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To: USA Boxing Membership
From: Anthony Bartkowski, Executive Director
Date: February 11, 2012
Re: USA Boxing Rulebook Amendments/Deletions

Over the course of the last six months, the USA Boxing Board of Directors have reviewed a variety of rulebook recommendations from the membership. One of our goals for 2012 is to develop and update the rulebook. The Board of Directors will continue to review rule changes from the membership throughout the next year.

The rules, which are below, have been updated for a variety of reasons: (a) safety reasons; (b) additional clarity or further definition; and (c) updated to current standards and practices.

These rules are effective immediately.

USA BOXING RULE CHANGES Amended Rules

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| Pg. 4 | <u>101.3 LBC Sanctions</u> : LBCs sanction local events; Regional and above competitions approved by USAB; Group member tournaments are sanctioned by USAB. |
| Pg. 5 | <u>101.7 Classes of Competition - male and female</u> : The age of an open boxer is determined using his/her year of birth. For all juniors, August 1 will be the age determination date, unless an AIBA event is scheduled for the year. |
| Pg. 7 | <u>101.8 State or municipal restrictions</u> : USA Boxing reserves the right to hold a tournament in a non-compliant state or municipality at its sole discretion. |
| Pg. 8 | <u>101.9 (3) Restricted Participation</u> : Individuals incarcerated in a penal institution are eligible to register and participate in USA Boxing club and other informal programs. Inmates are not authorized to compete/participate in the official championship and advancement tournaments (LBC, regional, national). |
| Pg. 9 | <u>101.9 (5) C Restricted Participation</u> : Professional boxing promoters, managers, or other person shall be allowed to promote or conduct any amateur boxing show, as long as a portion of the monies made from the event are distributed back to USA Boxing and/or the respective LBC host. Appropriate personnel may be employed or contracted to direct a program of boxing for the benefit of the sport. All individuals or organizations may receive a proportionate share from an investment made by them, provided the entire conduct of the meet or competition is under the strict control of USA Boxing. |

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| Pg. 11 | <u>102.1 (F) Contestant Guidelines:</u> All athletes who register and compete in any advancing tournament must be able to show proof of U.S. citizenship upon event registration. Proof of U.S. citizenship includes a valid and current U.S. Passport; and/or a certified U.S. birth certificate (no photocopy birth certificates accepted). |
| Pg. 12 | <u>102.3 Master Boxing Division:</u> The logo for masters' gloves and headgear should be the approved maters' logo, which is a circle with an "m" in it, not the USA Boxing approved logo. |
| Pg. 18 | <u>103.2 Item 1 (c) i Wearing of Approved Headgear:</u> to help reduce impact of a blow. |
| Pg. 19 | <u>103.2 #4 Wearing of Approved Headgear:</u> The competitive headgear should be constructed so that it is adjustable for all head sizes. These adjustment features include either a lace in effect or can be accomplished through the use of Velcro. |
| Pg. 19 | <u>103.2 #5 Wearing of Approved Headgear:</u> The outer casing of the headgear should be constructed of leather material, leather-like material, or any smooth surface synthetic. All these materials must have an outer casing of smooth and nonabrasive material. Any synthetic material used shall have the same or lower coefficient level of friction as leather. |
| Pg. 20 | <u>103.2 #11 Wearing of Approved Headgear:</u> The inside of competition headgear should be lined with either leather or leather-like material, which would include synthetic leathers, and vinyl materials. |
| Pg. 21 | <u>103.4 USA Boxing Gloves, section 1(a) i:</u> "to help diminish/reduce impact of blow". |
| Pg. 22 | <u>103.4 #9 USA Boxing Gloves (Glove Specifications):</u> Competition gloves should be covered in leather or leather-like material, which would include PU & PVC materials. These materials must be smooth and nonabrasive and should be in the solid colors of blue and red. Any synthetic material used shall have the same or lower coefficient level of friction as leather. |
| Pg. 22 | <u>103.9 B USA Boxing Gloves:</u> The glove should be lined with any durable nonabrasive material that lines the entire inside of the glove. |
| Pg. 23 | <u>103.5 Bandages (handwraps) and Tape Specifications:</u> Cotton/soft surgical gauze – 15 yards of 2" gauze and minimum of 3' and maximum of 10' of 1" adhesive tape per hand. The tape must be applied 1" behind the knuckles. Only 1" tape may be applied between the fingers and may not cover the striking surface of the hand. Should be no longer than 10' with maximum of 1" tape between knuckles limiting the tape to 10' in length. |
| Pg. 25 | <u>104.5 Optional Equipment & Supplies:</u> Oxygen and stretcher are required and not optional. |
| Pg. 35 | <u>107.3 Administration - Boxing Officials:</u> All LBC and/or Group Member Chief of Officials will be approved by the USA Boxing Chief of Officials. |
| Pg. 58 | <u>107.8 Method of Scoring:</u> All Group Member National Championships and USA Boxing National Championships must use the USA Boxing approved computer scoring system. |
| Pg. 65 | <u>107.15 Weigh-ins, Weighmasters/Weighmistresses and Scales:</u> Any U.S. Athlete who qualifies or is selected for any international training camp for competition must arrive at the official camp weigh-in for any mandatory camp no more than 8% over their competition weight if the camp is 30 days or more from a competition; no more than 5% if the camp is within one week of competition. The official camp weigh-in will be conducted immediately upon conclusion of the first camp gym workout. |
| Pg. 68 | <u>108.1 Weight classes for tournaments:</u> All weight categories must align with AIBA weights. USA Boxing can establish other weight categories, however no athlete 16-years-old and younger can compete against a boxer with a difference of more than 5 pounds. |
| Pg. 71 | <u>108.3 (1) Length and Number of Rounds:</u> All USA Boxing-sanctioned competitions, including any and all advancing tournaments, shall consist of the following (not exceed): |

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| Pg. 72 | <u>108.6 U.S. Championships Award, Venue and Dates:</u> All Local and/or Regional Championships must be conducted and concluded at least 45 days prior to the first day of competition of the U.S. National Championships. If the National Championships is an open event, the entry deadline is at least 45 days prior to the first day of competition. |
| Pg. 73 | <u>108.6 (6) All Local and/or Award, Venue and Dates:</u> USA Boxing at any time can eliminate the need for advancing tournaments, and has the ability to have the U.S. National Championships an Open event to all eligible boxers. |
| Pg. 73 | <u>108.8 (1) At-large Entries For USA Boxing Tournaments:</u> Any USA Boxing resident program application approved by the High Performance team, which includes but is not limited to the Northern Michigan University Team and World Series of Boxing, shall be allowed to petition one boxer in each weight division for an at-large berth to the U.S. Championships. |
| Pg. 73 | <u>108.8 (2) At-large Entries for USA Boxing Tournaments:</u> A boxer who missed an elimination tournament as a result of representing the United States in international competition and/or a scheduled National Team Camp in which the boxers and supporting staff (coaches, officials, etc.) are approved by USA Boxing are eligible to enter the U.S. Championships as an at-large entry, subject to verification and approval by the LBC in which the boxer is registered. |
| Pg. 74 | <u>108.8 4 (h) At-large Entries for USA Boxing Tournaments:</u> All returning U.S. Olympians from the prior quadrennium are eligible to participate as an at-large athlete at the U.S. National Championships without having to compete in a qualifying tournament. |
| Pg. 74 | <u>108.8 4 (i) At-large Entries for USA Boxing Tournaments:</u> Any World Championship medalist within the last four years of the U.S. National Championships are eligible to participate without having to compete in a qualifying tournament. |
| Pg. 77 | <u>110.1 Tournament Advancement:</u> All athletes competing in any advancing tournament series must show proof of U.S. citizenship upon event registration. If citizenship documentation is not provided the athlete will not be able to complete. The accepted forms of citizenship are a certified birth certificate and/or U.S. passport/passport card (no copies accepted). |
| Pg. 77 | <u>110.1 (2) Tournament Advancement:</u> An athlete can only compete in one regional competition to advance to the U.S. National Championships. Athletes have the right to compete in other LBC and/or Regional competitions only if the weight category is open for the club and/or LBC, with the approval by the LBC and/or Region on a first come, first-serve basis received by Regional coordinator. |
| Pg. 77 | <u>110.1 (3) Tournament Advancement:</u> If the National Championship requires an advancing tournament structure, the LBCs and Regions must conduct and conclude their advancing tournaments 45 days prior to the first day of competitions for the specified National Championships. |
| Pg. 81 | <u>111.1 Regional Administration and Alignment:</u> Each region shall host an annual regional championship, which will be completed at least 45 days prior to the U.S. Championship tournament. If the National Championships is an open tournament, then the Regional tournament is optional. |

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| Pg. 124 | <p><u>Appeals:</u> Any affected party that is dissatisfied with the hearing panel's final determination may request a review of the ruling by appealing to USA Boxing's Judicial Committee no later than sixty (60) days following the hearing panel's written decision. All appeals must include a written Petition accompanied by a \$500 non-refundable filing fee, payable to United States Amateur Boxing, Inc. The Petition shall set forth in as much detail as possible (i) the reasons for the appeal, including citation to specific portions of the hearing panel's decision or record, and (ii) the requested relief. Additionally, if the contested issue is time sensitive in nature, the appealing party may request that the appeal process be expedited and set forth the basis for the request in the Petition. The timeline for an expedited hearing shall be determined by the appeal board on a case-by-case basis. Upon receipt of the Petition, the judicial committee shall cause copies of the Petition and any supporting materials to be mailed or delivered to the opposing party(s) and any other person(s) against whom the Petitioner seeks specific relief. Each Respondent's Response to the Petition shall be in writing and delivered to the designated member of the Judicial committee, no later than thirty (30) days following delivery of the Petition. Within ten (10) days following receipt of the Response(s), the Petitioner may file a Reply with the judicial committee. With the designated representative, at the same time they are delivered to the judicial committee. When acceptable to all parties, email filings shall be permitted. USA Boxing shall establish and maintain an Appeal board, the membership of which will be determined by the USA Boxing Board of Directors. All appeals will ultimately be heard and Review Panel shall be composed of three (3) members of the Appeal Board who were not involved in the decision concerning the underlying complaint, at least one (1) of whom shall be a registered member athlete with USA Boxing. The standard of review for matters decided by the Review Panel shall be whether the hearing panel committed a clear error or acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner. Appeal decisions will be determined by a majority of the Review Panel's members and shall be distributed to all parties in writing. The final decision of Review Panel shall be rendered as soon as practicable after the appeal hearing and affirm, reverse, or remand the hearing panel's decision. Additionally, the Review Panel shall have the authority to modify the hearing panel's decision. And issue sanctions or other discipline, as it deems appropriate. All Review Panel decisions and orders are final and may not be appealed, except as otherwise provided by the constitution and Bylaws of the United States Olympic Committee.</p> <p><u>Frivolous Claims:</u> A frivolous claim is a grievance or appeal motivated by intent merely to harass, delay, embarrass or achieve an unjustified advantage which has no arguable basis in law, by-law, regulation or fact. If a hearing body determines that a claim is frivolous, the hearing body may assess cost or monetary damages, against the party that filed the claim.</p> |
| Pg. 127 | <p><u>215.4 Requirements for Sponsoring United States Boxing Athletes to Compete in An International Athletic Competition Held Outside the United States:</u> All LBCs, Regions and Group Members can participate at international events, however they must be approved by the USA Boxing Executive Director. All teams competing internationally must obtain Medical Travel Insurance coverage through USA Boxing.</p> |

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| Pg. 153 | <u>308.5 Negotiations</u> : All negotiations for the appearance of amateur boxers of the United States in foreign countries and foreign amateur boxers in the United States, whether or not such negotiations involve the payment of expenses, shall be carried on between USA Boxing and the corresponding national governing body of the country concerned. USA Boxing may permit a third party to assist in and/or lead international event negotiations at its sole discretion. A violation of the foregoing shall be deemed sufficient cause to refuse approval to a boxer or team invited or, in the case of a foreign boxer or team, to refuse to approve an invitation or permit to compete in the United States. |
| Pg. 155 | <u>309.2 (a) Eligibility To Compete When Disqualified</u> : All Boxers who have also been involved in any professional boxing or any other professional combat sport other than boxing shall not be permitted to compete in any AIBA, WSB, and/or USA Boxing competitions at any level. |
| Pg. 171 | <u>311.1 (1) Limitations</u> : Prize money and non-monetary prizes may be awarded at USA Boxing-sanctioned events. Prize money and awards must be approved by USA Boxing in writing. |
| Pg. 178 | <u>314.2 (7) (a) Requirements</u> : Sanctions for LBC events must be signed by the Local Boxing Committee (LBC) president and/or designee, and a record thereof must be maintained by the LBC. |
| Pg. 178 | <u>314.2 (7) (b) Requirements</u> : Sanctions for Regional Championships and all Group member national championship events must be signed by the LBC president and USA Boxing, and a record thereof must be maintained by the LBC and USA Boxing. |
| Pg. 180 | <u>314.6 Approval For Television Coverage</u> : No television coverage of any USA Boxing sanctioned event will be arranged without the express written consent of USA Boxing, which may be granted to a third party. |
| Pg. 186 | <u>402.1 (1) Officials For Group Member Organizations</u> : All group members of USA Boxing shall be allowed to nominate a Chief of Officials for their National events, with the USA Boxing Chief of Officials approval. The nominated official must be at least a currently registered and certified USA Boxing Level III and/or above official. |
| Pg. 186 | <u>402.3 Junior Olympic tournament structure</u> : USA Boxing Group Members shall be allowed to structure the age classifications for advancement to Regional and National levels for their National age group tournaments excluding the Senior and Open Divisions. Group Members should be allowed to have fewer or additional weight divisions but must adhere to 5 lbs. increments in the Junior and younger weight divisions. |
| Pg. 186 | <u>402.4 Age And Weight Categories</u> : USA Boxing Group Members shall use the current scoring method approved by AIBA at all National events. |
| Pg. 186 | <u>402.5 Competition Oversight</u> : Group members shall have exclusive oversight of their events and competitions and shall conduct their events and competitions utilizing the additional rules and exceptions recorded in their constitution and bylaws. |

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Deleted Rules

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| Pg. 21 | <u>103.4 #2 USA Boxing Gloves Specifications Paragraph A</u> : Paragraph eliminated. |
| Pg. 71 | <u>108.4 Junior Olympic Championships</u> : Delete |
| Pg. 71 | <u>108.5 Under Nineteen Youth Championships (17-18 year olds)</u> : Delete |
| Pg. 186 | Rule 402.2 |
| Pg. 251 | <u>Appendix V</u> : Delete second paragraph - See rule 101.9(5)c |