



Memorandum

To: LBC Presidents
From: Angel Villarreal
Date: September 29, 2013
Re: FAQ – Round 2

Below are additional questions that have been received in regards to the new USA Boxing Technical and Competition Rules. Please continue to keep the communications lines open and keep the questions coming. There will be some more changes as we move along to adjust to the membership's needs.

Question:

Does a senior division novice boxer, ages 19 to 40; have to box three rounds of three minutes in duration?

Answer:

No, in the novice division the boxers can box a maximum of three rounds with the maximum of three minutes in duration. At a local club show the LBC/coach may have the freedom to set the bout duration. For example – the LBC/coach may select the option to box one minute rounds; the duration of rounds may not exceed three minutes for the novice division. It is my recommendation that each LBC/coach, change the duration of the rounds, based on the skill of the novice boxers. Please keep in mind that the safety of the boxers is the first priority.

Question:

Can I use 12 oz gloves for all weight divisions and categories at my local club shows for events not leading to international competition?

Answer:

Yes, you may use 12 oz gloves for all weight divisions and categories at local club shows and events that do not advance to international competition.

Question:

What is a competition head gear?

Answer:

Competition head gear is any AIBA or USA Boxing approved headgear, open face type, no cheek protectors, made specifically for competition.

Question:

Can I have three coaches in the corner for all levels of competitions - junior, youth, senior, and elite?

Answer:

Yes, there can be three coaches per boxer in the corner. One coach may enter the ring, the second coach may mount the apron and the third coach may assist from the floor.

Question:

Is it true that boxers can no longer have any facial hair, including a mustache?

Answer:

Yes, the boxer must be clean shaven, including no mustache, before weighing in.

Question:

I was at a boxing match and I witnessed a referee issue three cautions to a boxer for the same offense without administering a warning to the offending boxer. Did the referee take the proper actions?

Answer:

Yes, a referee now has the ability and discretion of issuing unlimited cautions without penalizing a boxer with a warning unless the referee deems that a boxer is gaining an advantage from such offenses.

Question:

What is the rule on a boxer being on a sexual offender's list? Can the boxer be registered with USA Boxing?

Answer:

Background checks are not conducted for boxers 18 years of age or older. However, if a boxer, 18 years of age or older, is discovered to be a registered sex offender and/or convicted of a sex crime, he or she is not eligible for membership with USA Boxing.

Question:

If a bout is stopped and the decision is a TKO, and the ringside physician does not require any restriction, do we still send a completed restriction affidavit form to the USA Boxing National Office; and if so, who do we send it to? For example: A boxer was over matched or the wind was knocked out of a boxer due to a body blow, and the doctor felt that neither boxer required any additional medical attention or any precautions needed to be observe. What is the proper protocol following these types instances?

Answer:

An LBC should only send in a completed restriction affidavit form when restrictions and/or injuries apply, not all TKO decisions result in a restriction and/or additional medical attention. The rule stated in the rule book, although worded as all TKOs, is intended to capture any injury that requires additional medical observation and a restriction.

If a restriction is given please send the form to the USA Boxing National Office: USA Boxing, Attn: Membership Department, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.