



**USA  
BOXING®**

## CLUB INFORMATION PACKET

# VISION STATEMENT

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- To produce World and Olympic Champions in Olympic-style boxing who are spiritually and emotionally healthy and who have the educational and moral background to be successful and happy in their life.
  - USA Boxing is dedicated to preparing America's athletes to represent the United States in the ongoing pursuit and achievement of excellence in national, world, and Olympic boxing competition and in Life.
  - Our Boxers inspire Americans, particularly our inner city youth, to pursue excellence in sport and in their lives, and to embrace the Olympic ideals of honor, discipline, self control, goal setting, and hard work.
  - As the National Governing Body, USA Boxing shall responsibly advocate, promote, coordinate and provide opportunities for Amateur Boxers to achieve their full human and athletic potential.
  - The mission of USA Boxing is to foster, develop, promote and coordinate the recreational and competitive amateur boxing opportunities for all member athletes and supportive participants, and to supervise all amateur boxing matters that come within the organization's purview.
  - To produce World and Olympic Champions in Olympic-style boxing who embrace the Olympic ideals of honor, discipline, self control, goal setting and hard work and to foster, develop, promote and coordinate the recreational and competitive amateur boxing opportunities for all member athletes and supportive participants.
  - To teach our children to be successful in the sport of amateur boxing and in life.
  - USA Boxing is dedicated to preparing America's youth to achieve excellence in World and Olympic competition while embracing the Olympic ideals of honor, integrity and unselfish concern for the welfare of others.
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# National Office Staff

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# About USA Boxing

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Thank you for your interest in USA Boxing. We look forward to your participation with USA Boxing as we prepare for the 2012 Olympics.

USA Boxing is the National Governing Body (NGB), affiliated with the United States Olympic Committee, responsible for the administration, development and promotion of Olympic-style boxing in the United States. As such, USA Boxing is the United States' member organization of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA), and the only organization in the U.S. responsible for choosing the boxers who will represent the United States in London in 2012.

With its headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA Boxing sponsors a variety of programs from developing the sport and its athletes at the local, regional and national levels, to sponsoring national and international competitions and selecting teams for international events, including the Olympic Games, World Championships and Pan American Games.

USA Boxing sponsors four national championships annually—the U.S. Men's National Championships, the Under 19 National Championships, the Women's National Championships and the U.S. Junior Olympic National Championships—as well as numerous domestic and international competitions. The Men's and Women's U.S. National Championships determine the annual ranking for the top four athletes in each weight class. USA Boxing also hosts a ringside physician certification clinic in conjunction with Nationals and training seminars for physicians.

Young boxers get their start in amateur boxing through the Junior Olympics, a developmental program for boxers aged 8 to 16 years old. The Junior Olympic program features local, state and regional championships, culminating with the U.S. Junior Olympic National Championships.

USA Boxing also sponsors a scholarship fund for its registered athletes. Awarded annually, the scholarships are granted, not for athletic ability, but on the basis of an athlete's academic record and ability to succeed at an institution of higher learning. The scholarships may be used for a college, university, or vocational school.

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# USA Boxing Club Membership Benefits

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- **All registered clubs receive the following:**
    - Insurance coverage - With a club membership, USA Boxing provides general liability coverage in the amount of \$1 million for supervised training sessions and sanctioned events. All Participants (athletes, coaches and officials) **MUST** be registered with USA Boxing
    - Club certificate
    - USA Boxing decal
  
  - **Also available on the USA Boxing website – [www.usaboxing.org](http://www.usaboxing.org):**
    - Technical Rules
    - Insurance Program Guide
    - Risk Management Guide
    - Registration Information
    - Safety in Amateur Boxing
  
  - **As a registered club with USA Boxing, you are on the front line promoting the safety of the athletes. Many of the rules of USA boxing are geared towards the safety of the athletes, making it a paramount concern.**
    - Athletes must wear a form-fitted mouthpiece
    - Headguards are mandatory
    - Gloves are designed to absorb shock as much as possible
    - During sanctioned competition, a ringside physician must be in attendance, bouts may be stopped due to injury, or if a boxer is out-classed.
    - Risk management information is provided by USA Boxing to assist clubs in reducing injuries and increasing safety. See our website.
  
  - **To register your club for membership:**
    - Complete a club application and send it with the appropriate fee to the Registration Chairman of your Local Boxing Committee. For fee information, you will need to contact the LBC.
    - The individual named as the club representative, **must** be a registered non-athlete member of USA Boxing, and provide a validation number on the club application.
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# Sanctions

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- A sanction is the recognition that USA Boxing gives to an event. By applying for and receiving a sanction, the event organizer agrees to abide by all USA Boxing Rules. All participants, as well as the sponsoring organization, must be USA Boxing-registered members. Sanctioning an event provides general liability insurance coverage and sports accident insurance for the competition and participants.

USA Boxing members may not participate in unsanctioned events, including such things as Toughman®, barroom brawls, or any boxing event not sanctioned by USA Boxing.

- To apply for a sanction:
    - **Contact your Local Boxing Committee Registration Chairman to clear the date for your event and for a sanction application/official sanction form. The sponsoring club or organization must be a registered club member with USA Boxing. Please request these forms at least 6 weeks prior to your event.**
    - **Fill out the application completely, including the venue for the event, the date(s), the number of bouts scheduled or anticipated, the name of the Chief of Officials and the ringside physicians.**
    - **Return the sanction application to the Local Boxing Committee for approval and forwarding to the National Office. The sanction fee must accompany the application. No sanctions will be issued by telephone.**
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# General Liability Insurance

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- **USA Boxing provides its membership with general liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage claims arising directly from its operation as the National Governing Body for amateur boxing. All LBCs, member clubs, registered athletes, officials, coaches and administrators are afforded coverage while acting for or on behalf of USA Boxing.**

- It is important to note that the insurance applies to USA Boxing **sanctioned** competitions and **organized** practices at which a coach, manager or trainer is physically present. If an individual club has its own facilities or participates outside of USA Boxing sanctioned matches, it is important that they obtain separate liability insurance coverage. (See page 3 for definition of sanctioned event and organized practices.)  
Below is a description of USA Boxing's general liability policy.

- **LIABILITY INSURANCE SUMMARY**

- **Insurance:** Carrier: Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company  
□ Broker: ESIX (Entertainment & Sports Insurance Experts)

- **Policy Period:** October 1 – September 30

- **Who is covered:** United States Amateur Boxing Inc. (USA Boxing); USA Boxing Local Boxing Committees; USA Boxing registered clubs, USA Boxing Group Member Organizations, registered athletes and non-athletes.

- **Coverage starts** on the day of registration and expires when the policy expires (September 30).

- **Limits of Insurance:**

□ General Aggregate Limit (Per Event) (other than Products-Completed Operation)	\$5,000,000*
□ Products – Completed Operations Aggregate	\$1,000,000
□ Personal and Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
□ Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000
□ Participant Legal Liability	\$1,000,000
□ Damages to Premises	\$ 100,000
□ Excess Liability per occurrence	\$1,000,000
□ Excess Liability Aggregate	\$1,000,000
□ Medical Expense Limit (any one person)	Excluded
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\*) There is a \$5,000,000 policy general aggregate. This means that the insurance company would be liable for up to \$5,000,000 in collective claims in one year.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

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## □ **About insurance**

### □ **What is the amount of liability coverage provided for registered clubs or for sanctioned events?**

- \$1 million general liability coverage

### □ **Is it the only insurance I need for my club?**

- The general liability insurance provided through USA Boxing only covers you for liability in connection with boxing training sessions and sanctioned events. Please contact your local insurance agent for information regarding other insurance you may need relating to your club.

### □ **How do I get proof of insurance?**

- Please complete a Certificate of Liability Request form, available from your LBC or through USA Boxing website. Certificates will cost \$25.00 starting January 1, 2010. Send your request form in with your sanction application. We must have your club application or sanction application on file in the office before the request can be processed.

### □ **What do I do if I need to add someone else, such as a landlord or a sponsor, to the insurance?**

- There is a space on the certificate request to list a third party for inclusion on the certificate of liability. Please make sure all information is accurate and complete before sending in. Changes or additions submitted after the certificate has been processed will cost \$10.00 each.

### □ **What other insurance is available?**

- Individual members, both athlete and non-athlete, are covered by a secondary sports accident insurance. This insurance provides coverage for medical treatment in case of an injury related to a supervised training session or a sanctioned event. This coverage is secondary to any health insurance the individual may have and carries a \$1000 deductible if you have primary insurance and \$2500 deductible if you do not have primary coverage. (For every claim filed, USA Boxing pays a \$10,000 deductible per claim.)

### □ **How do I file a claim?**

- To file a medical claim under the sports accident insurance, obtain a claim form from the USA Boxing website ([www.usaboxing.org](http://www.usaboxing.org) – click on Membership Services and forms), or you may contact Lynette Smith at, 719-866-2311 to have one sent to you. Fill it out completely. It must contain a specific date of injury, and be signed by an officer of the LBC verifying the injury occurred during a covered practice or event. Mail or fax the completed claim form, along with any medical bills received, to Lynette Smith, USA Boxing, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, Fax. 719-632-3426 USA Boxing is not the insurance carrier. We are the policyholder. We will forward the claim to the insurance carrier for processing. Please allow at least 4-6 weeks for processing. If the insurance carrier or USA Boxing contacts you for more information, please respond immediately. Delays in responding will result in delayed processing.

### □ **How do I file a claim under the general liability insurance?**

- If you are served with a lawsuit, please contact USA Boxing immediately. If an incident occurs at your training facility or at a sanctioned event that may be covered by the liability insurance, please file an incident report with USA Boxing, describing the incident in detail, as soon as possible.
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# Background Screening Disqualifiers For Non-Athlete Members

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## □ NON-ATHLETE MEMBERS

- In an effort to protect the youth and other participants of USA Boxing, and raise the standards of conduct within USA Boxing, a Sexual Abuse and Molestation Background Check is now mandatory for all “non-athlete” members of USA Boxing. These non-athlete members include coaches, officials and other volunteers.
  - A written authorization form allowing USA Boxing to order an individual Sexual Abuse and Molestation check will be the responsibility of the LBC to collect and forward to the National office. Failure of an individual to agree to this consent will result in disqualification from membership with USA Boxing. Membership will be voided and any paid member fees will be returned to the individual (less background screening fee).
  - Individual applicants shall be disqualified as a member of USA Boxing if they have ever been convicted of or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to the following:
    - Any crime of violence against children
    - Any sexual offense, regardless of the amount of time since the offense; examples include child molestation, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sodomy, prostitution, solicitation, indecent exposure, etc.
  - Should either of these charges be uncovered from the Background check, or should any of these charges be brought against an Applicant while a member of USA Boxing, **the Applicant will be suspended from USA Boxing until such time as the charges have been cleared.** Charges, which are dismissed due to insufficient evidence, or failure to continue prosecution, will be looked at on an individual basis.
  - The company conducting the Background Screening will notify the Applicant that a disqualifying entry was reported on the Background Check and present the Background Report and FCRA (Fair Credit Reporting Act) letter to the Applicant. In the event the Applicant feels a mistake has been reported in their report, it will be the Applicant’s responsibility to contact the reporting agency and resolve any issues.
  - All information obtained in the Background Screening is confidential information and will not be disclosed outside of the company conducting the Background Screening, except to USA Boxing, indicating that the Applicant did not pass the screening. USA Boxing is not responsible for any errors or omissions with regard to the Background Screening process.
  - USA Boxing reserves the right to modify, change or expand upon their Background Screening standards at any time.
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