

## 2008/2009 USA Boxing Rulebook Synopsis of changes

Page 2 Definitions - clarifications and additions to the definition section

101.4 Expanded physician registration explanation – Physicians shall remain registered with USA Boxing as long as they maintain a current background screening every other year

101.5 Elimination of half price athlete membership beginning the 2009 membership year

101.6 Uniform Sanction Fee is \$250.00

101.7 Age of determination in all events except USA Boxing Nationals shall be the boxer's age at the start of the event. For USA Boxing national tournaments USA Boxing may determine boxer's age as of August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the tournament is held

101.7 (1) Changes recognizing current AIBA guidelines and AIBA rule changes with regard to classes of competition – note change in weight classifications and length and duration of rounds

Restricted participation

101.9 (1) Professional boxers and other individuals that have competed in professional combat sports, mixed martial arts, toughman and cage fighting may not compete in amateur boxing. This change allows for USA Boxing participation of professional athletes in other sports.

101.9 (3) Incarcerated athletes are not allowed to participate in USA Boxing

101.11 (2) Clarification of boxer's arrival time for participation at tournaments  
(3) Entry fees will not be refunded to athletes that fail to appear

102.1 (1) (e) Allows for appeal by an athlete that has competed in an unsanctioned contest or tough man event

102.3 Master Boxing Division – change in number of rounds/duration to 3 rounds of 2 minutes each or less and mandatory use of 16 oz gloves for all master boxer competition

102.6 (1) (g) Annual Physical – athletes will be required to have a medical physical prior to registration each year beginning with the 2010 registration year  
(4) (b) Prohibited conditions expanded to include Hepatitis C

103.1 Properly Attired Boxer – Breast protector specifications explained here

103.4 (2) Boxing Gloves – change in gloves required for Master Boxers (16 oz)

103.5 (2) (a) Adhesive tape maximum increased to 6 feet per hand – and may be used between the fingers as shown in photos

105.1 Level IV (4) coaches will be certified at clinics determined by USA Boxing  
Each boxer is allowed one (1) coach and one (1) assistant in the corner

105.1 (6) Instructions for coaching from the corner explained

- 106.1 Master Officials – Explains definition and criteria – the membership fee for Master Officials (that have submitted a Master’s Official forms to USA Boxing) shall be waived. Master Officials must continue to register each year and submit background screening consent forms every other year
- 107.1 Updated by Ringside Physicians - includes the requirement for each athlete to have an annual examination by a physician (this will be a new requirement for registration beginning 2010)  
107.1 (3) Female athletes with breast implants may compete if they submit a fully executed “Release to Compete with Breast Implants” form
- 107.3 (1)(c)(i) Added the requirement that each LBC shall elect a Chief of Officials (this may no longer be an appointed position)
- 107.4 (6) Conflict of Interest at competitions clarified
- 107.5 (16) Clarification of rules when mouth piece comes out of boxer’s mouth
- 107.5 (18) Added referee will make an appropriate decision on a foul he did not witness, according to the majority of the judges who saw the blow
- 107.6 (1) Gender differences in official dress code eliminated
- Figure 41.5, Added foul for excessive unsportsmanlike coaching
- 107.7(b)(1) Referee’s warning added if the judge agrees with the referee’s call they indicate a “W” on the scorecard (warning)
- 107.8 (3) RSC-OS (outscored) removed (new AIBA guidelines)  
(5) Disqualification – added in double elimination tournaments disqualification for non-harm fouls shall not carry tournament elimination
- 107.12 – A computer technician must be a registered and certified official
- 107.15 (i) Added: Boxer shall not be required to make weight officially until the day that said boxer will actually be competing
- 108.1, Figure 50.2 & 50.3 - Weight tables changed to reflect new AIBA weight classes
- 108.3 (1) Figure 52.1 – Length and # of round table reflecting new AIBA guidelines
- 108.4 (1) Jr. Olympic Championship – changed from “will be yearly in the month of June” to “it is intended that the J.O. Championships will be conducted yearly”
- 108.6 (2) No other national tournament or tournament qualifier may be scheduled to be held at the same time as the USA Boxing National Championship
- 108.8 (4)(g) The at-large committee for USA Boxing National tournaments will consist of USA Boxing CEO, National Director of Coaching or a member of the USA Boxing Coaching Task Force, as selected by the USA Boxing CEO, and one athlete  
(h) added: “Any boxer who is unable to attend a National Qualifying Tournament due to weather conditions may apply for an at-large bid, boxer must contact the tournament director or tournament registration chair within 24 hours from the close of the tournament registration”
- 109.1 (1) Matched Bouts – Clarification of allowable weight differential

- 109.2 (2) (3) Classification of boxers re-written to clarify sub-novice, novice and open class designations
- 110.1 Clarified rules with regard to tournament advancement specifically, (6), how an athlete is selected to fill a vacancy on the regional championship roster
- 110.1 (9) Explains filling empty slots on regional rosters (advancing to the USA Boxing National Championship)
- 214.1 USA Boxing By-Laws Article XIV Complaint Procedures – Outlines judicial procedures including filing fees, grievance and appeal processes.
- 301.1 (21) Code of Conduct, added: “Will cooperate with USA Boxing’s grievance and judicial committee requests”
- 302.1 Disciplinary Procedures & Penalties – Penalties could include:
1. Temporary or permanent termination of USA Boxing membership
  2. Suspension from USA Boxing activities for specified period
  3. For National team members
    - a. Immediate dismissal from team and return home at athlete’s expense
    - b. Withholding a portion or all of any stipend(s) received from USA Boxing, the United States Olympic Committee, etc.
- 304.6 (3) Added: “members of the USA Boxing Foundation shall be required to deliver annual certification regarding compliance with the Code of Ethics”
- Part III, Article IX Eligibility and Disqualification – section reworded for clarification
- Part III, Article XI Prizes, added: “with the exception of prizes awarded under terms of the Athlete Boxing Fund Agreement”
- 313.3 Club Representation – Athletes changing club affiliation must notify the LBC Registration Chair in writing within 30 days of the transfer
- 314.2 Sanctions – added: (8) Sanctions, with payment, must arrive in the USA Boxing National Office at least 10 days prior to the event date; (9) Notification of cancelled sanction shall be made in writing within 7 days of the original date of the event. After 7 days the sanction fee shall be forfeited to USA Boxing; and (10) a certificate of liability may be requested in writing with any paid sanction received in a timely manner. Requests made after the 10-day timeframe will not be honored. Subsequent requests for changes on existing event certificates of liability may incur administrative charges by USA Boxing.
- 314.3 (6) Alcohol – Conditions under which alcohol may be served at USA Boxing sanctioned events specified
- 314.4 – Conditions for withdrawing a sanction updated
- 315.1 Transfers within the LBC – updated procedures in this section
- 602.1 (5) Hints for Judges – Updated scoring description

The USA Boxing Board of Directors has rescinded the implementation of the following rule.

**102.6 (1) (g) NOTE: BEGINNING WITH THE 2010 REGISTRATION YEAR, ANNUAL PHYSICALS WILL BE REQUIRED. A copy of the physical report must be submitted along with the boxer's membership application form.**

103.6 "All training activities which involve athlete to athlete contact, such as sparring or sparring related drills, shall be performed while wearing protective equipment with a minimal safety guideline as described in Part I, Article III, sections 103.1 - 103.5 of the 2008-2009 USA Boxing Rulebook. Such equipment is to include headgear, mouthpiece, groin protection, hand wraps and gloves. USA Boxing recommends the use of specific training equipment that provides additional safety measures for day to day workout exercises."