ENGLAND BOXING - WOMEN'S WINTER BOX CUP 2026
GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The England Boxing Women's Winter Box Cup 2026 (WWBC 2026) is contested in accordance with the rules, directives, policies and procedures issued by England Boxing unless otherwise stated in the rules detailed below.

England Boxing rules can be found here.

All boxers must have completed at least one competitive bout within their international federation

Event Venue and Date

Leigh Leisure Centre, Sale Way, Leigh Sports Village, Leigh, WN7 4JY.
Saturday 5th December & Sunday 6th December 2026.

Opening Statement

The WWBC, hosted by England Boxing, was introduced in 2019 as a key part of England Boxing's strategy to create more competitive opportunities for female boxers.

The WWBC 2026 is open to female boxers born between 01/01/1986 and 31/12/2011, across a range of inclusive age groups and weight categories.

Eligibility

Entry is open to:

Category	Year of Birth	Number of Bouts	Round Length
Senior (Class A)	1986 - 2007	Over 14 bouts	3 x 3 minute rounds
Senior (Class B)	1986 - 2007	6 - 14 bouts	3 x 2 minute rounds
Senior (Class C)	1986 - 2007	1 - 5 bouts	3 x 2 minute rounds
Youth (Class A)	2008 - 2009	Over 14 bouts	3 x 3 minute rounds
Youth (Class B)	2008 - 2009	6 - 14 bouts	3 x 2 minute rounds
Youth (Class C)	2008 - 2009	1 - 5 bouts	3 x 2 minute rounds
Junior (Class A)	2010 - 2011	Over 6 bouts	3 x 2 minute rounds
Junior (Class B)	2010 - 2011	1 - 6 bouts	3 x 2 minute rounds

Weight Categories

Senior	45-48kg, 48-51kg, 51-54kg, 54-57kg, 57-60kg, 60-62.5kg, 62.5-65kg, 65-67.5kg, 67.5-70kg, 70-75kg, 75-80kg, 0ver 80kg
Youth	43-45kg, 45-48kg, 48-51kg, 51-54kg, 54-57kg, 57-60kg, 60-62.5kg, 62.5-65kg, 65-67.5kg, 67.5-70kg, 70-75kg, 75-80kg, 0ver 80kg
Junior	44kg - 46kg, Under 48kg, Under 50kg, Under 52kg, Under 54kg, Under 57kg, Under 60kg, Under 63kg, Under 66kg, Under 70kg, Under 75kg, Under 80kg, Over 80kg

For all categories, any boxer who has represented their Country is ineligible to enter in any Development Category (Class B or C) and will box in the Class A Category. This applies to all boxers including international boxers. In addition, any boxer who has competed as an Elite boxer at any Championship, including international boxers must also enter in the Class A Category.

Affiliation

Boxers must be members of England Boxing (registered with an active membership on the Locker) and a member of an England Boxing affiliated club, or international entrants must be registered with their National Association.

To access coaching areas at the event, all coaches must produce a valid in-date England Boxing lanyard (registered with an active membership on the Locker) or the international equivalent for those participating from other National Associations.

Entry Criteria

All boxer's BCR1 digital cards (medical books or equivalent for those from other National Associations) must be produced at the initial weigh-in and at all subsequent rounds. Each boxer's medical must be in date for the duration of the WWBC 2026. Any boxer who's medical expires before the end of the tournament will be withdrawn.

Boxers from outside England must have a medical recorded in their record books in accordance with their National Governing Body/Association. If this is not evident, boxers must undertake a full medical to participate.

Boxers from outside England will also need authorisation to participate from their National Governing Body/Association.

Closing Date

Entries will close at midday on Wednesday 24th November 2026.

England Boxing reserves the right to close entries early.

Weigh-in

The initial weigh-in and registration will take place between 08.00 - 10.00 am on Saturday 5th December 2026. **The weigh in will close at 10.00 am on Saturday 5th December 2026.**

Boxers will be permitted to change weight category right up until the initial weigh in.

Note: Jenna Perry - Competitions & Events Manager will need to be informed of any weight category changes by emailing womenswinterboxcup@englandboxing.org to ensure all boxers can be matched. Only

movement up or down one weight category from the originally entered weight category is permitted. Every effort will be made to secure sufficient entries per weight category, and therefore provide as many bouts as possible.

The Draw

The draw will take place on completion of the weigh-in and will be announced on the England Boxing website, and on England Boxing's social media channels, on completion.

If the number of entries per weight category exceeds four, the boxers will split into two or more groups at that weight.

Declaration of Non-Pregnancy

All entrants to the WWBC 2026 will be required to declare themselves non-pregnant on each day of the competition, failure to do so will result in the boxer being withdrawn from the competition.

Non-pregnancy is to be declared by the submission of the following female declaration forms, or via an active non-pregnancy declaration on The Locker;

- Female Declaration (Over 18)
- Female Declaration (Under 18)

Entry Form

The online entry form must be filled in accurately and honestly with any previous combat experience annotated. Failure to complete this form accurately may result in the boxer being withdrawn from the tournament. In this instance a refund will not be provided.

The England Boxing Member online entry form for the WWBC 2026 can be found HERE
The Non-England Boxing Member online entry form for the WWBC 2026 can be found HERE

Entering a Team

If you wish to enter a team, please enter the individual boxer via the entry portal and email womenswinterboxcup@englandboxing.org with the details of the team.

Previous Combat Experience

All previous combat experience must be declared in the boxer's BCR1 digital card on the Locker, or in the boxer's medical card. If the boxer has previous combat experience, then authorisation is to have been granted by England Boxing to box prior to the start of the WWBC 2026. Any boxer / coach who makes a false previous combat declaration will be removed from the WWBC 2026, and the matter reported to England Boxing's Compliance Team where sanctions may be taken against the boxer / coach / club.

Any club wishing to raise a formal complaint with England Boxing regarding an opponent's alleged previous combat experience must have gathered sufficient evidence for this complaint to be dealt with. All evidence must be sent to womenswinterboxcup@englandboxing.org as soon as it is identified and before any scheduled bout.

Non England Boxing members
When selecting a category from the bout history drop down menu, please be aware, you should count each skills bout as 0.5 bouts.

For example, if a boxer has had 5 competitive bouts and 2 skills bouts, this should be recorded as 6 bouts and therefore 6-10 must be selected.

Equipment

Red or partially red gumshields are not permitted. Only England Boxing approved hand wraps must be worn. Sting headguards and gloves are mandatory for this competition (England Boxing will provide appropriate headguards and gloves for all contests throughout the WWBC 2026). A bandana or hair net **MUST** be worn to ensure hair is secure throughout the bout.

Photography and Media Contact

When you participate in the WWBC 2026 (as a boxer or coach), you may be filmed or photographed at any point during your participation. By entering this competition, you grant England Boxing permission to identify you by name in the video footage and photographs and to use the resulting video footage and photographs for promotional and commercial purposes. England Boxing will not be required to pay you for use of such videos or images, the copyright in which will be owned by England Boxing.

If you do not consent to being filmed or photographed, please inform England Boxing in writing.

Doping Control

Participants may be subjected to doping control testing at the event. All entrants and support personnel shall be deemed to have made themselves familiar with and agreed to be bound by the UKAD Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules. Please note UKAD rule 5.7: The consent of a parent or guardian to Testing of the Minor pursuant to these Rules shall be inferred from the fact that the Minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate in the sport.

To check the status of registered medicines please visit www.globaldro.com. For information on the Clean Boxing programme, testing procedures and for a copy of the full copy of the England Boxing Anti-Doping rules please visit Clean Sport / Anti-doping - England Boxing.

WWBC Title

If there is no opponent for a boxer at the WWBC 2026 Final, the boxer can only be awarded a WWBC 2026 title if they have boxed in an earlier round.

Other

All Coaches are required to adhere to England Boxing rules on dress, conduct and behaviour throughout the WWBC 2026.

The number of accredited Coaches eligible for this competition is based on the number of entered boxers as follows;

- 1 Boxer = 3 Coaches
- 2 Boxers = 4 Coaches
- 3 or more Boxers = 6 Coaches
- Only 3 Coaches are permitted to second a boxer.

Questions should be directed to womenswinterboxcup@englandboxing.org.

England Boxing reserves the right to amend, alter or to add directives, policies and procedures at any time it deems necessary. Amendments will be posted on the England Boxing Website.