



FACT SHEET
2026 MICHIGAN GOLDEN GLOVES
WEST MICHIGAN TOURNAMENT
SANCTIONED BY UNITED STATES AMATEUR BOXING #26-19-730923
 (As of 12/4/2025)

CONTACTS: Tournament Information: Brian Lentz/MGGA President, Board of Directors – (616) 617-8045
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2026 DATES: West Michigan - Friday, March 13th, Saturday, March 14th, Sunday, March 15th
 State Semi-Finals & Finals – Friday, April 10th, Saturday, April 11th

VENUE SITE: Aquinas College - Sturris Sports & Fitness Center
 1580 Fulton St. E.
 Grand Rapids, MI 49506

PARTICIPANTS: USA Boxing registered athletes. Elite (ages 18 – 40), Novice, Open. Youth, Juniors and Masters can participate on a matchmaking basis but will not be in an advancing bracket.

REGISTRATION/WEIGH-INS: **REGISTRATION PROCESS – BOXERS & COACHES MUST BE CURRENT WITH USA BOXING:**

Boxers:

Boxers must register by one of the following methods on or before March 10, 2026:

1. **PREFERRED METHOD** – Boxer Registration link located on Michigan Golden Gloves website (<https://michigangoldengloves.com/>)
2. By US Mail to PK Boxing or in person at PK Boxing – 652 28th Street, SW – Suite B – Wyoming, MI 49509. Boxer registration forms are available for download on the Michigan Golden Gloves website (<https://michigangoldengloves.com/>) or at PK Boxing.

(BOXERS - YOU MUST DECLARE YOUR DIVISION AND WEIGHT CLASS AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. IF YOU DO NOT MAKE THE DECLARED WEIGHT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH WHICH IS THE INITIAL WEIGH-IN DATE, YOU WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE TO A DIFFERENT WEIGHT CLASS IF THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE.)

Coaches:

Coaches, must register online via the registration link that is located on the Michigan Golden Gloves website (<https://michigangoldengloves.com/>) **on or before March 10, 2026.**

WEIGH-IN PROCESS:

All weigh-ins will be held at the Michigan Golden Gloves Center; 526 Broadway Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (downstairs).

IMPORTANT: Boxers and coaches must bring in their current USA Boxing Passbooks to the initial weigh-in on March 13th. **Duplicate or new Passbooks will not be made or provided at the Weigh-ins. Therefore, if you don't have your passbook, you will not box!**

The weigh-in schedule times are as follows:

2026 TOURNAMENT DAILY WEIGH-IN TIMES:

Friday, March 13 th	9:00 AM – 11:00AM	MANDATORY: All boxers entered into the tournament must weigh in
Saturday, March 14 th	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Only boxers scheduled to fight on this day must weigh in
Sunday, March 15 th	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Only boxers scheduled to fight on this day must weigh in
Friday, April 10 th (State Semi-Finals)	10:00 AM – Noon	MANDATORY: All boxers that have advanced to state finals must weigh in
Saturday, April 11 th (State Finals)	10:00 AM - Noon	Only boxers scheduled to fight on this day must weigh in

The Tournament Director may make exceptions to the weigh-in time requirements in cases deemed to have extenuating circumstances.

**EVENT PASSES/
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Boxers that have successfully entered into the tournament and weighed in on March 13th will receive a personalized event pass (credential) which will be valid for the entire 5-day tournament event. **Use of any pass by the non-named individual will result in forfeiture and the pass will not be reissued/replaced. If the event pass is stolen, forgotten or lost, it will not be replaced.**

Coaches that have successfully entered into the tournament and documents have been reviewed by the administrative staff will receive a personalized event pass (credential) and wrist band which will be required to be worn each day in order to work the boxers corners.

DRAW/BRACKETING: Following the completion of official weigh-ins on March 13th, draw and bracketing will be conducted by tournament staff members. Initially the brackets will be posted to the Michigan Golden Gloves Association Facebook page. After March 13th, the brackets will be available on the Michigan Golden Gloves website (<https://michigangoldengloves.com/>).

MATCHMAKING: Youth, Junior and Masters matchmaking will also be conducted by tournament staff.

ADVANCEMENT: Elite **Champions and Runner-ups**, Male & Female, Novice and Open classes qualify to advance to the State Championships which will be held on April 10th and April 11th. **(ONLY STATE CHAMPION ELITE OPEN BOXERS WILL ADVANCE TO THE GOLDEN GLOVES OF AMERICA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS HELD IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA.)**

PHYSICALS:

DATES	TIMES:	LOCATION:	COMMENTS:
Friday, March 13 th Saturday, March 14 th Sunday, March 15 th	5:30 PM 5:30 PM 12:30 PM	Aquinas College/ Sturris Sports & Fitness Center	Only boxers scheduled to fight that day/night
Friday, April 10 th Saturday, April 11 th	5:30 PM 5:30 PM		

SHOW TIMES:

West Michigan Preliminaries - Friday, March 13th – 7:00 PM at Aquinas College/Sturris Sports & Fitness Center
West Michigan Semi-Finals - Saturday, March 14th – 7:00 PM at Aquinas College/Sturris Sports & Fitness Center
West Michigan Finals – Sunday, March 15th – 2:00 PM at Aquinas College/Sturris Sports & Fitness Center

State Semi-Finals – Friday, April 10th – 7:00 PM at Aquinas College/Sturris Sports & Fitness Center

State Finals – Saturday, April 11th – 7:00 PM at Aquinas College/Sturris Sports & Fitness Center

REPRESENTATION:

Boxers must represent a current USA Boxing member club or box unattached

**USA BOXING
REGISTRATION:**

All tournament participants (boxers, coaches, officials, and doctors) must be a **current** USA Boxing registered member in good standing and must possess a USA Boxing passbook.

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WEIGHT DIVISIONS:**

NOVICE & OPEN: Male: 110, 121, 132, 143, 154, 165, 176, 187, 198, 198+
Female: 106, 112, 119, 125, 132, 143, 154, 165, 176, 176+

(THESE ARE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS. NO WEIGHT ALLOWANCE WILL BE GIVEN!!)

**BOUT/ROUND
LENGTH:**

Three (3) Two (2) minute rounds for Novice, Male & Female; three (3) three (3) minute rounds for Open, Male & Female; matched bouts as agreed by coaches

CLASSIFICATION:

ELITE (MALE & FEMALE): All boxers MUST have reached their 18th birthday by the start of the Michigan Golden Gloves Tournament (March 13, 2026). Boxers over the age of 40 at the start of the Michigan Golden Gloves Tournament are classified as Masters.

ELITE NOVICE: Male and Female boxers with 10 or fewer bouts or no more than five (5) consecutive wins.

ELITE OPEN: Boxers with more than 10 bouts. Any boxer who has more than five (5) consecutive wins as a Youth or Elite boxer, whether they have 10 bouts or not, must box Open. The number of bouts of experience shall be counted continuously throughout the boxer's career without interruption.

JUNIORS & YOUTHS: Boxers 8 through 17 years of age, who have not yet reached their 18th birthday by the start of the Michigan Golden Gloves Tournament, may participate on a matched bout basis. Pre-matched bouts will be made by tournament staff/officials. Matched bouts may be contested as fill-in bouts throughout the Tournament. Contestants in matched bouts are not eligible for advancement in the tournament.

**BOXERS
APPEARANCE:**

As specified in the USA Boxing Official Rule Book. Boxers with infractions of the grooming rules will not be allowed to weigh-in.

**UNIFORMS/
EQUIPMENT:
RULES:**

All participants must provide their own uniforms & mandatory equipment including hand wraps as specified in the USA Boxing Official Rule Book. Coaches must have their own corner equipment. Boxing gloves will be provided. USA Boxing rules with Golden Gloves rule exceptions will be used in the conducting of this tournament. Additional Golden Gloves policies & procedures as contained in Golden Gloves of America constitution and by-laws shall prevail over this tournament.

MEDICAL BILLS:

We are not responsible for medical or dental bills. The limit of your medical and dental coverage is that of those paid by USA Boxing insurance. These expenses will be paid only when the injury is properly reported and the necessary forms are completed in a timely manner. (See USA Boxing for additional information.)

AWARDS: Outstanding awards will be presented to the champion in each weight division of each class. Runner-ups will receive silver medals. **NOTE:** Uncontested champions will receive a gold medal. Each matched bout contestant will receive a momentum for their participation. Special awards will also be presented (Golden Gloves takes pride in presenting the finest awards given anywhere in amateur boxing).