. As a reminder, background screenings can take up to 7-10 business days to complete and SafeSport is now required to be taking yearly, instead of every other year.

**Can boxers attend check-in?**

For the health and safety of participants, as well as to help keep crowding at a minimum, only coaches will be allowed to attend check-in. Coaches will bring boxers passbooks and other required materials for boxers to be checked in.

**EVENT QUESTIONS**

**Can spectators attend the event?**

Due to COVID-19 health protocols, no spectators will be allowed entry into the venue. This decision is based upon current COVID-19 data and in consultation with USA Boxing Physician’s Committee, local Health Department and in the best interest for the health and safety of our boxers, coaches and officials. USA Boxing will provide a free live stream, which will show all bouts at the tournament. The live stream can be accessed on the event page here.
**Do I have to weigh-in every day?**

Boxers will only weigh-in on the days they box. There will be no general weigh-in at this event.

**Will there be any matched bouts?**

Due to the size of the tournament, there will be no matched bouts at the event.

**Can I request scorecards after my bout?**

USA Boxing will be posting all result summaries directly from the electronic scoring system after each session under the results section of the event page. To lower tournament admin staff interaction with participants, coaches and boxers will not be allowed access to the administration table to request score cards.

**How many coaches can work a corner?**

For the health and safety of all participants, only two coaches will be allowed to work a boxers’ corner. Teammates that are registered for the event may be the second coach but will not be allowed up on the apron.

**Do I need my own uniform?**

Yes, boxers will need to have their own competition approved uniforms. Uniforms will be made available to purchase from STING at the event.

USA Boxing WILL provide one uniform to the two finalists to wear in the championship bout in the junior, youth and elite international weight divisions.

**Do I have to wear red/blue uniform/headgear?**

According to USA Boxing rules, boxers in junior, youth and elite division are required to wear red/blue uniforms. Boxers may wear their own USA Boxing competition approved headgear at the event, however, they will be required to wear STING competition headgear in the finals, which will be provided for them. USA Boxing will provide red and blue headgear throughout the tournament.