

2022 BOXING ONTARIO PROVINCIAL QUALIFICATION PLAN

Boxing Ontario postponed/cancelled its large-scale qualifying tournament that was scheduled to take place in mid-Jan. We are now moving to a smaller, controlled format that will allow us to limit contact amongst participants.

Plan A: Provincial Selection Competition

- Host qualifying test events that would follow a similar format as a club competition.
- A draw would be used to determine the match ups.
- Attending the test events would be the athletes in weight classes that must be contested (3 or more boxers).
- Boxers in classes with 2 or fewer participants would automatically advance.
- All participants (coaches, boxers, officials and admin staff) must be vaccinated (medical exemptions not allowed)
- All participants would be required to complete a rapid test prior to entry into the event.
- No Spectators
- Additional safety precautions would include schedule bout times to allow for added time in-between bouts to sanitize the ring and reduce the instances of people coming in close-contact.
- Based on Provincial Qualification Registration, the first session would require 11 bouts and 8 for the second.

Plan B: Provincial Selection Evaluation Session

In the case that Ontario is not able to host the above boxing event, we are looking to hold a “closed” evaluation camp with the above parameters. A closed session would be allowed by the Government of Ontario, provided each athlete has an official letter stating they are vying to compete at the National Championships and are thus considered to be on the Olympic pathway. This commendation letter would allow identified athletes to be exempted them from current lockdown measures and give them the opportunity to continue to train. Only athletes participating in the qualifying process would receive such a letter. The format for the closed event would follow the same format as above and would take place at the beginning of February.

Plan C: Provincial Technical Selection

In the highly unlikely event that Plan A or B is absolutely not possible, Ontario would defer to a technical selection process that would identify boxers to be considered for the 2022 National Team. This is obviously a last resort as it does not guarantee we are putting the names of the best athletes forward. At present, boxing in Ontario has changed significantly with many of our older and experienced boxers having turned pro or retiring. The bright side is we have many new boxers, however they are much less experienced and not necessarily well suited to the huge step up to international competition. In these trying times all we can do is find the best way forward at the moment these decision are made.