

Technical Policies

1. Technical Committee Meetings

The technical committee meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September and April. Beginning May until August, the committee meets as necessary.

2. Tournament Guidelines

Clubs are expected to register for the tournaments via our online registration software. To set up a club account and create your online athlete database – see the Coaches Handbook. If you require further assistance please call the office.

- For **Provincial Championships/advancing tournaments** (“advancing” – meaning the event is a qualifier for a Canadian Championship):

Registration and Weight changes close the Friday before the draw at 4pm.

- The draws for advancing tournaments take place in the Boxing Ontario Office TWO DAYS prior to the tournament.
- After the draw the programs are posted on the website. It is the coaches and athletes’ responsibility to check the website for the date and time of their bouts.
- If they don’t weigh-in at the weight listed on the website they forfeit the bout.
- Athletes must weigh in on the day they are scheduled to box.
- Athletes who are the lone entrant in a weight category will advance to the Canadian Championships provided they weigh in at the correct weight with the Regional Official.
- All competitors for provincial championships must be either a Permanent Resident or Canadian Citizen.

- For **Developmental Tournaments** (or non-advancing/non-qualifying events):

Registration and Weight changes close the Friday at 4pm before the draw.

- The draw may be held in advance at the Boxing Ontario office.
- After the draw the programs are posted on the website. It is the coaches and athletes responsibility to check the website for the date and time of their bouts.
- Athletes only need to weigh-in on the day they compete
- If they don’t weigh-in at the weight listed on the website they forfeit the bout.
- Athletes may ask for a make-up bout at the tournament if they did not GET A BOUT (ex. Opponent did not show up), if time allows.

➤ For **All Tournaments:**

- Registering – You must be registered and paid by the deadline indicated on the website or your athlete will be removed from the draw.

➤ Refunds

All tournament fees collected by Boxing Ontario are forwarded to the tournament host at the tournament

For Non-Advancing Tournaments (Arnie Boehm, Ray McGibbons, Brampton Cup)

- Refunds **will** be given when:

1. The boxer registers for the tournament and is the lone entrant in his/her weight class up until the draw with the result of 'No bout'.
2. The boxer pulls out of the tournament prior to the draw provided payment has already been made.
3. The boxer goes to the tournament with the intention to compete but has their bout cancelled by their opponent this only applies to bouts with only 2 in the weight category. (Final)

- Refunds **will not** be given when:

1. The boxer who had no bout by the time of the draw but requests and takes part in a makeup bout (exhibition) during the tournament.
2. The boxer goes to the tournament competes but subsequently has their bout cancelled by their opponent (applies to Preliminaries, Quarter-finals and Finals)

For Advancing Tournaments (Provincials, Nationals)

1. No refunds will be issued. Under the premise that those who do not get a bout move on to the next phase of the Championships and also receive a subsidy to attend Nationals out of Province.

➤ National Tournament Subsidies

- Athletes who gain a berth to Canadian Championships will receive a subsidy to attend provided the Championship is out of province (not in

Ontario). Only the previous year National Champions and the current year Provincial Champions will receive the subsidy amount. The amount of subsidy will be predetermined by Boxing Ontario Executive Directors. Subsidies will not be given to athletes for Canadian Championships hosted in Ontario.

➤ Tournament Fines/No Shows

- Athletes and or Clubs who pull out from the tournament after the Draw for no valid reason will be subjected to a \$50 fine.
- If an athlete pulls out due to illness a medical note must be provided in order to have the fine waived.
- Athletes are responsible for payment of the fine.
- Athletes who have not paid the fine will be suspended from further competition until such fine is paid.
- Athletes who do not show up at the Canadian Championships will need to provide a doctor's note and/or valid acceptable reason. If a doctor's note or valid reason is not provided the athlete may be subject to disciplinary actions.

➤ Changing Weight

An athlete will be allowed to change weight if the weight category above or below is empty and without a Provincial Champion. If there is no other athletes wishing to move into the same weight category the athlete will be considered Ontario 1 and therefore will not be subject to the subsidy provided to the athletes attending the Canadian Championships. The athlete will be able to benefit from the subsidy amount only in the event the athlete wins Gold.

An athlete is allowed to change weight if the weight category above or below has a Provincial Champion and there are still empty available spots.

In both cases if there are more athletes wishing to change into a weight category above or below than there are available spots there will be a box off (preferably at the next developmental tournament prior to the Canadian Championships) to determine ranking order. The box-off will be refereed by a minimum Level 3 Official and computer scored

Here are some important points to remember about the tournaments

- Athletes **must** be accompanied by their coach during the weigh-in.
- Coaches must pre-register their athletes for the tournament online by the deadline.

- Each club is allowed 2 coaches per tournament in for free. Additional coaches are subject to tournament admission fees.
- If the schedule allows, the Chief Official will consider make up bouts. All make up bouts must be submitted in writing to the Chief Official prior to the weight ins on the day's schedule. Name DOB year of births must be included.
- All coaches must be certified and registered with Boxing Ontario (which means they've submitted and passed a police background check) in order to work a corner at a sanctioned event. Higher levels of competition require higher levels of coaching certification. The Director of Coaching or his appointee may ask to see a valid coaching card at any time (club show or tournament) failure to produce a card could result in expulsion from the corner.
- Registered athletes are not allowed to act as seconds—unless they are certified coaches and registered as a coach with Boxing Ontario

3. Provincial Team Selection

- Gold medal winners at the provincial championships automatically make up the provincial teams that will represent Ontario at the teams' respective National Championships.
- If for some reason the current provincial champion is unable to attend the Canadian Championships Boxing Ontario will make every effort to send a full team. The Technical Committee will select either the silver or bronze medalist (the athlete who lost by the least amount to the champion - it's not always automatically the silver medalist) and offer them the 2nd vacant spot on the team. (Ontario is allowed to send 4 athletes to the Senior Nationals per weight category and 3 athletes per weight category to the Junior C & Youth Nationals. If the weight category is not full then Ontario may apply to Boxing Canada to send additional athletes.)* Number of athletes vary year to year
- Athletes who upgrade from Junior B to Junior C after provincials are eligible to be considered for the Provincial team to appear at Canadian Championships in the event there is an opening and the weight category is not full.
- If a boxer is away competing for Canada missing the provincials they can/will box off with the potential Number 3 person to earn a spot at the Canadian Championships.

4. Team Coach Selection*

Canadian Championship

The Technical Committee uses the following criteria to select 1 team coach to assist the Provincial Coach (Director of Coaching) at the Canadian Championships:

- 1) The coach should be certified Level III NCCP

- 2) The coach must be currently registered with Boxing Ontario
- 3) The coach should have representation (athlete) on the team
- 4) The coach should possess effective communication and organizational abilities.

The Technical Committee will select a 1 Team Coach to attend each Elite and Junior C & Youth Canadian Championships. The Technical Committee starts with a coach that best meets the criteria, and works their way through all coaches whom applied for the position, until an assistant coach has been selected. If a coach meets all the criteria but has recently served as team coach, the position may be offered to the next best qualified to ensure the opportunity to act as a team coach is rotated fairly. The Team Coaches will be responsible for team training sessions during the Canadian Championship and will also act as 'seconds' in athlete's corners (only 1 of the 2 will be required during each bout).

**This policy is subject to change.*

5. Team Leader Selection

In selecting the Team Leader, the Technical Committee will select 1 Team Manager (subject to change) with very good communication skills and organizational skills. The person also must go through the Police Screening process. The technical committee requires:

- a. Those interested must forward their resume or fill out an application form based on the position criteria
- b. The incumbent not have any athlete on the team
- c. The incumbent could be a member of the Executive, Official or Coach.

In the event no successful applicant is chosen the Technical Committee will nominate a current qualified member based on the above criteria.

The technical committee will then only at this point consider an applicant with an athlete on the team (smallest amount).

6. Athlete Upgrades

Please refer to the Boxing Canada rule book for details on upgrades. In general, you can apply to have an athlete upgraded by sending in the following to the Boxing Ontario office.

- The Upgrade Request form
- A photocopy of the boxers record (from their passbook)
- Optional – A letter outlining the rationale for the upgrade
- Please note boxers must have at least 5 bouts and at least 2 wins to be considered for an upgrade.

Please note that Upgrades are reviewed by the Technical Committee after each application.

Please allow one week for processing the request. **Upgrade requests are not accepted at tournaments.** Upgrades required for tournaments are not accepted within 7 days of the registration deadline. To upgrade a boxer from B to C the request must be made 15 days prior to December 31st the previous year (December 15th) and provided the boxer has spent one (1) year of competition at the Junior B level. The request is then sent to Boxing Canada for approval.

- i. Rush Upgrades
 - a. Definition –Upgrade needing to be decided upon within 5 business days
 - b. The technical committee will address any rush upgrades provided a quorum meeting can be arranged. In the event a quorum meeting cannot be arranged, the upgrade cannot be addressed and therefore not granted.
 - c. Rush upgrades come at a cost of \$50.
- ii. All upgrade approvals are majority vote.
- iii. Upgrades without Proof of Bouts
 - a. Athletes cannot be considered for upgrades without proof of bouts.

7. Transfers from International Countries/Other Boxing Organizations

- a. Athletes who transfer from other countries or other organizations and wish to box with Boxing Ontario must provide proof of bouts. Proof of bouts can be provided via Copy of Passbook or direct verification from the International countries boxing association (eg-letter) or other organization.
- b. Should proof of bouts not able to be provided the athlete and coach must:
 1. Provide a signed(both Coach and Athlete) Statement of Declaration outlining the athletes claimed record of bouts, club boxed, any major tournaments boxed, how long the athlete has been boxing, any RCH's, KO, etc.
 2. Given the process above, the athlete's status as a boxer in Ontario is conditional upon proper medical evaluation indicating fitness to box by a licensed physician in Ontario.
 3. Once the athlete is declared fit to box they may then proceed to register with Boxing Ontario through the proper channel.

8. Procedure after RSC(H) or KO

After an athlete suffers an RSC(H) or KO, the following steps need to be taken.

- a. The athlete needs to be examined immediately by a ringside physician and accompanied home. If they are rendered unconscious they need to be taken immediately to the nearest hospital via ambulance.
- b. For an acute knockout they are automatically suspended for 60 days (or more depending on the physician's assessment). For RSC(H) they are automatically suspended for a minimum of 30 days.
- c. The suspension is recorded in the athlete's passbook, the results sheet and a medical flow sheet is forwarded to Boxing Ontario. In addition, the passbook must now be surrendered to a Boxing Ontario official pending the completion of the suspension.
- d. **Before boxers can resume boxing after a suspension they must have their passbook signed off by a medical doctor familiar with boxing or a neurologist. Check with Boxing Ontario for a list of doctors.**

Please note: When an athlete is on a suspension due to a head injury – not only can't they compete, but they must not spar as well.

9. Technical Complaints/Appeals

Complaints must be submitted in **writing no more than 15 days after the event** to one of your regional representatives depending on the nature of the complaint (Regional Director, Coach or Official).

If an issue cannot be resolved within the region the Regional Director, Coach or Official will forward the complaint to Boxing Ontario office for the Technical Committee's attention. **The decision of the Technical committee shall be final and cannot be appealed.**

10. Protests

At qualifying (advancing) provincial championship, a registered coach in good standing may protest the decision of a bout on one of the following three grounds:

1. The referee has given a decision which is clearly against the rules of Boxing Ontario and or Boxing Canada and it results in a disqualification of a boxer or results in a warning that is determinative of the bout (when considering such an incident, a video recording may be used if available).
2. When it is obvious that a judge has made a non-judgmental mistake on their scorecard which results in the wrong decision.
3. A computer malfunction has led to an error in the results.

A protest to overrule a decision of a referee or judge shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Official for the event no later than 30 minutes after the close of the session, along with a protest fee of \$250.00 Canadian. In the protest you must site which of the three grounds you are basing your protest on. If the protest is upheld and the referee or judge is overruled, the protest fee shall be refunded. If the protest is not upheld the protest fee is not refunded. **The decision of the Technical committee shall be final and cannot be appealed.**

Protests will not be accepted at club shows or Developmental Tournaments (e.g. Brampton Cup, Arnie Boehm... etc)

11. Computer Scoring

While clubs shows still use the traditional scoring methods, most major tournaments are scored using the computer system. Therefore it is in your best interest to familiarize both yourself and your athlete with the basic elements of computer scoring.

Here are a few principles:

- 1) In computer scoring, total number of points determines the winner.
- 2) Points are scored when a boxer lands a blow with force from the white portion of his glove in the scoring zone of the opponent. The scoring zone is a triangle comprised of the head and body of the opponent. Blows that are blocked or land on the arms or back of the head or back of the body of the opponent are not considered scoring blows.
- 3) A single clean decisive hit from long range has the best chance of being identified by the judges and producing an accepted score.
- 4) In-fighting flurries, series of wild punching and borderline slapping all have fewer chances of being identified and keyed in as accepted scores.
- 5) There are no added points awarded for 8 counts or knockdowns. Points are derived from the landing of clean blows, if the judges see and record the blow that lead to the 8 count, then a point is awarded, but there are not “automatic points” for knock downs or 8 counts. The purpose of an 8 count is entirely for the boxer’s safety and in no way affects the score.
- 6) Warnings against boxers for rule violations result in 2 points being added to the opponents score.