



# USA BOXING 2022 ELITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES FOR OLYMPIC WEIGHT DIVISIONS

## **Minimum Eligibility Requirements**

To participate in any advancing USA Boxing events and be eligible to compete at the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships, athletes must meet the following criteria:

1. Athlete must have proof of U.S. citizenship
2. Athlete must have a valid and current U.S. passport OR the ability to obtain one within 30 days, following completion of the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships
3. Athlete must be eligible to compete for USA in accordance with USA Boxing and IBA rules.
4. Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Boxing, meaning the athlete is not under suspension from USA Boxing or IBA
5. Athlete must be a minimum of 18 years old by date of birth by the first day of competition at any National Championships qualification events and the 2022 Elite National Championships and cannot be older than 39 years old during the year that the National Championships occurs

## **2022 National Championships Qualification**

The 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships will consist of a maximum of sixteen (16) athletes per \*projected Olympic weight category. Only athletes qualifying through one of the four qualification pathways are eligible to compete in the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships in an \*projected Olympic weight category.

**\*Note: All non-projected Olympic weight categories will be open registration at the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships**

## **Projected Olympic Weight Categories**

### Elite Men's Projected Olympic Weight Categories

51 kg/112 lbs.  
57 kg/125 lbs.  
63.5 kg /139 lbs.  
71 kg/156 lbs.  
80 kg/176 lbs.  
92 kg/203 lbs.  
92+ kg/203+ lbs.

### Elite Women's Projected Olympic Weight Categories

50 kg/110 lbs.  
54 kg/119 lbs.  
57 kg/125 lbs.  
60 kg/132 lbs.  
66 kg/146 lbs.  
75 kg/165 lbs.



## **2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships Qualification Pathways**

In addition to the minimum eligibility requirements above, athletes must meet one of the following qualification markers to qualify for the 2022 Elite National Championships:

1. Athlete must be a member of USA Boxing's 2022 Elite High Performance Squad, according to the 2022 USA Boxing Elite High Performance Squad Qualification Guidelines, which can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Athlete-Selection-Procedures>
  - a. NOTE: 2022 Elite High Performance Team members, selected in accordance with the 2022 Elite High Performance Team Selection Procedures, will bypass the 2022 USA Boxing National Championships and qualify to the Evaluation Stage of the 2023 Elite High Performance Team Selection Process.

The 2022 Elite High Performance Team Selection Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Athlete-Selection-Procedures>

2. Athlete must finish in the top two (2) at the 2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships in a \*projected Olympic weight category.
  - a. December 5-12, 2021 - Shreveport, Louisiana

\*Note: Projected Olympic weight categories for women have changed since the 2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships. Any boxer who competed in a weight that is no longer a projected Olympic weight category must qualify through one of qualification pathways 3-5.

3. Athlete must finish in the top four (4) at the USA Boxing Elite National Qualifier in an Olympic weight category.
  - a. April 23-30, 2022 - Cleveland, Ohio
4. Athlete must finish in the top four (4) at the USA Boxing Elite Summer Festival Competition in an elite Olympic weight category.
  - a. July 9-16, 2022 - Wichita, Kansas

For qualification pathways 1-4, qualified athletes must confirm their participation no later than August 5, 2022. If a qualified athlete does not participate in the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships, his or her qualification will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. If the next ranked boxer declines the opportunity, the qualification of the weight category will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. This process will be followed up until the 8<sup>th</sup> place finisher. If the 8<sup>th</sup> place finisher does not accept the qualification, the qualification place will go unfilled.



5. Athletes who do not meet the above criteria must apply for Wild Card Qualification and be selected by the National Championships Selection Committee, composed of the USA Boxing High Performance Director, USA Boxing Event Manager, and an athlete representative.
  - a. Note: The number of Wild Card qualification slots per weight category will be determined based on the number of remaining slots available to fill a maximum bracket size of 16 boxers. This process will be conducted following the completion of qualification markers 1-4 above.
  - b. To be eligible for a Wild Card selection, an athlete must meet a minimum of one of the following criteria:
    - i. Medalist at an AIBA Elite World Championships
    - ii. Medalist at an AMBC Elite Continental Championships or Pan American Games
    - iii. Medalist at a Youth World Championships
    - iv. Medalist at a Youth Pan American Games or Youth Continental Championships
    - v. Medalist at 2021 USA Boxing Elite National Championships
    - vi. 2022 Youth High Performance Team Member
    - vii. 2022 Youth High Performance Squad Member
    - viii. 2022 Elite Golden Gloves Champion
    - ix. Medalist at 2021 USA Boxing Youth National Championships
    - x. Top 8 at a 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships Qualifier
  - c. The minimum Wild Card Selection criteria above are listed by priority. Therefore, an athlete who meets criteria that is higher on the list will be given a higher ranking than an athlete who meets criteria that is lower on the list.
  - d. For all criteria above, the athlete must have competed at the same weight or a bordering weight class to be considered eligible for selection. If two athletes meet the same criteria at two different weight categories, priority will be given to the athlete who met the criteria while competing in the projected Olympic weight category.
  - e. An athlete who meets multiple criteria may be ranked higher than an athlete who meets only one criterion.
  - f. To be considered for Wild Card selection, interested applicants must submit a Wild Card Application. The Wild Card Application will be made available by September 1, 2022, and must be submitted no later than September 28, 2022. Once available, the Wild Card Application will be posted at the following link:  
<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/Forms-and-Documents/Athlete-Selection-Procedures>

Athletes who qualify through Wild Card selection must confirm their participation in the 2022 National Championships no later than October 11, 2022.

Note: For all criteria above:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who wins the gold medal.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who wins the silver medal.



3. 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the gold medalist in the semi-finals.
4. 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the silver medalist in the semi-finals.

Athletes cannot participate in more than one weight category at the 2022 USA Boxing Elite National Championships. Any athletes who qualify in two or more weight categories must declare in writing, by the registration deadline, as to which weight category he or she will participate in. In the case that an athlete qualifies in more than one weight category, the qualification of the weight category that he or she does not participate in will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. If the next ranked boxer declines the opportunity, the qualification of the weight category will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete in the same weight category from the same qualification pathway. This process will be followed up until the 8<sup>th</sup> place finisher. If the 8<sup>th</sup> place finisher does not accept the qualification, the qualification place will go unfilled.

The ranking order of athletes will be determined as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who wins the gold medal.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who wins the silver medal.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the gold medalist in the semi-finals.
- 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the silver medalist in the semi-finals.
- 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the gold medalist in the quarterfinals.
- 6<sup>th</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the silver medalist in the quarterfinals.
- 7<sup>th</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher in the quarter finals.
- 8<sup>th</sup> place finisher determined as the athlete who lost to the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher in the quarter finals.

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