



## Western PA Golden Gloves Code of Conduct 2025

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### **Purpose:**

The Western PA Golden Gloves is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and competitive environment for all participants, coaches, and officials. The following Code of Conduct outlines the standards expected from all individuals involved in the tournament to ensure a positive experience for everyone.

### **1. General Behavior Expectations**

- All participants, including boxers and coaches, must act with integrity, respect, and sportsmanship both in and out of the ring.
- Discrimination, harassment, bullying, or disrespectful behavior towards fellow competitors, coaches, officials, staff, or spectators is strictly prohibited.
- Profanity, obscene gestures, and abusive language will not be tolerated in any form.
- Participants are expected to respect the decisions of officials and judges, with any disputes handled in a professional manner according to tournament procedures.

### **2. Boxers' Code of Conduct**

- **Respect for the Sport:** Boxers must uphold the integrity of boxing by maintaining discipline and respect toward their opponents, coaches, and officials.
- **Sportsmanship:** Boxers are required to show sportsmanship before, during, and after their matches, regardless of the outcome.
- **Safety and Health:** Boxers must prioritize their own safety and that of their opponents by following all safety protocols, including proper use of equipment and adherence to medical guidelines.
- **Training Ethics:** Boxers are expected to engage in responsible training, abstaining from banned substances, performance enhancers, or unsafe weight-cutting practices.
- **Disqualification and Penalties:** Any unsportsmanlike conduct, including intentional fouling, physical altercations outside the ring, or failure to comply with tournament rules, may result in disqualification or suspension from the tournament.

### **3. Coaches' Code of Conduct**

- **Leadership and Role Modeling:** Coaches must demonstrate professionalism, ethical behavior, and respect at all times, setting an example for the athletes.
- **Safe Training Environment:** Coaches must ensure that training sessions are safe and promote the physical and emotional well-being of their athletes.
- **Respect for Officials and Opponents:** Coaches must respect the decisions of referees, judges, and officials, refraining from unsportsmanlike conduct such as arguing or confronting officials.



- **Prohibited Behaviors:** Coaches may not encourage or condone unethical practices, such as excessive weight cutting, unsportsmanlike conduct, or use of banned substances.
- **Communication:** Coaches should communicate constructively with their athletes and the tournament officials, maintaining a positive, supportive atmosphere throughout the tournament.

#### 4. Consequences for Violations

- Violations of the Code of Conduct by either boxers or coaches may result in disciplinary action by the tournament committee. This may include:
  - Warnings
  - Point deductions
  - Disqualification from a match or the tournament
  - Suspension from future events

#### 5. Complaints and Reporting

- Any violations of this Code of Conduct should be reported to the tournament organizers. All complaints will be handled confidentially and investigated thoroughly.
- Retaliation against individuals who report violations is strictly prohibited.

#### 6. Agreement

By participating in the Western PA Golden Gloves 2025 tournaments, all boxers and coaches agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

Boxing Gym: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Boxer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required if participate is a minor)