

REPORT TO USA BOXING METRO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 4, 2009

Submitted by
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Metro Tournament Director

As Tournament Director, I respectfully submit this report, along with attached tournament summaries, to the Board.

GOALS FOR 2009/2010

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Wise words that I believe hold true. While it is impossible to make all the people happy all of the time, it is possible to “cure” many of the issues the LBC faced during the course of this year’s tournaments. Changes can and should be made that enable us to run our tournaments more efficiently and effectively. Colorado recognizes the importance of a good tournament director and good tournament committees as essential factors in running a good tournament. Makes sense. Therefore, I would like to work with the Board in establishing various tournament committees in an effort to alleviate many of the issues that prevent us from running our tournaments as effectively as possible.

Officials. Unhappy w/handling and assignments of officials. Lack of communication was a huge problem. Officials were poorly evaluated, if they were evaluated at all. Assignments and car fare issues took a toll on the officials, causing morale to be very low. Messy/incorrect score cards remain an issue. (e.g. Amazura – someone used a score card to write the announcer’s script, several times judges completed incorrect score cards, etc.). Contract terms and obligations regarding assignments were willfully disregarded. A committee would be effective in resolving many of these issues.

Coaches. If you see something, say something. Novice really Open, illegal wraps, etc. The Coaches Committee was very instrumental in helping to resolve situations involving coaches (illegal wraps, unsportsmanlike conduct). I think the Coaches Committee, as well as Eddie Acevedo and Pete Brodsky’s direct involvement, made a difference in keeping issues with the coaches few and far between.

The National Golden Glove team seemed tighter, probably because just finishing the Gloves. Because at least 6 months and the Golden Gloves come between the Metros and the Nationals, I would like to discuss w/the 2010 Nationals team coach the possible benefits of getting the team together for at least 1 meeting and 1 workout session before leaving for the Nationals.

Athletes. A few athletes let their emotions get the best of them, some came in overweight and many didn’t show up. I would encourage the elected Athlete Reps to be involved members of the Board, set good examples, and reach out to the athletes to keep them informed and remind them are of their responsibilities. The athletes should also be aware that they have representation on the Board and would encourage them to take advantage of it.

In conclusion, I encourage open communication among all members of the LBC to make Metro all it can be, keeping our athletes as our main focus and top priority.

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2009 DAILY NEWS GOLDEN GLOVES

The Daily News will review the numbers to determine the feasibility of the tournament for next year. There was a high no-show percentage this year, causing a few nights to be extremely "light". I had nothing but good feedback on the change in handling the ladies, and feel the stricter requirements will prevent the "wannabe's" from even entering next year. The no show situation in the 152 Women left only 1 athlete at the end of the day, so there will be no competition in that weight class at the Finals. There were also a few Open classes that were on the light side, including the 119 Open which is going directly to the Finals and the total absence of the 106 class.

Some of our JO's performed MAGNIFICENTLY in this year's tournament. Not enough can be said for Joe Isaacs and Pedro Sosa, who had the crowd on their feet in their semi-final match up. Chris Ventura and Steven Martinez faced off in a Metro Finals rematch on the 4/17 card. Jayquran Hazel (141 Novice) and Wesley Ferrer (132 Novice) battled 4/5 rounds of boxing to reach the Finals. Many of our JO's, while they didn't make it to the Finals, had very impressive showings.

However, the tournament was not without its share of issues. As a Board, we had to handle situations involving coaches (illegal wraps, unsportsmanlike conduct), but these situations were few and far between. I think the Coaches Committee, as well as Eddie Acevedo and Pete Brodsky's direct involvement, made a difference. A few athletes let their emotions get the best of them and some came in overweight. Many didn't show up.

The biggest issues, however, involved the officials. Unhappy w/handling and assignments of officials. Lack of communication was a huge problem. Early on, there were many who voiced concerns about assignments and car fare. These issues eventually took a toll on the officials, causing morale to be very low.

Under the contract, Metro is to assign a specific number of officials for each show, and each assigned official would be reimbursed car fare. Despite being bound by contract terms, excess officials were present and assigned to virtually all of the shows. Some nights it seemed like there were more officials than athletes. In an effort to pay the unassigned officials car fare, there were many complaints from assigned officials that they didn't receive the correct, or sometimes any, car fare.

Officials were poorly evaluated, if they were evaluated at all. I was told that every official working the Gloves had a "report card" which would be used to determine which officials made the cut towards the Finals. I have never been shown a single report card. Telling a ring captain in the semi-finals to review the score cards for that evening and give their opinion is hardly effective. The reason for assigning an unqualified official is because he/she is "with 4 strong judges" isn't OK. It's an excuse. However, I did have an idea of who should and shouldn't be considered to work the semi's and Finals (see attached).

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Tough decisions for Patrick Neumann, Pedro Sosa and Shem. Great group of young men and some very caring coaches made this a wonderful experience for me.

Things learned:

1. You can cut officials for performance during a tournament.
2. Everyone wants to be Metro.
3. Red corner should at least wear red head gear.
4. Accountability is possible. Three rings, three ring captains, every official evaluated after every bout. Not everyone works the Finals. Weigh in on time, appropriate uniforms and equipment. It works.

2009 REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPICS

2009 NORTHEAST SENIOR REGIONAL

Lake Placid, NY May 15, 2009 - May 17, 2009

Had the opportunity to see both our Open and JO's compete in the Regionals. Tough losses for several of our athletes were very disappointing.

201 Open – Frederick Samuels

WOMEN - WALKOVER WINNERS

101 Laura Ramirez
119 Christina Cruz
132 Camille Curry
141 Lisa Tracy
165 Jennifer Egan
178+ Sonya Lamonakis

JO

Jaime Estrada
Eddie Gomez
Erikron Padilla

Things Learned:

1. Organization is important (byes, applications)
2. Officials make a difference (minutes, decisions, ref)
3. Everybody wants to be Metro



UNITED STATES AMATEUR BOXING

Officials Assignment Sheet

Date 4/17/09 Ring Number 66 Finals

BLACKED OUT BOXES =
QUESTIONABLE ASSIGNMENT

Bout #	Referee	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 5
1.	[Blacked Out]	Keith Cooper	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]
2.	Chris Ali	"	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]
3.	[Blacked Out]	"	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	Robin Taylor
4.	Kurt Hoskin	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	us Murdough
5.	Frank Martinez	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	"
6.	Robin Taylor	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	"
7.	Andy Edell	Danny Gant	Gail Prestia	[Blacked Out]	Christina Barrera	Mike Lemish
8.	Jimmy Kinny	"	"	[Blacked Out]	"	"
9.	Dennis Legall	"	"	[Blacked Out]	"	"
10.	Mike Rosario	Robin Taylor	Andy Edell	[Blacked Out]	Chris Ali	[Blacked Out]
11.	Danny Gant	"	"	[Blacked Out]	"	[Blacked Out]
12.	John Signorelli	"	"	[Blacked Out]	"	[Blacked Out]
13.	Victor Lahdo	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	Keith Cooper	[Blacked Out]
14.	Eddie Claudio	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	[Blacked Out]	"	[Blacked Out]
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Rev. 12/91 Time Keepers = John Holden * Lisa Mendez * Danny Gant
* Robin Taylor * Gail Prestia



UNITED STATES AMATEUR BOXING

Officials Assignment Sheet

Date 7-16-09 Ring Number GG Finals

BLACKED OUT BOXES =
QUESTIONABLE ASSIGNMENT

Bout #	Referee	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 5
1.	[blacked out]	MIKE CARRY	AIKY VELAZQUEZ	ANDY EDELL	ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ	[blacked out]
2.	Frank Pena	"	"	"	"	[blacked out]
3.	[blacked out]	"	"	"	"	[blacked out]
4.	[blacked out]	Jimmy Kinny	Gail Prestia	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	[blacked out]
5.	RANDY BROWN	"	"	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	[blacked out]
6.	JIHAD ABDUL	"	"	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	[blacked out]
7.	EDDIE CLAUDIO	John Signorelli	Cassie Rodriguez	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	[blacked out]
8.	DAVID LLAURADO	"	"	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	[blacked out]
9.	JOSE FERNANDEZ	"	"	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	[blacked out]
10.	DANNY GANT	Dennis Legall	Chris Al.	[blacked out]	Robin Taylor	MIKE CARRY
11.	MIKE LEMISH	"	"	[blacked out]	"	"
12.	FRANK MARTINEZ	"	"	[blacked out]	Eddie Claudio	"
13.	RUBY TAYLOR	[blacked out]	MIKE LEMISH	[blacked out]	Andy Edell	Ernesto Rodriguez
14.	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	"	[blacked out]	"	"
15.	Lou Cadella	[blacked out]	"	[blacked out]	"	"
16.	MS MURDAUGHT	David Llaurado	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	[blacked out]	Jimmy Kinny
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Hi, David. I wanted to try to get this to you sooner, but it's been crazy. I wanted to share my thoughts regarding officials for the semis and finals of the Gloves. We really have to try to stay on point with the terms of the contract - 5 judges, 5 referees, timekeeper and announcer at ringside. I would consider the following:

<u>Referee/Judges</u>	<u>Referees</u>	<u>Judges</u>	<u>Timekeepers</u>
David Llaurado	Victor Lahdo	Christina Borerro	Danny Gant
M.S. Murdaugh	Abdul-Aziz (Novice Only)	Gail Prestia	John Holden
Chris Ali	Frankie Pena	Mike Lemish	Gail Prestia
Eddie Claudio	Dennis Legall	Cassie Rodriguez	
Robin Taylor	Ernesto (Novice Only)	Keith Cooper	
John Signorelli	Alex (Novice Only)	Michael Carryl	
Andy Edell (Novice Only)	Frankie Martinez < 132	Andy Edell	
	Lou Codella		
	Jose Fernandez		
	Mike Rosario		
	Kurt Hoskin (Novice Only)		

I'm sure I am forgetting some officials (because I misplaced my damn list!), but I think this is a good starting point. Let me know your thoughts.

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