



World Gay Boxing Championships Sydney, February 2023

Boxers' Handbook

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Objective

The World Gay Boxing Championships is an amateur boxing event for the LGBTQIA+ community and our allies. Our aim is to promote boxing to and amongst the LGBTQIA+ and wider community, providing opportunities for LGBTQIA+ people and their allies to compete in the sport of boxing in a safe and friendly environment. The material and information contained in this document is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as medical, legal, or other advice.

Organiser

WGBC is responsible for the organisation of the World Gay Boxing Championships, in conjunction with Boxing Australia and Boxing Australia (New South Wales)

Contacts

Enquiries about registration requirements or clearances should be emailed to registrations@wgbc.org.au

Competition

(a) Dates

The championships will be held from Sat 18 Feb to Wed 22 Feb 2023 inclusive. All relevant medical documentation must be available when attending the Sport Entry Check on Thursday 16 February 2023.

(b) Venue

The Championships will be held at the Winx Stand at Royal Randwick racecourse, Alison Road, Randwick.

(c) Timetable

Close off nominations by boxers	Tue, 20 December 2022
Recommend boxers arrive by	Sun, 12 Feb 2023
Recommend international boxers do online serology request with iMedical and go to a Collection Centre with the request.	No later than Mon 13 Feb
Central medical exam for international boxers who have their serology results – doctor to do CSA Fitness Certificate & Serology Cert	Tue 14 Feb & Wed 15 Feb
Sport Entries Check. All boxers must attend with record book and paperwork. O/S Fitness & Serology certificates to be emailed to CSA	Thu, 16 Feb 23
Official draw & Technical Meeting (coaches should attend, others welcome)	Fri, 17 Feb 23
Weigh-in day 1, competition session (Times to be advised)	Sat, 18 Feb 23
Weigh-in day 2, competition session (Times to be advised)	Sun, 19 Feb 23
Weigh-in day 3, competition session (Times to be advised)	Mon, 20 Feb 23
Weigh-in day 4, competition session (Times to be advised)	Tue, 21 Feb 23
Weigh-in day 5, competition session & closing (Times TBA)	Wed, 22 Feb 23

(d) Rules in general

- The Championships will be conducted in line with Boxing Australia's Technical and Competition rules with any adaptations outlined in this handbook
- Nationally accredited referees and judges will be used, and each bout will be judged by three judges
- Manual scoring cards will be used by judges for each bout
- A medical officer will be present at the ring whenever competition is taking place
- All bouts will comprise three rounds of two minutes duration, with a one-minute break between rounds, except Novice Masters and Masters aged 60+ (3 x 1.5 minute rounds)
- All competing boxers will use 16oz gloves provided by WGBC. You cannot use your own gloves
- All boxers will wear an open face headguard. You may wear your own headguard if it is IBA-approved, otherwise headguards will be provided by WGBC
- All boxers must wear IBA-approved wraps (bandages) on their hands - these will be inspected for compliance at the gloving area
- Each boxer should bring a red and a blue singlet so that they are wearing the correct colour for their randomly assigned corner. The singlet may be worn over a plain t-shirt if desired.
- Competing boxers must wear shorts without pockets
- Competing boxers should wear shoes/boots with a smooth sole to avoid tripping or injury
- Boxers must wear a properly fitted mouthguard, which must not be partially or fully red in colour
- Boxers must wear a groin-guard or cup protector where appropriate
- Boxers may wear a breast protector where appropriate
- Boxers must not have glasses, bracelets, rings, earrings or piercings when competing. Soft contact lenses are permitted
- Long hair must be contained with a net to avoid injury or cause impediment to either boxer
- Only plain water in a clear bottle is allowed in the field of play and within the corners. No glass is permitted in the Field of Play
- The referee uses the four (4) following verbal commands:
 - « BOX » to order the boxers to begin or resume the fight
 - « STOP » to order to the boxers to stop -
 - « BREAK » when the boxers must take a step back, then continue boxing
 - « TIME » to advise the timekeeper to pause the stopwatch
- A boxer can only compete once on any day.

Registration eligibility

(a) IBA affiliation

To participate in the Championships a boxer or coach can be currently registered through a national boxing association that is affiliated with the International Boxing Association (AIBA), otherwise please refer *the GROUP 4 information later in this document*.

Each boxer must bring with them their current Competition Record Book.

Boxers who reside in New South Wales must be registered with the NSW Combat Sports Authority. *Note that the NSW CSA will not register you if you have had experience as a professional boxer; if so, you will not be able to take part in this event.*

(b) Registration process and requirements

Registration will be done by via [WGBC2023 Nomination Form \(blocksurvey.io\)](https://www.blocksurvey.io)

Boxers must nominate in the relevant age category, the desired gender category, the relevant experience category, and the desired weight division.

Boxers must provide clear legible copies of the following documentation:

- Identity and age proof - at time of registration;
- member association clearance to compete, before 31 January 2023

Coaches must provide clear legible copies of the following documentation:

- Identity and age proof, before 31 January 2023
- member association current registration, before 31 January 2023

(c) Boxer age requirements

The age of a boxer is based on the age they have reached or will reach in the calendar year. So, for example a person who turns 19 in the year of competition is deemed to be 19 for that entire calendar year.

The competition age groups are Youth (17-18 years), Elite (19-40 years) and Masters (41-50, 51-60, or 61-70+ years).

- Boxers born in 2005 or 2006 will compete in the Youth division.
- Boxers born between 1983 and 2004 inclusive will compete in the Elite division.
- Boxers born before 1983 will compete in the Masters division.

(d) Experience

Boxers will be matched in one of three experience categories:

- Novice (0-5 previous bouts)
- Intermediate (6-9 previous bouts)
- Experienced (10 or more previous bouts)

Details of experience in other forms of combat sport must be disclosed.

(e) Weight divisions

There will be a limited number (8) of weight divisions available as follows:

Women and non-Binary athletes*: 48-50kg, 50-52kg, 54-57kg, 57-60kg, 66-70kg, 70-75kg, 75-81kg and 81kg+

Men and non-Binary athletes*: 54-57kg, 60-63.5kg, 63.5-67kg, 71-75kg, 75-80kg, 80-86kg, 86-92kg and 92kg+

Participant eligibility

Participants eligible for the men's and non-binary athletes' division include cisgender men, gender diverse and non-binary people (assigned male at birth) and trans men who have been taking

gender affirming testosterone hormone therapy for a period of 12 months or more (This is to ensure safe and meaningful competition for all athletes).

Participants eligible for the women's and non-binary athletes' division include cisgender women, gender diverse and non-binary people (assigned female at birth), and trans women who affirmed their gender before puberty. Trans women or gender diverse participants who affirmed their gender after puberty please contact WGBC for further information.

(f) Non-title bouts

There are several circumstances where a boxer might be able to be matched for a non-title bout, as follows:

- If a boxer fails to make the weight for their nominated title division
- If a boxer is eliminated from the titles competition, but wishes to have another bout
- If a boxer does not have anyone in their age/weight/gender/experience division.

In such cases the boxer's coach can attempt to match the boxer with a person close to their weight/age/experience for a competition bout and medals can be awarded. The opponent could be another unmatched boxer, one who has failed the weigh-in, or one who has completed their championship bout(s).

In such a situation, a Youth boxer may box an Elite boxer if the age difference does not exceed 24 months. And an Elite boxer may box a Masters boxer if the age difference does not exceed 10 years.

(g) Exhibition bouts

If there is no suitable opponent for a boxer, their coach may attempt to arrange an exhibition bout, subject to approval by the senior technical official. Boxers in an exhibition must restrain the intensity of their punches or the bout will be stopped. There is no judging permitted of exhibition bouts, but the boxers may each be given an identical participation medallion.

(h) Serology (blood tests)

Blood tests required by the NSW Combat Sports Authority are:

- HIV combined antigen- antibody (HIV Ag/Ab),
- Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg),
- Hepatitis C antibody (HCV Ab).

At the Sport Entry Check on Thurs 16 Feb, boxers must produce [a Serological Certificate in the approved form of the NSW Combat Sports Authority](#) The certificate must be dated less than six months before the competition. (NSW residents with a CSA medical book can produce their book instead of the certificates, provided the book entries are up to date).

International boxers

Boxers resident overseas are required to have their medical exam and blood test done in Australia. The iMedical online service takes blood test requests direct from the patient without the need for a doctor's referral. It is recommended the blood tests are done by Mon 13 Feb, to get your results back in time for a doctor to examine you and sign your Fitness Certificate and Serology Certificate.

This examination should be done no later than Wednesday 15 Feb. Refer to the [Group 3](#) or [Group 4](#) sections of this document for details about how to get blood tests and medical examination.

Accreditation

Boxers, coaches, and technical officials will be provided with an accreditation pass and photograph. Coaches must wear their pass when entering the Field of Play area.

Unless otherwise approved, only persons accredited with one of IBA's national associations will be permitted to enter the Field of Play area as a coach.

Weigh-in & medical examination

Each boxer will be weighed on the official scales on any day when they are to compete, to ensure they achieve the correct weight for their division. Their weight will be recorded in their medical record book. Failure to make the nominated weight division means the boxer is out of the championship competition, but their coach may attempt to negotiate a non-title bout if an opponent is available.

Field of Play and conduct

The Field of Play area comprises the boxing ring and the area immediately adjacent on all four sides, which will be cordoned off from anyone except designated officials. Boxers and coaches will enter the Field of Play when called for the bout and will leave the area immediately after the result is announced.

Persons entering the Field of Play must ensure that any mobile phone they have with them is switched off and remains off till they have left the Field of Play.

A boxer or coach who behaves inappropriately, including use of abusive language, will be excluded from taking any further part in the event and may be banned from the venue.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOXERS REGISTERING FOR WGBC

GROUP 1. PERSONS RESIDING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Boxers resident in NSW must:

- (a) have a boxing medical exam and serology (blood) test for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C; and
- (b) register online as a combatant with the NSW Combat Sports Authority; and
- (c) register as a member with Boxing Australia NSW.

(a) Have a boxing medical exam & blood test

You must get a boxing medical fitness exam recorded by a doctor on the NSW Combat Sports approved form, which can be downloaded from here:

https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/csa_form_certificate_of_fitness_for_combat_sports.pdf

The Medical Fitness exam must be dated less than a year prior to the WGBC event (so on or after 23 February 2022).

You must also get a serology (blood) test for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. The results must be recorded by a doctor on the Combat Sports approved form which can be downloaded from here:

https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/csa_form_serology_clearance_certificate_s7_oct_2014.pdf

The Serology Certificate must be dated less than 6 months prior to the WGBC event (so on or after 26 August 2022). *For boxers under 18, the period is 12 months, so on or after 23 February 2022.*

(b) Register with NSW Combat Sports Authority

You must apply online to register as an amateur combatant with the NSW Combat Sports Authority. This is a legal requirement for NSW residents and involves a \$20 fee, valid for three years.

You need to create a Service NSW account (if you don't have one already) at:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/how-create-myservicewsw-account>

Once created, you then need to register with Combat Sports via this link:

https://www.onegov.nsw.gov.au/GLS_Portal/snsw/Account.mvc/LogonSNSW?returnUrl=/gls_portal/combatforms&logonMode=ServiceNsw

Online registration requires you to provide proof of identity, and a passport-style photo.

You may refer to the following web page for more information:

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/combat sports/registration/combatant-registration>

This registration should be done **at least a month** before the WGBC event to ensure Combat Sports can process it in a timely manner. We recommend doing this even earlier than that.

Note: Former professional boxers cannot register with NSW CSA as an amateur.

(c) Register with Boxing Australia New South Wales

You must apply online to register as a boxer for 2023 with Boxing Australia New South Wales*. This involves a fee and should be done as soon as possible after 1 January 2023 from the following website page: <https://www.boxingsw.org.au/registration/>

** Note: persons resident in southern NSW close to Canberra may register with Boxing ACT instead. They must still register with NSW Combat Sports as well.*

GROUP 2. PERSONS RESIDING IN AUSTRALIA OUTSIDE NSW

Boxers resident in Australia excluding NSW must:

- (a) register as a member with the Boxing Australia member association in their state/territory; and
- (b) have a boxing medical and a serology (blood) test for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C; and
- (c) obtain from the member association in their state/territory a Clearance Certificate.

(a) Register with Boxing Australia in your state/territory (not NSW)

You must apply online to register as a boxer for 2023 with Boxing Australia's member association in the state or territory where you live. This involves a fee payable for the calendar year and should be done as soon as possible after 1 January 2023 from the relevant page below. They will send you a Boxer Competition Record Book.

ACT: <https://www.boxingact.org.au/registration/>

NT: <https://www.boxingnt.org.au/registration/>

QLD: <https://www.boxingqueenslandinc.org/registration/>

SA: Competitor Registration Form at <https://www.boxingsa.org.au/forms/>

TAS: Competitor Registration Form at <https://www.boxingtas.org.au/bat-boxer-registration-form/>

VIC: <https://www.boxingvic.org.au/registration/>

WA: <https://www.boxingwa.org.au/registration/>

(b) Have a boxing medical exam

The medical exam should be recorded in the blue Competition Record Book issued by your state/territory member association. The exam must be signed by the doctor and dated less than a year prior to the WGBC event (so on or after 23 February 2022).

You must also get a serology (blood) test showing you are clear of HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C; this must be dated less than 6 months prior to the WGBC event (on or after 26 August 2022). *For boxers under 18, the period is 12 months, so on or after 23 February 2022.*

(c) Obtain a Clearance Certificate from your member association

You will need to request a Clearance Certificate from your state/territory member association, stating that you comply with NSW Combat Sports Authority requirements. The certificate must include the following information:

- Boxer's name and date of birth
- The name and dates of the event (World Gay Boxing Championships, 18-22 Feb 2023)
- You are currently registered as a boxer with your member association
- You are an amateur and have never contested for money or other valuable reward
- You are not currently medically or otherwise suspended
- The date of your last boxing medical exam that declared you fit to box; this date must be less than a year prior to the WGBC event (so on or after 23 February 2022)
- The date of a serology test stating you tested negative for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C; this date must be less than 6 months prior to the WGBC event (on or after 26 August 2022). *For boxers under 18, the period is 12 months, so on or after 23 February 2022.*
- Name and signature of the member association's clearance official
- Date signed by the member association's clearance official

The clearance certificate must be sent by email to registrations@wgbc.org.au no later than 31 January 2023 to allow time for processing by NSW Combat Sports Authority.

GROUP 3: OVERSEAS RESIDENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE

Overseas boxers (i.e., not resident in Australia) must:

(a) Obtain from their national IBA-affiliated boxing association a letter of clearance to compete in Australia; and

(b) Upon arrival in Australia, have a blood test for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. This must be done in Australia.

(c) After receiving your blood test results you need to be examined by a doctor, in Australia.

(a) Apply to your IBA-affiliated national association for a clearance letter.

You must be a registered boxer with the IBA-affiliated national boxing organisation in your country. You should apply to that national boxing organisation for a letter clearing you to compete in Australia. This should be done well in advance. Email it to registrations@wgbc.org.au so we can verify with CSA that it is acceptable.

(b) Have a blood test performed in Australia

The iMedical online service takes blood test requests direct from the patient without the need for a doctor's referral. Refer to their website:

<https://imedical.com.au/order/blood-tests/private-blood-tests/build-your-own-blood-test>

Boxers need to select the following 3 tests from the "Build your own blood test" menu shown below:

- Hep B sag (+\$22.00)
- Hep C ab (+\$22.00)
- HIV ab/ag (+\$25.00)

For the above three tests total cost including a \$19 build-your-own fee, is \$88.



The iMedical online facility allows you to print your own blood test request. You then the request to a Collection Centre operated either by Laverty Pathology or Australian Clinical Labs. Both companies have many centres including some in the Darlinghurst/Surry Hills area. Results are emailed to the patient within 24-48 hours.

The boxer must then bring the email in hard copy or on their phone, to the medical exam so the doctor can sign off the Combat Sports Serology Certificate.

(c) Have a medical examination performed in Australia

Once you have your blood test results you need to be medically examined by a doctor.

The doctor must complete a Combat Sports Fitness Certificate, which can be downloaded from here: https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/csa_form_certificate_of_fitness_for_combat_sports.pdf

In addition, the doctor must complete the Combat Sports Serology Certificate which can be downloaded from here:

https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/csa_form_serology_clearance_certificate_s7_oct_2014.pdf

The medical exam can be done privately or may be done by emailing registrations@wgbc.org.au to facilitate appointments at [Holdsworth House Medical Practice](#)

The doctor must complete both the Fitness Certificate, and the Serology Certificate. These forms must be handed in at the Sport Entry Check on Thursday 16 February.

GROUP 4: OVERSEAS RESIDENTS WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE

Some overseas boxers (i.e., not resident in Australia) may not be able to get a clearance letter from their national boxing association because of discriminatory policies or the risk of persecution. Such boxers must:

- (a) Register as a combatant with the NSW Combat Sports Authority, well in advance
- (b) Upon arrival have a blood test for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. This must be done in Australia.
- (c) Have a medical examination performed in Australia
- (d) Sign a Boxing Australia compliance declaration.

(a) Register as a combatant with the NSW Combat Sports Authority

You must apply **online** to register as an amateur combatant with the NSW Combat Sports Authority. This involves a \$20 fee.

You firstly need to create a Service NSW account at:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/how-create-myservicew-account>

Once created, you then need to register with Combat Sports via this link:

https://www.onegov.nsw.gov.au/GLS_Portal/snsw/Account.mvc/LogonSNSW?returnUrl=/gls_portal/combat-forms&logonMode=ServiceNsw

Online registration requires you to provide proof of identity, and a passport-style photo.

You may refer to the following web page for more information:

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/combatsports/registration/combatant-registration>

This registration should be done at least a month before the WGBC event to ensure Combat Sports can process it in a timely manner.

Note: Former professional boxers cannot register with NSW CSA as an amateur.

(b) Upon arrival have a blood test for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

Your blood test for HIV, Hepatitis B & C must be done in Australia. The iMedical online service takes blood test requests direct from the patient without the need for a doctor's referral. Refer to their website:

<https://imedical.com.au/order/blood-tests/private-blood-tests/build-your-own-blood-test>

Boxers need to select the following 3 tests from the "Build your own blood test" menu (see overleaf):

- Hep B sag (+\$22.00)
- Hep C ab (+\$22.00)
- HIV ab/ag (+\$25.00)

For the above three tests total cost including a \$19 build-your-own fee, is \$88.



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The boxer must then bring the email in hard copy or on their phone, to the medical exam so the doctor can sign off the Combat Sports Serology Certificate.

(c) Have a medical examination performed in Australia

Once you have your blood test results you need to be medically examined by a doctor.

The doctor must complete Combat Sports Fitness Certificate , which can be downloaded from here: https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/csa_form_certificate_of_fitness_for_combat_sports.pdf

In addition, the doctor must complete the Combat Sports Serology Certificate which can be downloaded from here:

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The medical exam can be done privately or may be done by emailing registrations@wgbc.org.au to facilitate appointments at [Holdsworth House Medical Practice](#).

The doctor must complete both the Fitness Certificate, and the Serology Certificate. These forms must be handed in at the Sport Entry Check on Thursday 16 February.

(d) Sign a Boxing Australia compliance declaration.

You need to sign a short declaration to Boxing Australia promising to obey the rules and the anti-doping code. This form will be provided for you at the Sport Entry Check on Thursday 16 February.