



FACT SHEET
2026 MICHIGAN GOLDEN GLOVES
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
SANCTIONED BY UNITED STATES AMATEUR BOXING #26-19-730923
 (As of 01/06/26)

CONTACTS: Tournament Information: Brian Lentz/Co-Director/Board Member/Chairperson, MGGA – (616) 617-8045
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2026 DATES: State Finals – Friday, April 10th, Saturday, April 11th

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

PARTICIPANTS: USA Boxing registered athletes: Elite (ages 18 – 40), champions and runner-ups in open class, men and women from both East and West Michigan tournaments are eligible to participate in the state championships.

ADVANCEMENT: Elite-open class champions, male and female advance to the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions (NOTE: a boxer must enter a competition bracket to advance.)

REGISTRATION/ ENTRIES: Boxer and non-athlete participant roster forms must be received no later than Friday, April 10, 2026. Boxer entry forms must be completely filled out, signed by the boxer and turned in along with their passbook at the registration table before weighing in on Friday, April 10, 2026.

WEIGH-INS: **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: All Boxers and coaches must bring in their current USA Boxing Passbooks to the weigh-in on Friday, April 10, 2026.

The weigh-in schedule times are as follows:

2026 TOURNAMENT DAILY WEIGH-IN TIMES:

Friday (State Semi-Finals)	April 10 th	10:00 AM-Noon	MANDATORY: All boxers that have advanced to state finals must weigh in
Saturday (State Finals)	April 11 th	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/ CREDENTIALS: **EVENT PASSES/CREDENTIALS:**

East Michigan Golden Gloves Boxers that have successfully entered into the tournament and weighed in on April 10th will receive a personalized event pass (credential) which will be valid for the entire 2-day state championship. 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: Bracketing will be done prior to the start of the State Championships. (West Michigan Champion vs. East Michigan Runner-up; East Michigan Champion vs. West Michigan Runner-up.). The updated State Championship brackets will be available on the Michigan Golden Gloves website (<https://michigangoldengloves.com/>) as soon as they are updated and available.

PHYSICALS:

TIME:	LOCATION:	COMMENTS:
5:30 PM SHARP	Aquinas College - Sturuss Sports & Fitness Center	Only boxers scheduled to fight that day/night

SHOW TIMES: 7:00 PM each tournament date at Aquinas College - Sturuss Sports & Fitness Center

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

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

**2026 GOLDEN GLOVES
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

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:

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. Open-faced headgear is required for all Open Elite boxers in all sub-franchise or regional tournaments.

RULES:

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 memento for their participation. Special awards will also be presented (Golden Gloves takes pride in presenting the finest awards given anywhere in amateur boxing).