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2021 CHAMPIONS

19 Champions Crowned
National Team Champs

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2021 Tournament Recap

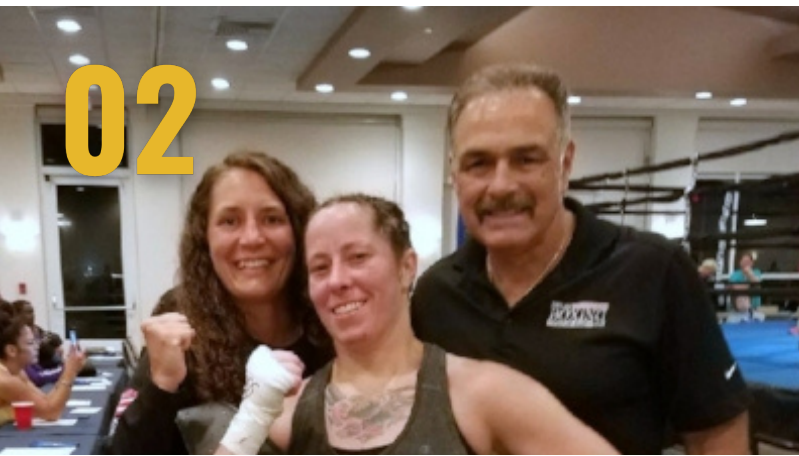
OUTSTANDING BOXERS

Giovanni Marquez & Neida Ibarra



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOBBY RUSSO

Message from the President

Well, we did it! Despite the many challenges all over the country due to Covid-19, the franchises and sub-franchises of Golden Gloves of America got together and somehow got a team – or at least a partial team – to the Nationals this year for a successful National Championship. I want to thank them all for their efforts.

The numbers were down somewhat, but you wouldn't know it from the enthusiasm of the boxers, coaches, officials, and the fans – all glad to be back in competition!

A big Thank You to the many people who helped to make this Tournament a success, including tournament host, Aaron Sloan, Julie Watson, and franchise delegate Eddie Harrison.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the Tournament staff, including Executive Director Dave Packer, Pam Patterson, Jeanne DePriest, and Jeff Beran for their efforts in overcoming the many hurdles we encountered. Their willingness to help in every situation, their great attitude, their energy and commitment to running a smooth tournament was greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Micky Ward, who was our special guest for the event. Micky is always a fan favorite in and out of the ring.

Enjoy the waning days of Summer, and I will see you all again next year in Tulsa!

Best,

Bob Russo, President





NATIONAL GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMPS

2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS CROWNED

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

106 lb Champion: Sabrina Slattery-New York Metro
 112 lb Champion: Kathreen Sterlig-Florida
 119 lb Champion: Alexa Araiza-Mones-Texas
 125 lb Champion: Lizbeth Retiz-Texas
 132 lb Champion: Neida Ibarra-Kansas/Oklahoma
 141 lb Champion: Trudy Li-New York Metro
 152 lb Champion: Stephanie Simon-Washington DC
 165 lb Champion: Morelle McCane- Cleveland
 178 lb Champion: Angel Levering-Omaha
 178+lb Champion: Brittany Parker-Omaha

MEN'S CHAMPIONS

108 lb Champion: Andres Perez-Texas
 114 lb Champion: Figo Ramirez-Texas
 125 lb Champion: German Lopez-Texas
 138 lb Champion: Vershaun Lee-Chicago
 152 lb Champion: Giovanni Marquez-Texas
 165 lb Champion: Jordan Panthen-Hawaii
 178 lb Champion: Abel Gonzalez-Florida
 201 lb Champion: Jkhory Gibson-Texas
 201+ lb Champion: Skylar Lacy-Indiana

TEAM CHAMPIONS

1st Place: TEXAS
 2nd Place: FLORIDA
 3rd Place: DETROIT

OUTSTANDING MALE BOXER AWARDS:

108-125 Stan Gallup Award:
 German Lopez-Texas

138-165 Myrl Taylor Award:
 Giovanni Marquez-Texas

178-201+ Ray Rodgers Award:
 Abel Gonzalez-Florida

OUTSTANDING FEMALE BOXER AWARDS:

106-119 George DeFabis Award:
 Alexis Aralza-Mones-Texas

125-141 John Brown Award:
 Neida Ibarra-Kansas/Oklahoma

152-178+ Bobby Magruder Award:
 Morelle McCane-Cleveland

GOLDEN BOY AWARD: Jordan Panthen-Hawaii

GOLDEN GIRL AWARD: Stephanie Simon- Washington DC

COACHES CORNER

JOHN BROWN

THE UNSUNG HEROS

There is a small, unrecognized group in our sport that quietly but diligently do the toughest of jobs, the one job so daunting, that only a few are bold enough to do.

I know we all agree that without boxers, coaches, and officials we have no sport, but let me add a new group, those that put on shows. They are usually coaches who really don't have the time to undertake such a massive task but do it anyway because of two reasons: they want competition for THEIR boxers and to help raise funds to keep their program going.



These local shows, smokers, are the backbone of the sport. They are the building blocks of amateur boxing, and without them the sport would be dead in the water.

Most coaches don't put on shows because it takes time and organizational and communication skills. First, you have to find and secure a proper venue, choose a good date, and following that, the real work starts. You have to start making matches, contacting the officials, and figuring out times for the weigh-ins, physicals, and bell time.

Along with this you have the fun of trying to find a volunteer Doc and ask him/her to basically give up a day of their life for your show, and if he/she is new to the sport you have to get the Doc registered with USAB, implore him/her to take the safe sport program and ensure that he/she passes the background check. Then you have to teach the newbie how to be a ringside doc (go to [YouTube](#) and have them view an 8 minute video that I made with Dr. Cantrell a few years ago.)

At this point you're just getting warmed up. Do you have a ring? If not, you've got to rent one and find a crew to set it up and take it down. If you want to have a proper show you have to have ring lights to focus everyone's eyes on the boxers in the ring. Putting the bouts together is like Japanese arithmetic; your bout sheet will change at least ten times; and trying to make all the coaches happy requires the patience of Sister Theresa. Make sure you have plenty of paper in your copy machine.

What about awards? You'll have to pick and purchase. What about concessions, which done right can be an excellent revenue stream. Can you get your parents to do it? Do you have a PA system with an announcer/DJ? Who's bringing the gloves?

These are the major tasks, but there is a lot more to think about. I think it's easy to see why only a select few are willing to go through all this. Be nice to those that do all this because without them we have no program!!!



GIOVANNI MARQUEZ

by Ryan Songalia from Ring Magazine

For the first six minutes of their National Golden Gloves final, Giovanni Marquez and Carlos Hernandez showed off their individual skillset; Hernandez of the Kansas-Oklahoma team showing off his quicker hands and combinations, and the Texan, Marquez, bullying forward with his stronger punches and stiffer jab.

With the men's 152-pound title on the line, the two young men were forced to show their heart. What transpired on Saturday evening was a classic round in American amateur boxing.

Marquez, the son of former IBF junior middleweight titleholder and 1992 U.S. Olympian Raul Marquez, sensed that Hernandez was fading, and charged out of the corner swinging for the fences. Marquez landed with several haymakers to score a standing eight count. But Hernandez wasn't finished just yet, and when Marquez came out for the finish, Hernandez caught Marquez with an overhand right counter to score a standing eight of his own.

GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMP AND OUTSTANDING BOXER

The two traded blows to the final bell, but when it was all said and done, it was Marquez of Houston, Texas whose hand was raised, winning by a 4-1 decision. The 20-year-old Marquez joined women's 132-pound champion Neida Ibarra of Kansas/Oklahoma as the Outstanding Boxer of the Tournament.

Though he couldn't be at the bouts in Tulsa, Okla. due to his work commentating fights for the Showtime Championship Boxing card in California, Raul Marquez says he is overjoyed at his son's first national tournament victory.

"I'm the happiest Dad in the world," said Raul Marquez, whose own amateur pedigree includes earning a bronze at the 1989 World Championships in Moscow, plus U.S. national titles in 1989 and 1991. "Gio and I worked so hard for this. I told him we are going to win National Golden Gloves and get the Outstanding Fighter award. It happened. He deserves it. Hard work and dedication."

Marquez, who has been fighting since age 12, fell short in the 2020 U.S. Olympic trials, losing a 4-1 split decision to eventual Olympic representative Delante Johnson, but Marquez says he plans to pursue qualifying for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

Marquez was one of seven champions Saturday from Texas, which led to all of the participating Golden Gloves franchises. Texas was followed by Florida, NY Metro, and Omaha, which all had two.

The National Golden Gloves tournament, which began on August 9, was the first since 2019, as the tournament was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NEIDA IBARRA

GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMP OUTSTANDING BOXER

In boxing, actions always speak louder than words, and not a truer statement can be made about Neida Ibarra, the quiet storm 132lb amateur female boxer from Tulsa, Oklahoma. For the first time in National Golden Gloves history, the tournament took place in Tulsa, Oklahoma. And no Oklahoman showed up and showed out more than Tulsa's own Neida Ibarra, who became the first woman to win a National Golden Gloves out of Oklahoma.

Tulsa had a few fighters over the past 15 years or so that showed potential but, all fell short at the National Golden Gloves or Olympic Trials. Many took their shortcomings as amateurs and turned pro after taking their losses. But not Ibarra. She lost in the 2019 Olympic trials, moved her training camp to Tulsa's own Engine Room Boxing Gym, and completely resurrected her career under the tutelage of the Engine Room's head trainer Danny Skipper and owner Aaron Sloan.

Neida weathered the storm on the rocky road to success, and it paid off on one of the biggest stages for an amateur boxer.

All the blood, sweat, tears, hard work, dedication, late nights, early mornings, miles of running, and thousands of rounds of sparring paid off at the 2021 National Golden Gloves Tournament, as she beat four of the nation's best female amateur boxers. Round one Ibarra defeated the number one 132lb ranked female boxer Amy Minter (California); round two Ibarra defeated Heather Cirka (Colorado/New Mexico); third round she defeated Carmona Montserrat (DC). Then in the finals, to claim the women's 132lb National Golden Gloves championship, Ibarra defeated Liz Leddy (New England).

Oklahoma has had many prestigious boxers come out of Oklahoma including Sean O'Grady, Lethal Cecil Pettigrew, James Quick Tillis, and Allan Green. Neida Ibarra is rapidly campaigning for her name to be on this list and single handedly bringing boxing greatness back to Oklahoma.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION

**Without the dedicated Officials,
tournaments like the 2021 National Golden
Gloves Tournament of Champions wouldn't
be possible!**



Officials from across the country arrived in Tulsa, OK, prepared to put in the countless hours of work that it takes to produce a tournament of this magnitude. The Officials take on the tasks of judging, refereeing, timekeeping, clerking, check-ins/weigh-ins, and much more. They also attend workshops and clinics to further hone their skills.

We extend our gratitude to all of these men and women who sacrifice a week out of their lives to volunteer their time and expertise to the sport of amateur boxing! The 2021 Outstanding Officials are listed below:

OUTSTANDING REFEREES:

Ken Tate	California
Pat McTierran	California
Danny Villa.	Nevada

OUTSTANDING JUDGES:

Lonnie Scott	Ohio
Ismael Alvira	Florida
Frank Aleman	California

OUTSTANDING TIMERS:

Janet Beasley	Kansas/Oklahoma
Jim Paton	Indiana
Diane Godber	Southeast

OUTSTANDING CLERKS:

Adrian Martinez	Colorado/New Mexico
Mela Baca	Colorado/New Mexico
Lorena Hanshaw	Tri-State



USA BOXING NEWS

NEW WEIGHT DIVISIONS

USA Boxing announces new weight classes that will be contested at the 2021 USA Boxing National Championship in December. These new weight classes are the result of the recent weight class changes for the Youth and Elite Divisions. The new weight classes are:

Elite and Youth Men

Minimumweight	106 lbs (48kg)
Flyweight	112 lbs (51kg)
Bantamweight	119 lbs (54kg)
Featherweight	125 lbs (57kg)
Lightweight	132 lbs (60kg)
Light Welterweight	139 lbs (63kg)
Welterweight	147 lbs (67kg)
Light Middleweight	156 lbs (71kg)
Middleweight	165 lbs (75kg)
Light Heavyweight	176 lbs (80kg)
Cruiserweight	189 lbs (86kg)
Heavyweight	203 lbs (92kg)
Super Heavyweight	203+ lbs (92+kg)

Elite and Youth Women

Minimumweight	106 lbs (48kg)
Light Flyweight	110 lbs (50kg)
Flyweight	114 lbs (52kg)
Bantamweight	119 lbs (54kg)
Featherweight	125 lbs (57kg)
Lightweight	132 lbs (60kg)
Light Welterweight	139 lbs (63kg)
Welterweight	146 lbs (66kg)
Light Middleweight	154 lbs (70kg)
Middleweight	165 lbs (75kg)
Light Heavyweight	178 lbs (81kg)
Heavyweight	178+ lbs (81+kg)

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GOLDEN GLOVES GEAR

There's a chill in the air, which means it's time to grab some warm gear for those early morning road workouts!



CALENDAR

GOLDEN GLOVES UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

OCT. 2 TEXAS GOLDEN GLOVES (FORT WORTH, TX)

OCT. 9 2021 CHAMPIONSHIPS (FT. WASHINGTON, MD)

OCT. 9 GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING IN HINKLEY (HINKLEY, MN)

NOV. 1 FORT WORTH CLUB FIGHT NIGHT (FORT WORTH, TX)



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