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Portland Expo in November 2019. Photo courtesy Kineo Photography.

## All-Star Boxing Returns to the Expo

All Star Boxing returns to the Portland Expo on November 6, 2021. The Portland Boxing Club will be staging its 106th event in Portland since the club's inception 29 years ago. The event will once again feature local professional stars and rising amateurs. Other up and coming regional stars will also appear at this event, which is Portland Boxing Club's major annual fundraiser.



A photo from the 2019 New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Photo courtesy Kineo Photography.

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The annual New England Golden Gloves boxing tournament, which is held each year at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, will not take place in 2021.

The 75th edition of the prestigious tourney was moved from its customary start in early-January to a tentative start date in April, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But it became clear to those in charge that it wouldn't be in anyone's best interest to go forward with the Gloves next month.

The plan is now to resume its regular timeframe in Lowell in January 2022. The Golden Gloves features a Thursday night boxing card for nine straight weeks. "We need time to plan and the protocols that we have to meet, as far as USA Boxing goes and so on, makes it virtually impossible to get this thing off (in April)," said New England Golden Gloves Executive Director Bob Russo. "We've been sticking and moving, trying to figure out what to do. Things change quickly day-to-day and you just don't know what to think. Under the circumstances, Lowell is still kind of a (COVID-19) hot spot, so it would be extremely tough to get this off.

"Overall, to have the Auditorium, it's an expensive proposition, so you have to have the crowds to support it." Russo acknowledged that with very limited capacity allowed at Massachusetts sporting events in order to adhere to social distancing protocols, the tournament would take a very significant loss in revenue if it was held this spring. "We really need to have the people there," said Russo. "We had a great year last year and it's a shame that we can't work off that momentum."

The National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions is still slated to be held this year in Tulsa, Okla. That is scheduled to take place in August, and Russo is planning to send a New England team, comprised of the champions crowned in 2020. The New England Golden Gloves was one of the few franchises to conclude last year before the pandemic hit. "It was amazing. We finished one week before the shutdown," said Russo. "We really dodged a bullet. If it had hit a week earlier, we would've lost our biggest night.

"You have to hit it out of the park to make money. You have to have the crowds, you have to have the weather, you have to have everything in your favor. It has to build up as you go and you get bigger crowds. Right now would be rolling the

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Russo is also the National President of the Golden Gloves of America. He said some of the champions crowned across the country last year will have turned pro by now, making them ineligible to compete at this year's Nationals. That may throw wrinkles into who goes to Tulsa.

Rust is also a concern, as most of these fighters haven't competed during the pandemic. In fact, even sparring isn't allowed in some states, due to health and safety protocols. "The guys that win a New England championship and go to Nationals are elite athletes and they stay in shape," said Russo. "The problem is, they've had no activity. There's been no amateur boxing in our area, so that's a concern."

Russo is hopeful that over the next nine months the country will move into a much better place in its bout against the coronavirus. That will allow the tournament plenty of time to market itself and fall back into its familiar spot on the winter calendar. "I think we'll come back with a bang," said Russo. "People will have missed it for a year. It's a tradition in Lowell, people look forward to it in the middle of winter — there's not much else going on. Hopefully, we can recapture that momentum that we had."

*This article by Matt Langone appeared in the Lowell Sun on March 29, 2021.*

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## Upcoming Events

### **National Golden Gloves**

The National Golden Gloves are scheduled for August 9 - 14, 2021 at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa, OK. For more information and updates, visit: [www.goldenglovesusa.org/championship/](http://www.goldenglovesusa.org/championship/)

### **All-Star Boxing at the Portland Expo**

The Portland Boxing Club will be staging its 106th event in Portland since the club's inception 29 years ago. The event will feature professional and amateur stars from the Portland Boxing Club and across New England. This All-Star Boxing event will be held November 6, 2021 at the Portland Expo, 239 Park Ave, Portland.

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Portland Boxing Club's Red Corner Club is a great way to show your boxing pride and support the Portland Boxing Club. For an annual tax-deductible donation of \$100 or greater, you can join this exclusive club of Portland Boxing Club supporters. The Red Corner Club is open to anyone who wants to support the Portland Boxing Club, including current and past members, boxing team alumni, fans and community supporters.

Benefits include Portland Boxing Club shirt with the Red Corner Club member logo, recognition in upcoming souvenir programs, recognition in Portland Boxing Club newsletters and recognition at Portland Boxing Club events.

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### Boxing Collectables and Memorabilia

Portland Boxing Club now has boxing collectables and memorabilia available for sale on-line. Items include autographed boxing gloves from famous boxers such as Micky Ward, Dicky Eklund, Muhammad Ali, Jake LaMotta and Gerry Cooney along with local favorites such as Liz Leddy and Russell Lamour. Other items include vintage boxing magazines such as The Ring, KO Magazine, Boxing Illustrated and World Boxing from 1978 to 1992. Additional items are being added regularly.

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