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Summary of scoring in amateur boxing

At the end of each round, each Judge must determine the winning Boxer of that round by awarding a score of 10 points and 9 or less points – down to 7 – to the losing Boxer. Every round must have a declared winner.

10-9 Round – Close Round.

10-8 Round – Clear Winner. If at the end of the round you have no doubt who the winner is of the round.

10-7 Round – Total Dominance. One boxer is completely dominant over the other boxer.

Each Judge shall score independently the merits of the two (2) Boxers using the following **scoring criteria**:

1. Number of Quality blows on the Target Area
2. Domination of the bout by Technical and Tactical superiority/ demonstrating Ring Generalship
3. Competitiveness

1. Number of Quality blows

- The Boxer scoring the most legal and correct Quality blows should be declared the winner.
- This should always remain as the first criteria, unless the punches scored by both boxers are close.
- If the number of blows are Close, then the Boxer scoring the “heavier” or more effective punches, may gain an advantage. A Body blow counts more than a simple jab. Quantity and quality of these blows should be considered.

When the quantity of the blows are equal, the quality of the blows can decide the winner of the round

Example: Ten (10) jabs and ten (10) power punches has the edge over twenty (20) jabs

When the quantity of the blows are not equal, the quality of the blows can decide the winner of the round

Example: Seven (7) jabs and seven (7) power punches has the edge over sixteen (16) jabs.

What does a Quality Blow mean?

- Punch is connected properly with knuckle surface, the front part of the glove (must be closed, not open)
- Punch has the weight of body or shoulder behind it
- Punch is connected within the Target Area of the Head and Body. Not below Beltline, back or back of the head.
- Punch is cleanly connected on the Target Area, not blocked or parried or glanced.
- Punch is connected while not infringing a rule (not a foul)
- You had clear vision of the punch (Must see the Punch Land directly, do not guess)

2. Domination of the bout by Technical and Tactical superiority (if 1st criteria is the same for both boxers)

Control with a combination of attack and defense, set the tempo of the bout, cause opponent to miss, set the positions in the ring and the pace of the action (lateral movement, tie up opponent on the inside), neutralize style or type of opponent: slugger vs boxer, southpaw vs orthodox, cut off the ring, work opponent into a corner, force opponent to make adjustments (to your style), making the action that occurs in the ring favorable to you and your style of boxing, Hit and not get Hit, Limit strategy of exchanging punches in the pocket/In Close, use proper footwork and positioning to mitigate aggressive style, doubling down on strategy against an injured or dazed boxer, Dictating the pace (how often and when you initiate exchanges) **and** the action (what type of exchanges and the effect of these exchanges). Dictating the pace alone or dictating the action alone does not make one the ring general. You have to do both. At some points within a bout, one boxer can dictate the pace while the other dictates the action. Neither of them can be said to be in control when this actually happens. Boxer who is constantly attacking by going forward is not necessarily an “Effective Aggressor”

3. Competitiveness (only if the 1st and 2nd criteria are the same for both boxers, this 3rd criteria applies)

A boxer who doesn't give up, comes back stronger, demonstrates that he wants the win more than his/her opponent.

Important notes.

- An official warning (OW) given by the referee, gives a point deduction.
- An eight count/ knock down (KD) is NO point deduction and should not automatically lose a boxer the round.
- When an Injury is caused by an Unintentional Foul or when both Boxers are injured at the same time and cannot continue, the round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round. A winner of the round must be determined.
- In our case hardcopy score sheets will be used and must be filled out clearly and completely with signature.
- Winner Points (WP). If all Judges selects the same Boxer as the winner, it is called Unanimous Decision. If not, Split Decision.