



USA BOXING DEVELOPMENTAL BOUTS PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to expand our membership allowing boxers not quite ready for a real competitive match to get their feet wet and be in a comfortable situation.

Development Bouts under AIBA and USA Boxing Rules

The purpose of Development Bouts is to develop technical competence in boxers in order to prepare them for competition. Coaches and Referees are to discourage Boxers' aggression and heavy punching.

The guidance regarding Development Bouts is as follows:

1. Development Bouts may only be conducted as part of an event sanctioned by USA Boxing.
2. All Development Bouts must take place prior to competitive bouts.
3. Boxers are matched on age, weight, and experience. Boxers, their coaches, the event Supervisor, and the Sanction Holder must approve Development Bouts.
4. Boxers participating in Development Bouts must be registered with USA Boxing.
5. Development Bout boxers must complete weigh-in, pre-bout physical, and post-bout physical.
6. Only registered Boxers, who have had less than three (3) judged Bouts, may participate in Development Bouts.
7. The Ring Announcer must clearly identify and announce the purpose of Development Bouts.
8. The Referee must conduct the Development Bout as a competitive bout.
9. The Development Bout is entered in the Decision section of the USAB passbook as "Dev Bout."
10. Development Bout contests are limited to three (3) rounds of one (1) minute, with one (1) minute rest between rounds.
11. The use of approved headgear is mandatory.
12. Gloves may be 12oz or 16oz. Both boxers must wear gloves of the same weight.
13. During Development Bouts, one (1) coach per corner must remain standing on the ring apron.
14. Judges may not score the Bout. There is no decision.
15. At the conclusion of the Development bout, both boxers' hands are be raised by the Referee in the center of the ring.
16. A Boxer may participate in a maximum of six (6) Development Bouts.
17. A Boxer may revert to a Development Bout after having a competitive bout, but not once the Boxer has had three (3) judged Bouts.
18. Development Bouts may not count toward mandatory experience needed for open status, nor for national events that require minimum experience, such as USA Boxing advancing tournaments.
19. Exhibition bouts are prohibited.

For reference: <http://www.abae.co.uk/aba/index.cfm/news/skills-bouts-under-aiba-rules/>