

2008 USA Boxing Year In Review

JANUARY

The United States wins three bouts at the 2008 Battle Across the Border - USA vs. Mexico Dual at the San Diego Sports Arena in San Diego, California.

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FEBRUARY

Over 40 youngsters are crowned national champions at the National Silver Gloves Championships in Independence, Missouri.

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MARCH

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USA Boxing holds its first webinar.

LA Boxing becomes the exclusive Health Club Sponsor of USA Boxing.

The first e-newsletter is introduced to USA Boxing's membership and fans.

The 2008 U.S. Future Stars National Championship is held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Thirty-four new national champions are named in men and women's competition.

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Sadam Ali, Javier Molina and Deontay Wilder qualify for the 2008 Olympics at the Second Americas Qualifier in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

APRIL

Team USA claims nine victories at the USA vs. Puerto Rico Dual at the Liacouras Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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A trio of U.S. boxers (Shawn Estrada, Christopher Downs and Michael Hunter) competes in the final Americas qualifier in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Estrada earns an Olympic berth, winning gold at the event.

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MAY

The 2008 National Golden Gloves Championships are contested in Grand Rapids, Mich., with the financial assistance of Floyd Mayweather, Jr. Eleven boxers take home Golden Gloves championships.

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The first-ever USA Boxing Olympic Invitational takes place at the Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport, Connecticut with five U.S. boxers recording victories over Brazil and China.

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The USA Boxing Olympic Invitational airs nationwide on NBC following the U.S. Open Championships with Teddy Atlas and Bob Papa announcing and Jim Gray conducting ringside interviews.

The 36th edition of the Junior Olympic National Championships is held in Marquette, Mich. Twenty-four boxers claim national titles in the Upper Peninsula.

1992 Olympic Gold Medalist and 10-time professional World Champion Oscar de la Hoya is enshrined in the United States Olympic Committee Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony in Chicago, Illinois.

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JULY

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USA Boxing announces a strategic alliance with Oscar de la Hoya's Golden Boy promotions.

The 2008 Women's Golden Gloves are featured in Hollywood, Fla. Fifteen female boxers win Golden Gloves titles in Florida

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The United States Olympic Boxing Team departs for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

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The 2008 Olympic Boxing Team appears on NBC's Today Show, and hosts clinic at local Boys and Girls Club in Harlem.

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The United States Olympic Education Center Boxing Program is renewed at Northern Michigan University and the application process begins.

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USA Boxing announces the Local Boxing Committees selected to receive Urban Development Grants in partnership with the USOC.

AUGUST

Rau'shee Warren is featured in a cover story in USA Today

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The nation's top 17 and 18-year-old boxers compete in the 2008 Under 19 National Championships in Kansas City, Missouri. Eleven boxers win a national title and a berth in the 2008 Youth World Championships.

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The 2008 Olympic Games take place in Beijing, China with nine boxers representing the United States in boxing competition.

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Heavyweight Deontay Wilder receives his Olympic bronze medal

SEPTEMBER

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USA Boxing receives a two-year, \$200,000 grant from the Daniels Fund to hold the USA Boxing National Championships and launch the Gloves Not Guns program in Denver

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The 2008 National PAL Championships are held in Oxnard, California with boxers competing Junior Olympic division and open division male and female athletes all vying for a national championship

OCTOBER

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The United States' top female boxers compete in the 2008 Pan American Championships, winning a record setting 10 medals in Port of Spain, Trinidad

Top-ranked super heavyweight Michael Hunter commits to remain amateur

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USA Boxing names Patrick Borkowski as the organization's first High Performance Director

World Champion and 2008 Olympian Demetrius Andrade makes his professional debut with a second round TKO over Patrick Cape in Airway Heights, Washington

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The first-ever Youth World Championships are held in Guadalajara, Mexico as the best 17 and 18-year-old male boxers from across the globe compete in the first world-wide international event following the Olympic Games. The United States wins three medals

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NOVEMBER

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Joey Dawejko wins a gold medal at the Youth World Championships



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USA Boxing members Tim and Michelle Hill's home and boxing gym are rebuilt on ABC's Extreme Home Makeover.

Lindy Foundation, founded by MGM Grand owner Kirk Kerkorian, awards \$10,000 donation to USA Boxing.

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Two-time Olympian and 2007 World Champion Rau'shee Warren announces that he will remain amateur and attempt to become the first U.S. boxer in history to compete in three Olympic Games

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USA Boxing retains Octagon to serve as its sponsorship agency and strategic consultant

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2008 Olympic bronze medalist Deontay Wilder makes his professional debut on the undercard of the match-up between 2000 Olympic teammates Jermain Taylor and Jeff Lacy

The United States Olympic Committee removes USA Boxing from probation

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The 2008 AIBA Women's World Championships are held in Ningbo, China and the United States records its highest medal count in the history of the event.

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Vanessa Jackson and Tifanie Hearn receive silver medals at the Women's World Championships while Cynthia Moreno and Mioshia Wagoner take home bronze medals.

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2008 Olympian Shawn Estrada makes his professional debut

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DECEMBER

USA Boxing opens the search for the organization's next National Coach.

Michael Hunter competes in the 2008 AIBA World Cup in Moscow, Russia.

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USA Boxing receives 2009 Performance Funding and Athlete Support budget allocation from the USOC -- amount is 17.5% higher than 2005 (first year of previous quadrennium).

Looking forward to a great
2009!

