



USA Boxing

10 Point Must Scoring Criteria for Judges

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10-Point Judging System for AOB

- Electronic Scoring: All Scores will be utilized.
- Manual Scoring: The use of 3 or 5 Judges are allowed at the LBC level if there is a shortage of Officials. All scores will be utilized.
- At the end of each round, Judges enter their round score for the boxers.
- After each round, the Referee collects the scorecards, and delivers them to the Supervisor.
- Judges award points based on the Scoring Allocation. Judges may not score a tie in a round.

Scoring Allocation:

- 10-9 Close Round: A very close round, with boxers evenly matched in most criteria.
- 10-8 Clear Winner: Clear winner due to the difference in quality blows scored, or an advantage in other scoring criteria.
- 10-7 Total Dominance: One boxer is completely dominant over the other Boxer in all criteria.

****At the end of the Bout: The bout result cannot be a tie. If a Judge has a tie at the end of the bout, the judge will be asked to select a winner for the bout.****

Scoring Criteria:

- 1) Number of Quality blows on target area
- 2) Domination of the bout by technical and tactical superiority
- 3) Competitiveness

What does a Quality Blow mean?

- The blow must connect in the correct area of the body.
- The blow must have the weight of the body or shoulder.
- The blow must connect with the knuckle surface of glove.
- The blow must connect without infringing a rule.
- The blow must be cleanly connected.
- The Judge must have clear vision of the punch

**** Remember that a Body blow meets the Quality Blow & Technique/ Tactic criteria and should count more than a simple jab. ****

What does Technique & Tactics mean? Basically, this means a boxer who demonstrates ring generalship.

- A Boxer who causes their opponent to miss and makes them vulnerable to punches
- A Boxer throwing effective counter jabs and stands their opponent off
- A Boxer who sets the positions in the ring and the pace of the action (for example – lateral movement)
- A Boxer who neutralizes the style or type of boxer: slugger vs. boxer, southpaw vs. orthodox, cuts off the ring, works opponent into a corner, etc.
- A Boxer who displays superior defense – successfully avoids the clean hit of an opponent by blocking, slipping, weaving parrying, and good footwork

**** **Body Punch:** is a Tactic and requires Technique to throw! ****

What does Dominating an Opponent mean?

- A Boxer who is the “Effective Aggressor.”
- A Boxer who controls the bout with a combination of attack and defense, scores cleanly while defending against counter punching.
- A Boxer who forces the action and sets the tempo of the bout.

****Remember** – A Boxer who is constantly attacking by going forward is not necessarily an “Effective Aggressor”**

What does Competitiveness mean?

- A Boxer who doesn't give up
- A Boxer who loses the first round and comes back stronger
- A Boxer who gets knocked down and comes back stronger
- A Boxer who realizes their strategy didn't work in the first round and changes it in subsequent rounds

Summary - When looking at the Scoring Criteria, the first one is the most important one. It pertains to the number of quality blows in the target area. After all, we are a contact sport. We all know that all bouts are different and have unique qualities. Even though we should be able to determine a winner of a round the majority of the time with the first criteria, the bout is scored with the evaluation of all three (3) criteria. We must not resort to going backwards, meaning going back to robotic scoring.