

## **2026 Western New England Golden Gloves Tournament Fact Sheet & Policies**

The Golden Gloves of America, as an affiliate member of USA Boxing, has the right to make some exceptions to the rules and policies of USA Boxing. Please read and make note of the following rules, policies and procedures.

### **EVENT LOCATIONS & DATES**

#### **Western New England Golden Gloves (Elite & Masters)**

**355 Berkshire Avenue, Springfield, MA**

Saturday, January 11, 2026-Weigh Ins: 4:00-6:00 pm Boxing: 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 17, 2026-Weigh Ins: 4:00-6:00 pm Boxing: 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 24, 2026-Weigh Ins: 4:00-6:00 pm Boxing: 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 31, 2026-Weigh Ins: 4:00-6:00 pm Boxing: 7:00 pm

#### **New England Golden Gloves Championships (Open and Novice)**

**Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack Street Lowell, MA**

Thursday, February 12, 2026-Weigh ins: 5:00 pm Boxing: 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 19, 2026-Weigh ins: 5:00 pm Boxing: 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 26, 2026-Weigh ins: 5:00 pm Boxing: 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 5, 2026-Weigh ins: 5:00 pm Boxing: 7:00 pm

#### **National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions (Elite/Open)**

Sunday, May 10, 2026 – Saturday, May 16, 2026, in Tulsa, OK

### **CONTACTS**

For questions about tournament events, brackets and participation contact Western New England Golden Gloves Tournament Director Dean Fay.

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For questions related to competition, rules, or registration, contact Western New England Golden Gloves Chief of Officials Patty Herlihy  
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## **REGISTRATION**

All entries must be submitted via the online entry through USA Boxing's Web Point.

**All Coaches and Athletes MUST be registered for the tournament using USA Boxing's Web Point.**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **BOXERS:**

The 2026 Western New England Golden Gloves tournament is open to male and female boxers 18 years or older in both the Novice and Open class. Entries will also be accepted for non-advancing, non-tournament bouts in the Master (ages 35+) division. Bouts are not guaranteed.

- All boxers must be actively registered with USA boxing for the 2026 calendar year. Before weighing in, all boxers must present their passbook with 2026 membership card showing a verified date of birth and a current athlete physical which is valid for the dates of competition (i.e., documents must be uploaded to USA Boxing membership profile in advance).
  - Legal non-citizens may compete in non-Olympic weight classes.
  - Boxers must declare only one division and may not compete in multiple divisions or weight classes.

### **COACHES:**

- All coaches must be registered (membership fee paid) and certified (clinic attended/test completed) with USA Boxing. Current SafeSport certification and a completed and cleared background check is also required for all coaches.
- Coaches will not be permitted to work a corner unless they are fully registered and certified.

## **AGE DIVISIONS**

- **Elite division** boxers (both novice and open) must be no younger than 18 years of age at the start of the tournament and no older than 40 at the completion of the tournament.
- **Masters division** boxers must be no younger than 35 years of age at the start of the tournament.

## **EXPERIENCE LEVEL**

- (a) Novice class boxers have not more than 10 bouts. This division advances to regional competition, but not to national competition.
- (b) Open class have 11 or more bouts. This division advances to regional competition, and regional winners advance to nationals.
- (c) Athletes who have competed in other amateur combat/striking sports (e.g., MMA, kickboxing) are required to compete in the open class and may NOT enter as novice without permission from USA Boxing. For information on how to request a waiver for this rule please contact Western New England Golden Gloves Chief of Officials Patty Herlihy at 978-423-4389 or Email: [pah1970111@yahoo.com](mailto:pah1970111@yahoo.com).

## **WEIGHT CLASSES & WEIGH-INS**

**Men's Open & Novice:** 110, 121, 132, 143, 154, 165, 176, 187, 198, 198+

**Women's Open & Novice:** 106, 112, 119, 125, 132, 143, 154, 165, 176, 176+

### **WEIGH-INS:**

Weigh-ins are held 4:00-6:00 p.m. on event days, and only those scheduled to box are required to weigh in. Boxers will be allowed to officially weigh-in twice during this time and will be permitted a trial weight on the official scale prior to their official weigh-in.

**>>> There will be no general weigh-in for this tournament. <<<**

### **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE:**

There is no weight allowance in the Open Class. Novice boxers are allowed 2 lbs.

## **ENTRY DEADLINE, REVIEW OF ENTRIES & TOURNAMENT DRAW**

### **ENTRY DEADLINE:**

All entries must be submitted via the online entry through USA Boxing Web Point registration by Thursday, January 1, 2026.

### **REVIEW OF ENTRIES:**

A complete list of entrants will be emailed to all entered boxers and their coaches, posted on [www.centralcitygym.com](http://www.centralcitygym.com) and posted on Facebook (Western New England Golden Gloves page) periodically prior to the January 1st deadline.

### **TOURNAMENT DRAW:**

The tournament draw will be held at Central City Boxing & Barbell on Saturday, January 3, 2026 with its results posted by Monday, January 5, 2026.

If two or more novice boxers from the same gym are competing in the same weight class and if the draw results in those boxers competing in the first round, there will be a single re-draw. There will be no re-draw for the open class.

### **POSTING OF BOUT SHEETS**

Western New England Golden Gloves bouts sheets will be emailed to all coaches and boxers as well as posted at [www.centralcitygym.com](http://www.centralcitygym.com) and Facebook (Western New England Golden Gloves pages) no less than 48 hours in advance of each event.

**All boxers and coaches are responsible for checking and reviewing bout sheets and being ready to compete on any date they are scheduled to box.**

### **CHECK-IN FOR COMPETITION and NUMBER OF COACHES**

1. Upon arrival at an event, all boxers who are scheduled to compete and their coaches will be required to check in, receive a wristband, and will be directed to the registration and weigh-in area.
2. Only registered boxers and coaches who are on the bout card for that specific night are allowed in the back room.
3. Only two certified coaches are allowed in the corner at one time during the bout.

### **COMPETITION**

1. The Golden Gloves will use the 10-point must system for scoring bouts.
2. Each bout will be judged by five (5) judges who will be seated on four (4) sides of the ring. 3 judges may be used if the event of a shortage of officials.
3. Novice class bouts will consist of three two-minute rounds.
4. Open class bouts will consist of three three-minute rounds.
5. At the discretion of the tournament director and chief of officials, an open class bout may be changed to three two-minute rounds in the interest of time.
6. Masters division boxers will compete in three two-minute rounds unless otherwise agreed to by the coach, tournament director and chief of officials prior to the bout.

### **UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT**

1. Uniforms: see Appendix E on page 54 of the current USA Boxing Rule Book for specifications (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/usa-boxing-national-rule-book>).
2. Approved gloves will be provided at the event and must be worn for competition.
3. Head Gear: see list of approved competition headgear ([https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA\\_Boxing/2020-Refresh/2022---July/Certified-Equipment-Memo-July-25.pdf](https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA_Boxing/2020-Refresh/2022---July/Certified-Equipment-Memo-July-25.pdf))
  - a. The head gear color does not need to coordinate with the color of the assigned corner but wearing the color of the opponent's corner is inadvisable (i.e., avoid wearing red

when you are in the blue corner, or vice versa). **All open boxers must wear open-face headgear (i.e., no cheek protectors).**

4. Hand wraps: see rule 38.3 on page 36 of the current USA Boxing Rule Book for specifications (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/usa-boxing-national-rule-book>).
  - a. Training hand wraps are also allowable for use in competition.

### **WALKOVERS, AWARDS, and SUBSTITUTIONS**

1. A boxer must compete at least once in the tournament to be eligible for advancement or awards.
2. Boxers may advance only if there is competition available in the New England Golden Gloves Championships.
3. Boxers can be awarded a trophy, medal, etc. only if they have competed at least once during the tournament.

He or she must weigh-in and can only be awarded the championship title if they win in the ring or if their scheduled opponent has pulled out. Only in that case can a boxer win by walkover.
4. Each regional director has the right to advance a substitute boxer to represent their region if the winner of that region becomes unavailable.
5. Masters divisions are non-advancing.

### **WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY**

1. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, the tournament director will make an announcement no less than 24 hours prior to the start of the event. This information will be disseminated through e-mail, web site [www.centralcitygym.com](http://www.centralcitygym.com) and on Facebook (Western new England Golden Gloves)
2. Should an event be held despite inclement weather, all coaches and boxers must make accommodations to attend the event. If the boxer does not attend the event, that boxer may be disqualified from the tournament at the discretion of the tournament director and chief of officials.

### **NO-SHOW POLICY**

1. If a boxer cannot attend a scheduled event, the boxer or coach of that boxer must notify the tournament director and chief of officials ([wnegoldengloves@yahoo.com](mailto:wnegoldengloves@yahoo.com) and [pah1970111@yahoo.com](mailto:pah1970111@yahoo.com)) of his or her absence no less than 24 hours prior to the start of the event.

2. Should the boxer or coach fail to notify the tournament director of his or her absence, that boxer will be dropped from the tournament and barred from competition in the following year's tournament.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. All boxers, coaches and representatives must always conduct themselves with the utmost integrity in the spirit of good sportsmanship and in keeping with the traditions of amateur boxing and the Golden Gloves.
2. Any boxer, coach, or representative displaying inappropriate behavior, language or an attitude that is deemed offensive or disrespectful can be disqualified from the tournament at the discretion of the tournament director or chief of officials.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

By entering this tournament, an athlete and their coaches are agreeing:

1. To abide by all policies and procedures.
2. That you will be available for competition on all event dates listed in the tournament schedule.
3. If declared the champion in a specific weight class, you will be available to compete at the New England Golden Gloves Championships as a representative of Western New England Golden Gloves.
4. If competing in the New England Championships as a representative of Western New England, you will wear the team uniform provided the uniform is the correct size.