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## England Boxing Title Belts

The rules and regulations within this document are in place for the England Boxing National, Area and Regional Title Belts. Should any Region have differing rules to those outlined below, it is the responsibility of the Region to inform England Boxing.

England Boxing Title Belts are to be contested under England Boxing rules and AIBA AOB rules. England Boxing retain the intellectual property and commercial rights around the National and Area belts. Commercial promotion directly linked to the National or Area Belts cannot be implemented without permission from England Boxing. If England Boxing assigns a commercial partner to the National and Area Belts, it must be added to any promotional material and referenced by the show MC.

### **1. Structure**

- 1.1. There will be 42 Elite National Title Belts (referenced at 3.1 below) that cover Elite and Youth age categories for both males and females.
- 1.2. There are three Area Titles:
  - South (Western Counties, Southern Counties, London and UK Armed Forces)
  - Central (Midland Counties, East Midlands, Eastern Counties and Home Counties) and
  - North (Merseyside & Cheshire, North West Region, Yorkshire and Tyne Tees and Wear)
- 1.3. Members of the Police Boxing Association will enter based upon home address.
- 1.4. Each Area has 42 Area Title Belts (referenced at 3.1 below) that cover Elite and Youth age categories for both males and females.
- 1.5. To ensure there is a long term system with clear context throughout, the National Title Belts have a direct link to the Area Title Belts with the Regional Title Belts having a direct link to the Area Title Belts. The model is illustrated in Appendix A.
- 1.6. Here, a clear system is being implemented whereby only the three Area Title Belt holders can challenge the National Title Belt holder. In turn, only a Regional Title Belt holder can challenge the Area Title Belt holder.
- 1.7. All three Area Title Belt holders are treated as equals but the National Title Belt holder must offer bouts to the Area Title Belt holders in a cyclical system. The order is Northern, Central and Southern. Therefore, if the National Title Belt holder successfully defends his belt against the Northern Area Title Belt holder, they must offer the next bout to the Central Area Belt holder. If the Central Area Belt holder wins this bout and becomes the National Title Belt holder, the first defence must be against the Southern Area Title Belt holder. If an Area Title Belt holder is not available, the National Title Belt holder may offer the bout to the next available Area Title Belt holder. If none of the Area Title Belt holders are available, the National Title Belt holder can challenge, or accept a challenge from, any of the ten Regional Belt holders.



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- 1.8. For clarity, once a National Title Belt holder loses their Title, they need to go back down the structure to win the Regional Belt then Area Belt before they can challenge for the National Title Belt once again.
  - 1.9. The National and Area Belt holders must offer to defend their title at a minimum of once every three months. Failure to do so will necessitate the forfeiture of the belt, unless an extension has been agreed by the sanctioning committee.

## **2. Eligibility**

- 2.1. Open to Elite and Youth Boxers (Male & Female) registered to England Boxing
- 2.2. Boxers contracted to GB Boxing are NOT eligible to compete for any of the Title Belts
- 2.3. Elite and Youth (Class B) National Champions are NOT eligible to compete for a Title Belt in the category in which they are the National Champion. For clarity, a Youth 64kg National Champion could not compete for any of the Youth 64kg Belts but, once he becomes an Elite they can compete for the Elite 64kg Belt.

## **3. Weights**

- 3.1. The Title Belts can only be contested at the following weights:
  - Male: 46 kg - 49 kg, 52 kg, 56 kg, 60 kg, 64 kg, 69 kg, 75 kg, 81 kg, 86kg ,91 kg, 91+ kg
  - Female: 45 kg - 48 kg, 51 kg, 54 kg, 57 kg, 60 kg, 64 kg, 69 kg, 75 kg, 81 kg, 81+ kg
- 3.2. No weight allowances are permitted for Title Belt contests or eliminators

## **4. Contests**

- 4.1. All bouts will be 3 x 3 minute rounds
- 4.2. Manual or computer scoring and five judges to be used
- 4.3. Where there is a champion, they will have the choice of which corner they will box out of and they will be introduced second by the MC. If there is a vacant belt, a coin toss will be administered to decide which boxer has the choice.

## **5. Referees & Judges**

- 5.1. Must be at least England Boxing Grade B
- 5.2. Wherever possible or feasible, judges for bouts should be neutral to both boxer's regions. If the bout is on a club show, then there should be at least one neutral judge officiating.

## **6. Competitors must**

- 6.1. Be prepared to box nationally, or within the area/region in which the belt is being contested
- 6.2. Be prepared to box with 42 days' notice.
- 6.3. Be prepared to give both pre-bout and post-bout media interviews
- 6.4. Consent to being photographed & videoed, for which England Boxing and its partners may later use



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## **7. Venue & Medical**

- 7.1. National and Area Title Belts must take place in a minimum 16ft ring
- 7.2. The show must have a Doctor appointed with access to (and have appropriate training with) resuscitation equipment or paramedics to be on site.

## **8. The belts**

- 8.1. Belt holder must bring the Belt being contested to the bout.
- 8.2. The National and Area belts remain the property of England Boxing. If a boxer defends the National Title on three consecutive occasions, they will own the belt.
- 8.3. Shall be returned to England Boxing upon request.
- 8.4. Shall be looked after by the Belt holder and their club. The cost of a lost or damaged belt that needs to be replaced will be borne by the club of approximately £150 (to cover cost of belt, postage, administration costs).
- 8.5. The Regional belts remain the property of the respective Region.
- 8.6. Once a boxer wins a Belt at a higher level the lower belt MUST be relinquished.
- 8.7. If a youth boxer holds a Belt, they relinquish it when becoming an Elite boxer
- 8.8. The belt holder can only defend their belt at a 'home' club show twice in a row as a maximum. They must offer to defend it 'away' unless there is not an opportunity to do so.
- 8.9. The Belt holder must actively defend their Belt on a regular basis. Failure to defend a Belt for over three months without reasonable justification may result in the Belt being declared vacant.

## **9. Applications to compete**

- 9.1. All participants must follow the agreed protocol to be nominated to box for the belts at National, Area and Regional Level (refer Appendix A). Request for a bout permit must be sent to [titlebelts@englandboxing.org](mailto:titlebelts@englandboxing.org)

## **10. Withdrawals**

- 10.1. Any withdrawal without contact with EB will result in a £100 sanction being imposed by EB upon the withdrawing boxer's club. £50 will be paid to the opponent's club to cover expenses. If the challenger withdraws in this manner, this will count as a Title Belt defence.
- 10.2. Any withdrawal with contact with EB without supporting documentation will result in a sanction of £50 being imposed upon the withdrawing boxer's club. This will be paid to the opponent's club to cover expenses.
- 10.3. Any withdrawal with contact with EB with supporting documentation (sick note, police letter, RAC letter etc.) will not result in any financial sanction.
- 10.4. If a champion withdraws either without contacting EB or contacting EB without supporting documentation the EB English Title is deemed vacant. The challenger will then be awarded a bout in 14-28 days for the vacant title against a second challenger of EB's choosing.



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- 10.5. If a champion withdraws having contacted EB with supporting documentation the bout will be re-scheduled for 14-28 days. If the champion is unable to re-schedule in that time frame the Belt will be deemed vacated.
  - 10.6. The England Boxing Title Belts may be declared vacant:
    - 10.6.1. Upon the Title Belt holder being awarded a GB Boxing contract
    - 10.6.2. If the Title Belt holder wins a National Championship
    - 10.6.3. If the Title Belt holder ceases to be registered with England Boxing
    - 10.6.4. The champion is unable to defend against challenges within 42 days (or 42 + 28 in the case of withdrawal).
  - 10.7. The belt needs to be returned to England Boxing or to the boxer's club. An England Boxing member of staff will arrange collection of the belt. Failure to return the belt will see a fine of approximately £150 onto the boxer's club (to cover cost of belt, postage, administration fees).

#### **11. Eliminators** (only required where there is a vacant belt)

- 11.1. Eliminators may be held on Club or Regional shows upon receipt of a (free) permit from England Boxing.
- 11.2. No contest shall be referred to as an England Boxing Title Eliminator unless a permit is issued
- 11.3. Same rules apply to eliminators as Title Belt contests

#### **12. Sanctioning Fees**

- 12.1. England Boxing Title Belt Bouts have been designed to take place on England Boxing run shows. However, they may take place on Club or Regional shows. The following sanctioning fees are payable
  - On EB Show – NO Sanction Fee payable
  - On a Club Show – National or Area Title - £50 to EB & £50 to the host region
  - On a Regional Show – National or Area Title – NO Sanction Fee payable
  - On a Club Show – Eliminator - £25 to the host region
  - On a Regional Show – Eliminator – NO Sanction Fee payable
- 12.2. The club hosting the Title Belt contest will pay the sanction fee. Sanction fees are payable to England Boxing within seven days of the completion of the show. England Boxing will distribute funds to Regions.
- 12.3. In 2019, England Boxing will sponsor the Title Belts meaning that no sanction fees will be collected.
- 12.4. An England Boxing Title Belt permit must be issued for all National and Area Belt bouts in all cases. The respective Regions will issue permits for Regional Belts



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### **13. Appeals**

- 13.1. Any appeal must be sent, in writing, to [titlebelts@englandboxing.org](mailto:titlebelts@englandboxing.org) where it will then be reviewed by the Chair of the Championship Subcommittee.

### **14. Title Belts Panel**

- 14.1. The Title Belts will be overseen by the Title Belts Panel, who will have authority to sanction bouts and will ensure the processes in place are adhered to.
- 14.2. The Sanctioning Panel will be made up of the following:
- England Boxing Events & Competitions Manager
  - England Boxing membership representative – north
  - England Boxing membership representative – central
  - England Boxing membership representative - south



# Appendix A

