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Boxing Gloves

The promoter of a boxing event must provide boxing gloves from the Commission's list of approved gloves to all boxers competing in the event. For each bout, the promoter must provide new, or 'like-new' gloves of the same brand, style and weight to each of the two boxers in the bout (unless both boxers agree to different gloves). For title bouts, main events, televised bouts, and/or any bout scheduled to last 10 rounds or more, gloves provided to a boxer must be new and in the manufacturer's original packaging. For all other types of bouts, the gloves must be 'like-new,' meaning they are clean, free of stains or debris, with new laces, and wrapped tightly in plastic.

All gloves will be reviewed by the Commission prior to being placed on the boxers' hands. Gloves must be whole, clean, sanitary and in good condition. Gloves found to be twisted, manipulated, altered, unfit or ill-fitting, shall not be approved and must be replaced with gloves that satisfy the aforementioned criteria. Upon submission, all gloves should be labeled to verify which boxer will be wearing that particular set. The promoter should also have ample pairs to serve as 'back-up' in the case of any glove not meeting the Commission's standards for approval. Consistent with the Regulatory Guidelines of the Association of Boxing Commissions, where both boxers in a bout weigh 147 pounds or less at the official weigh-in, they shall wear eight-ounce boxing gloves. Where one or both boxers weigh more than 147 pounds at the official weigh-in, then both boxers shall wear ten-ounce gloves.

If a boxer wishes to wear a brand and style of boxing gloves that are different than the gloves provided by the promoter, the boxer may do so only if the gloves are on the Commission's list of approved gloves and if one of the following conditions is satisfied: (1) the boxer provides two pairs of boxing gloves, or four pairs of gloves in a title bout, so that the boxer's opponent is given the opportunity to wear the same brand and style of gloves, or (2) the boxer's opponent consents to the boxer wearing the brand and style of boxing gloves that he or she wishes to wear.

To seek approval for the use of boxer-supplied gloves, the boxer must notify the Commission of the request 5 days prior to the bout and must present the gloves for Commission approval no later than the weigh-in. The boxer's opponent shall be informed of the boxer's request to the Commission, and, upon request, will be given the opportunity to observe the Commission's inspection of the gloves.

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