



## **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. A collegiate boxer must be a full-time student at an accredited institution which he/she is attending for graduation. At time of competition, a collegiate boxer shall not be enrolled in less than 12 semester hours of study, regardless of their institution's definition of a minimum full-time program of studies with the exception of final semester.
2. Final Semester/Quarter – a student athlete may compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided that the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete their degree requirements and will graduate.
3. Boxers who have had 10 or less total bouts sanctioned by USA Boxing will be eligible for NCBA registration and participation.
4. Eligibility for collegiate boxing will be initiated at the time of the individual's first NCBA athlete registration and be effective as four years in five. However, previous USA Boxing registration may decrease the number of years of NCBA eligibility.
5. A new athlete with prior experience that joins a collegiate program, that athlete's eligibility will be reduced by 1 year for every year that they have had a passbook sticker. This is referred to as the boxers "initial eligibility" period.
6. After a student/athlete's "initial eligibility" is complete, that student/athlete may apply to have additional years reinstated. This is referred to as "additional eligibility". The request may not be made until the initial eligibility has been exhausted. The NCBA executive committee will establish a committee to review the eligibility of each boxer applying for "additional eligibility". Additional eligibility will be granted on a one year basis; it is the responsibility of the boxer to apply for subsequent years and undergo the same consideration by committee.
7. Specific criteria the executive committee will consider in evaluating that application for "additional eligibility" will include but is not limited to:
  - a. The competitiveness of the division in which the boxer competes in (the rationale is that a boxer in a weight class with few competitors should not be penalized for a lack of available competition enroute to a National Championship bout and win).
  - b. The competitiveness of the collection of bouts in which the boxer competes.
  - c. Other factors the executive committee deems relevant on a case by case basis.
  - d. Exceptions can be applied for under "unusual circumstances" and may be considered by the NCBA executive committee. For example, if a boxer had a USAB passbook with stickers for several years but that boxer had no bouts or a very limited number of bouts, that boxer may apply for "additional eligibility".
8. Two-year college students are permitted to participate, as long as they meet the above criteria, in all NCBA sanctioned competition except for the NCBA National Championship and their Regional Qualifier(s).
9. Restrictions: Failure to meet any of the above requirements will render the competitor ineligible for collegiate competition.