



TITLE **EXHIBITION BOUTS**

POLICY # **BC-**

BACKGROUND

Boxing BC has determined a need for a Policy around the creation of Exhibition matches. There has been a significant increase in both the number of exhibition matches and the disparity of experience, age and weight between athletes in requested exhibition bouts. To ensure our athletes' safety is not compromised, criteria are being put in place around the approval of these exhibition matches.

POLICY STATEMENT

The following criteria will be used when determining if a bout which falls outside the Boxing Canada Rules for competition will be allowed to proceed as an "exhibition match". This policy will pertain to all Boxing BC sanctioned shows and tournaments.

KEY POINTS

1. The Spirit and Intent of an exhibition match is to enhance the skill development and experience of an athlete in a controlled positive environment.
2. Approval of exhibition matches will be at the sole discretion of Boxing BC and the Chief Official.
3. Exhibition bouts will not appear on the fight card or tournament program until approval is given.
4. Exhibition matches may take place only between novice boxers.
5. Permission for exhibition matches between open boxers will only be given under special circumstances when requested by the athletes' coaches.
6. A mandatory meeting of the coaches, athletes and a designated official will take place after weigh-ins and before the show begins where all parties will discuss the spirit and intent of the match and sign an agreement of their commitment.
7. The referee will control the bout from inside the ring and will provide instruction to the athletes.
8. Competitive heavy blows are discouraged. Both the referees and coaches have a responsibility to discourage these heavy blows. The referee of the match will be instructed to stop the bout if either boxer becomes overly aggressive and continue throwing competitive heavy blows.
9. Bouts will not be judged. Both boxers will be declared winners both in the ring and in their boxing Passports.

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