

Amendments to USA Boxing Rulebook

WHEREAS, the Board of USA Boxing recognizes the need for the sport of amateur boxing to attract the best talent and to permit amateur athletes in training to be free to focus their full attention on becoming the best athlete that they can, including by expressly providing the opportunity for amateur athletes to receive financial support while in training; and

WHEREAS, the Board of USA Boxing has determined that certain amendments to the USAB Rules are required to ensure continued compliance with (a) the rules of AIBA, (b) the requirement in Section 220522(a)(14) of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act ("Amateur Sports Act"), which requires that USA Boxing "does not have eligibility criteria related to amateur status or to participation in the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, or the Pan-American Games that are more restrictive than those of the appropriate international sports federation," and (c) the corresponding requirements set forth in Section 4.2(m) of the USA Boxing Bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE, In furtherance of such purposes, and pursuant to the authority granted to USA Boxing, including pursuant to Section 220523 of the Amateur Sports Act, the Board of USA Boxing hereby adopts the following amendments to the 2008/2009 USA Boxing Rulebook ("USAB Rules").

The USAB Rules are hereby amended as follows:

1. Part III, Article IX, Section 309 (subparts 309.1 through 309.13, inclusive of all subsections and clauses thereto), is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The Heading of Part III, Article IX shall be "AMATEUR STATUS".

309.1. Amateur Status

The amateur status of a boxer shall be determined pursuant to the terms of this Section 309, and this Section 309 shall apply only to such determination.

309.2. Becoming a professional.

A boxer shall not be permitted to participate as a boxer in programs sanctioned or governed by USA Boxing or AIBA if such boxer becomes a professional boxer.

(a) A boxer shall be considered a professional boxer if such boxer belongs to, or has competed in events sanctioned or governed by, a professional boxing organization, or if such boxer is otherwise determined to be a professional boxer by AIBA.

(b) Any athlete who has earned monetary or other compensation for participation in a sport other than boxing, e.g. baseball, will still be eligible to compete in USA Boxing sanctioned events, provided he is not a professional boxer.

(c) No boxer shall be rendered ineligible from further amateur competition, and no boxer shall be denied good standing status to participate in USA Boxing competitions, as a result of participating in or with World Series of Boxing (WSB).

309.3. Permitted Compensation to Amateur Boxers

(a) Any boxing club, organization or individual who wishes to support an amateur athlete's training may do so by providing financial support commensurate with what the athlete may have earned in the private sector, and other support ("Training Support") directly or indirectly to

the amateur athlete. Training Support can be in the form of daily, weekly, or monthly cash payments, in recognition of loss of salary of such athletes in training, and can include such additional support as housing, food, transportation and other incidental living expenses. Written notice of the terms and conditions of any Training Support to an amateur boxer must be provided to USA Boxing. In the event that USA Boxing reasonably determines that the Training Support materially violates applicable laws, AIBA rules and regulations, Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, USOC Bylaws, USA Boxing rules or regulations, or directly causes public disrepute to USA Boxing, then USA Boxing shall provide detailed written notice of its objection to the applicable athlete and provider of the Training Support. The athlete and provider of Training Support shall modify the Training Support to come into compliance within the lesser of thirty days after receipt of such notice, or the amount of time mandated by an objecting body other than USA Boxing (e.g., AIBA, USOC).

(b) Boxers may receive competition prize money, corporate sponsorships, academic awards, compensation for competing in sports other than boxing (or martial arts), and other compensation, including without limitation, for teaching sport skills, or compensation for employment in the military, police, or any legitimate position in the private sector or in a gymnasium, all subject to the terms of this Section 309. This section is not meant to exclude any form of support allowable and acceptable by the rules of AIBA or the IOC.

309.4. Reinstatement

The Judicial Committee shall have the authority, but shall not be obligated, to reinstate amateur standing to any boxer disqualified as an amateur for any violation of this Section 309. The applicant seeking reinstatement shall file an administrative grievance as provided in Article XIV of the USA Boxing Bylaws.

2. Appendix VIII (Eligibility Guidelines) is hereby deleted in its entirety.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, boxers who may have violated USAB Rules regarding determining amateur status pursuant to versions of the USAB Rules prior to the adoption of these amendments, but are not in violation of the USAB Rules regarding determining amateur status as amended hereby, shall not be precluded from competing as an amateur boxer in any events.
4. In the event that any terms of the USAB Rules which have not been amended hereby conflict with the terms of these amendments, then the terms of these amendments shall control.

I, Hal Adonis, President of the Board of USA Boxing, do hereby certify that the above amendments to the 2008/2009 USA Boxing Rulebook, have been duly adopted and approved by the Board as of October 9, 2010, and USA Boxing has or will promptly provided all third party notifications (e.g., to USA Boxing members and others as required) with respect to the adoption of these amendments by the Board of USA Boxing.

Hal Adonis, USA Boxing Board President