

# 2022 Lowell/Central New England Golden Gloves Fact Sheet & Rules

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 make note of the following key points of the New England Golden Gloves policy, some of which differ from the rules of USA Boxing.

## REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

All entries for the 2022 Lowell/Central New England Golden Gloves must be submitted via the online registration form: <https://forms.gle/jDvcgWu3pwHPQCs26>

**Entry deadline: December 31, 2021 (entries will only be accepted via online registration).**

### BOXERS:

The 2022 Lowell/Central New England Golden Gloves tournament is open to male and female boxers 18 years or older in both the novice and open/elite class. Boxers 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.

- **All boxers must be currently registered with USA boxing.** Before weighing in, all boxers must present their passbook with 2022 membership card and "fit to box" form or physical signed by a medical doctor no less than 12 months prior to the date of competition.
- All boxers must be US Citizens or Legal non-citizens to compete (rule change adopted 5/2018).

### 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, and only 2 coaches are allowed in a corner.**

Lowell/Central New England Open Champions automatically qualify for the New England Tournament of Champions held at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Winners of the Novice Class Greater Lowell/Central New England Tournament of Champions automatically qualify for the New England Novice Championships on February 17<sup>th</sup> & February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## WEIGHT CLASSES & WEIGH-INS

**The following weight classes are being contested for the 2022 Golden Gloves:**

**Men's Open & Novice:** 112\*, 125\*, 139\*, 147, 156\*, 165, 176\*, 189, 203\*, 203+\*

**Women's Open & Novice:** 106, 114\*, 125\*, 132\*, 139\*, 146, 154\*, 165\*, 178, 178+

*(\*indicates Olympic Qualifier weight classes)*

**Weigh-ins are held 5:00-7:00 p.m. on event days and only those scheduled to box are required to weigh in.**

All boxers must weigh in to be officially entered in this tournament and must commit to one weight division. Boxers must be clean shaven (no mustaches or beards) to be allowed on the scale and will be allowed to weigh in twice during the designated weigh-in period. **No weight allowance in the Open Class. Novice boxers are allowed 2 lbs.**

## **EXPERIENCE LEVEL**

- Novice class boxers have not more than 10 bouts.
- Open/Elite class have 11 or more bouts.
- Boxers must declare only one division and may not compete in multiple divisions or weight classes.
- 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 New England Golden Gloves Chief of Officials Laurie Purcell at 978-996-6092, or lapsouth@aol.com

## **EQUIPMENT**

**Head Gear:** All Golden Gloves competition will be conducted with USA Boxing approved head gear. 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 (no cheek protectors).

**Gloves:** All competition will be conducted with approved gloves which will be provided to the athletes.

**MEN:** 10 oz gloves will be used for 112 lbs. to 139 lbs. and 12 oz for weights 147 to 203+.

**WOMEN:** 10 oz gloves will be used for 106 lbs. to 139 lbs. and 12 oz for weights 146 to 178+

**Hand Wraps:** A maximum of one roll of gauze per hand and 6'x1" of tape. Training hand wraps are also allowable for use in competition.

## **COMPETITION**

**Scoring:** The Golden Gloves will use the 10-point must system for scoring bouts.

**Judges:** 5 judges will be used, and all judges' scores will be used.

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

- A boxer must compete at least once in the tournament to be eligible for advancement.
- Regional walkover boxers may advance only if there is competition in the Golden Gloves New England Championships.
- 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 schedule opponent has pulled out. Only in that case can a boxer win by walkover.
- Each regional director has the right to advance a substitute boxer to represent their region if the winner of that region becomes unavailable.

## **BOUT SHEETS**

Central New England Golden Gloves bouts sheets will be posted online and via Facebook no less than 48 hours in advance.