



Boxing Ontario Competitor Upgrade Criteria

Boxing Ontario's High-Performance Committee has developed criteria to determine an athlete's eligibility for upgrade.

Boxing Ontario's High-Performance Committee, or other Committee as designated by the Board of Directors, will assemble an Upgrade Committee. The Committee will assess each submission and determine if the athlete will be upgraded to the open class for competition.

The Committee must be a minimum of three members and may include persons outside of the High-Performance Committee. The Upgrade shall be approved by Boxing Ontario Board of Directors.

Boxing Canada Rules and Articles Rule 2.2 (Revised 2017) states the following.

Rule 2.2. A Novice boxer may be considered for Open competition based on the judgement of his/her Provincial Branch Executive, provided the boxer has competed in at least five (5) bouts as a Novice with two (2) wins and no more than two (2) completed exhibition bouts.

This rule provides the minimum criteria required by Boxing Canada for consideration. It is the responsibility of the province to appropriately assess, based on factors, that may not make a boxer eligible to upgrade to Open competition.

The Upgrade Committee's determination is not solely based on a single criterion, but elements of each criterion are to be considered by the committee. Safety of the boxer is paramount while considering eligibility.

The committee decision must be unanimous to confirm eligibility.

Criteria

- Bout Results (Wins vs Losses)
 - Points (Unanimous vs Split Decisions)
 - Referee Stops Contest (RSC)
 - Knockouts (KO)

- Duration Between Bouts and Competitions
 - Less than 6 months
 - Greater than 6 months

- The boxer's ability to obtain competitive bouts for development based on their Classification. Classification is based on age, and gender.
 - Age of competitors in all Classifications
 - Considerations for competitors in younger age classification (Junior A and Junior B)
 - Weight Categories of competition in all Classifications
 - Recognizing level of competition in certain weight categories
 - Gender Classification
 - Age classification level of competition
 - Weight classification level of competition

- The committee receives an increase of upgrade requests for tournaments. There is a potential during a draw that newly upgraded boxer could compete against a very experienced boxer. The committee must be cognizant of the safety and welfare of the competitors entering a tournament. Further factors for eligibility must be based on the following factors in addition to previous criteria.
 - Level of competition and experience of others in the boxer's classification
 - The potential for a competitor to withdraw early in the competition based on the draw

- The Upgrade Committee may notwithstanding determine a boxer's ineligibility but must provide reasons that are not included in the above criteria.