

2026 Florida Golden Gloves State Tournament

April 3–5, 2026

Event Overview

Host: Florida Golden Gloves

Venue: Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, FL

Event Dates:

- Friday, April 3, 2026
- Saturday, April 4, 2026
- Sunday, April 5, 2026

Doors Open: 12:00 PM daily

Admission

- General Admission: **\$35.00** (sold at the door only)
- Children 7 and under: **Free**
- No online or pre-sale tickets available
- All ticket sales are **final and non-refundable**

All proceeds benefit **South Florida Golden Gloves Charities (501(c)(3))**.

Note:

Any USA Boxing registered boxer or coach who is not officially entered in the tournament must pay the \$35.00 admission fee.

Advancement & Competition Structure

- Only **Open Class Elite Male and Female Champions** will advance to the **National Golden Gloves Tournament** in Tulsa, Oklahoma (May 9–17, 2026).
- All other bouts will be **matched in state tournament bouts only**; however, weight classes remain mandatory.
- Divisions (18+ only):
 - **Novice Division**
 - **Open Elite Division**
- All other age brackets: **Open Division only (no novice category)**

Important:

To qualify for financial support from the Florida Golden Gloves franchise for Nationals, a boxer **must compete (“Must Box”)** in the tournament...

Uncontested Boxers

- The Florida Golden Gloves franchise reserves the right to determine whether an uncontested boxer is **qualified** to represent the team at Nationals.
 - Uncontested Open Class boxers may still compete at Nationals but must **cover their own travel, lodging, and meal expenses**.
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Registration Information

- **Open Elite Division Entry Deadline: Thursday March 26, 2026**
all other Ages, Weights, Division Deadline Monday, March 23, 2026, at 2:00 PM (No Exceptions)
 - **Coaches Registration Deadline Wednesday April 1, 2026.**
 - Boxer Entry Fee: **\$30.00**
 - Coach Entry Fee: **\$20.00**
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Eligibility Requirements**Age**

- Must be **18 years old by April 3, 2026**
- Must not turn **41 before May 9, 2026**

Citizenship

- Open to **U.S. citizens**
 - Non-citizens must be **legal U.S. residents** with at least **1 year of residency**
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USA Boxing Requirements

Strict Policy: “No Book, No Box — No Exceptions”

Boxers Must Have:

- Active **2026 USA Boxing Membership**
- Uploaded documents:
 - Headshot photo

- Birth certificate
- Current annual physical

Coaches Must Have:

- 2026 USA Boxing registration
- Completed **SafeSport Training**
- Minimum **Green Level Certification**
- Passed **Background Check**

Unregistered coaches will **not be permitted** to work a corner.

Coaches not entered in the tournament must pay the **\$35 admission fee**.

Weigh-Ins & Physicals

Daily (April 3–5): 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

- Only boxers scheduled to compete that day must weigh in
 - Boxers must make their **declared weight**
 - Must be in line by **8:30 AM sharp** or will be **disqualified**
 - Scales close promptly at 10:00 AM
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Weight Divisions

(Per Golden Gloves of America & USA Boxing – Appendix F)

Men (Open & Novice):

110, 121, 132, 143, 154, 165, 176, 187, 198, 198+

Women (Open & Novice):

106, 112, 119, 125, 132, 143, 154, 165, 176, 176+

Competition Rules

- All matches conducted under **USA Boxing regulations**
- Round length per official guidelines (time permitting)
- No minimum bout requirement for State Tournament participation
- Minimum **10 bouts required** for National Tournament eligibility

- Walkovers do not count

MMA Athletes:

- Must compete in the **Open Class Division**, or refer to **USA Boxing Rulebook (Rule 8.2)**
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Important Dates

- **Weight Change Deadline:** March 27, 2026 at 5:00 PM (No exceptions)
 - **Elite Boxer Live Draw:**
 - March 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM (via Facebook) FLORIDA GOLDEN GLOVES
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Host Hotel

Hotel Dello – Fort Lauderdale

28 S Federal Hwy, Dania Beach, FL

Phone: (954) 773-7174

Contact: Michelle (Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM)

Rate: **\$189 per night**

Code: **GOLDEN GLOVES**

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Florida Golden Gloves proudly partners with sponsors who support the development of amateur boxing and youth programs across the state.

Sponsorship provides:

- Strong brand visibility
- Community impact
- Direct support for **at-risk and inner-city youth programs** - All contributions help fund the State Tournament and support Team Florida's participation in the National Championships.