

Competition Format and Rules

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Youth Olympic Competition Format

The boxing tournament at Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games is organised as a direct elimination competition with five men's and five women's events.

Men's events	Women's events
50kg	48kg
55kg	51kg
60kg	54kg
65kg	57kg
70kg	60kg

Boxers compete in three round bouts, each lasting three minutes, with a one minute rest period between the rounds.

All boxers are drawn.

The losers are automatically eliminated and the winners progress through the following phases until two boxers are left to box for the gold medal bout. The winner is awarded the gold medal and the loser, the silver medal. Two bronze medals are awarded to the losers of the semifinals.

There will be 12 boxers in each event. Only one boxer per event per NOC is permitted.

Changes since Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games

There are five men's events instead of nine, and five women's events instead of four. The number of boxers in each event has increased to 12.

The two semifinalists are awarded bronze medals.

Sport Rules and Procedures

Gloves, bandages, headguards, gumshields (teeth protectors)

Boxers at Dakar 2026 must abide by the following boxing glove regulations:

Men:

- 10-ounce (284 grams) gloves must be used from 50kg to 65kg categories
- 12-ounce (340 grams) gloves must be used for 70kg category

Women:

- 10-ounce (284 grams) gloves must be used in all events

Boxers must wear gumshields and handwraps (bandages). Headguards are used by men and women.



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Medical examination and weigh-in

On each day of competition there is a morning medical examination and weigh-in of all boxers competing on that day.

Each boxer is also given a post bout medical examination immediately after their bout.

Judging and scoring format

The scoring system will be based on a "10 point must system". The five judges for each bout will be allocated in a position around the ring in accordance with the electronic draw. At the end of each round, each judge must determine the winning boxer of that round by awarding a score of 10 points and by awarding nine or less points - down to seven - to the losing boxer, depending on the judgment as to the degree to which the opponent lost the round. Every round must have a declared winner. The scores of all five judges will be counted in determining the winning boxer.

Possible decisions for the win will be as follows: ABD - abandon, BDSQ - double disqualification, DKO - double knockout, DSQ - disqualification, KO - knockout, RSC - referee stops contest, RSC-I - referee stops contest - injury, WO - walkover and WP - win on points.

Tie break rules

If the total scores awarded by each judge, including any deduction, are equal at the end of the bout, the judge(s) with equal scores are requested to nominate which boxer is the winner of the bout in their opinion in the following cases:

- One judge has even scores, and the total scores of the other four judges are evenly split, or
- Two judges have even scores and the other three judges do not score unanimously, or
- Three or more judges have even scores.

Fouls

If a boxer receives a referee's warning, the deputy Event delegate will record the warning in the scoring system and each warning will reduce the total score of the offending boxer by one point per judge. The third warning in a bout will automatically disqualify the boxer.

The most typical types of fouls that are sanctioned are: holding, improper hitting, wrestling, and ducking.

Note:
For further information please consult: www.worldboxing.org