

Greetings Boxing Friends:

Seventeen years ago, the Ringside World Championships started in Kansas City. This event was created as a mechanism to give athletes from across America and around the world an opportunity to compete. This tournament gave Ringside the opportunity to express appreciation to our customers for your patronage. In these 17 years, Ringside World Championships has served over 25,000 boxers and over 50,000 coaches.

Since last year's Ringside World Championships, we have been in discussions with USA Boxing, to reach agreement on a reasonable sanction fee for the 2018 Ringside World Championships. Our sincere efforts to negotiate the sanction, which has been raised from \$310 to \$45,000 (an increase of over 14,000%) has yielded no changes. In addition to that, we received notification that USA Boxing has publicized they will be holding a tournament during the same timeframe as our previously communicated Ringside World Championships.

The combination of USA Boxing announcing a tournament in the same timeframe, and the lack of agreement on a reasonable sanction fee, leaves us in the regrettable position of not being able to hold this year's 2018 Ringside World Championships.

Although we were compelled to make this extremely difficult decision, Ringside remains deeply committed to advancing amateur boxing through the Ringside Amateur Boxing Foundation. The Foundation will continue sponsoring the National Golden Gloves, National Silver Gloves and National P.A.L., as well as local gyms and clubs where day-to-day growth in the sport creates the bedrock of amateur boxing.

We will continue discussions with USA Boxing in the hope of coming to an agreement concerning the sanction fee, and ultimately announce dates for the 2019 Ringside World Championships. Until then, the Ringside Amateur Boxing Foundation will continue its support of the grassroots boxing community, who love the sport and are truly in it for the athletes.

Yours in Boxing,

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