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2025 Indiana Golden Gloves Scholarship winner, Steven Houk, is from Mooresville, Indiana. He is an honors student at Indiana State University studying Kinesiology and has made the Dean's List the past two years since attending Indiana State.

I started boxing at the beginning of my freshman year in college at the Sweatbox Gym in Terre Haute. I competed in the Golden Gloves my freshman year and received the 2025 Thomas E. Lyday Scholarship. This scholarship has provided me financial support in continuing my education. It took the stress off and allowed me to focus more on my academics. I am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship.



*Thank you so much,
Steven*

Cole Casey is attending Ball State University (2028) for Construction Management.

He fought in the 165 lbs. Sub-Novice in 2025 and received the IGG scholarship.

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★ JUNIOR GOLDEN GLOVES

Intermediate: Age 13-14, box three 1½ - minute rounds.

Senior: Age 15-16, box three 2 - minute rounds. Champions may advance to the National Junior Golden Gloves.

★ SENIOR GOLDEN GLOVES

Sub-Novice: Age 18-21, box three 2 - minute rounds; 5 bouts or less.

Junior Open: Age 22-40, box three 2 - minute rounds; 5 bouts or less.

Novice: Age 18-40, with more than 5 bouts or with a Sub-Novice or Jr-Open championship win.

Open: Age 18-40, who have boxed in the Open Class before or have won a Novice or Junior Open championship; box three 2-minute rounds and three 3-minute rounds in the finals. Champions advance to the National Golden Gloves Tournament.

A Lifetime of Service

Most people sitting in the crowd at Tyndall Armory don't realize the coach working the corner of Laying Hands Boxing Club was the 1993 National Golden Gloves Champion, Darnell Wilson.



Since 1970, Indiana has produced 10 National Champions. Darnell is the only one that is here every week of the tournament. He and his wife Kathy have been coaching together since 1990.

Darnell was born in Chicago, IL and first tried out for the football team of his high school. The coach suggested he try boxing that was being held in the basement of the school. He was afraid to admit that he was apprehensive about trying boxing but he went anyway. He soon fell in love with the sport. While working at Ditka's Club in Chicago, he met Kathy and they have been together ever since. She started going with him to the gym and helping him train. She quickly picked up the art of boxing and became his trusted voice not only in training but also during his fights.



Darnell won 7 consecutive Golden Glove titles, first in Chicago then in Indiana. They ended up in Lafayette when Kathy was accepted as a student at Purdue University. Darnell boxed for Sherman DePew when he got to Indiana. In 1993 he won the National Golden Gloves. In 1994, 1995, 1996, he was runner up in his division. He was the USA National Champion in 1997, 1998, and 1999.



In 1996, not only was he the Olympic alternate, but the bronze winner at the Pan Am Games and the Goodwill Games both. He won Black Expo three times in his career. Boxing allowed him to

travel to Budapest, the Ukraine, and his favorite, Finland. Along the way, he fought Jermain Taylor, Kelly Pavlik, and Jeff Lacey. Darnell moved into Pro boxing for awhile, losing only once but decided he was too old to keep going. He loved amateur boxing only leaving it after he aged out. He says if he could, he would do it all over again.

In 2019, with the help of Pastor Tom, Kathy and Darnell opened Laying Hands Boxing Club. They wanted a place for kids to go and for them to feel safe. They hoped to lead them to Christ through actions and commitment. Kathy and Darnell are proud of all their fighters. Winning with class and losing with respect. Their son Jalen, who also won a Golden Glove title is also helping coach at the gym.



Indiana Golden Gloves would like to thank Darnell and Kathy for their many years of service and support to our youth. They are great examples of what makes our tournament run.



A Champion Returns

Kiael Waldon, Indiana's 2023 National Golden Glove Champion, was back in Indianapolis to attend week five's competition and corner fellow athlete, Joel Evans. Kiael continues his pro boxing career with a current record of 2-0. His last fight ended with a knockout. He is also currently fighting with Team Boxing League's Nashville Smash.



YOU CAN DO THAT!

Undoubtedly, there are many fans here tonight watching these fine young men and women doing battle in the ring and saying to themselves, "I can do that! I can be a Golden Gloves fighter, but where do I start?" This guide will help any potential "Glover" on the Rd to next year's tournament.

Who can be a Golden Gloves Boxer?

ELIGIBILITY: The Indiana Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament is open to all Indiana residents between ages 18 and 40 who are in good health and have never boxed professionally.

Where do I fit In?

DIVISIONS: The Golden Gloves groups fighters by the amount of experience each fighter brings to the tournament:

Sub-Novice: Ages 18 - 21 years old with less than five fights

Jr. Open: Ages 22 - 40 years old with less than four fights

Novice: Ages 18 - 40 years old with four or more fights or having won a Sub-Novice title

Open: Ages 18 - 40 years old with five or more fights or having won a Novice or Jr. Open title

Where do I go for training?

TRAINING: The State of Indiana is blessed with many fine boxing clubs, coaches and trainers (see list on page 14). These men and women provide a great source of talent and experience to boxers around the state, helping to teach, train and evaluate skill levels.

VOLUNTEERING: Volunteers are always welcome. Those who would like to help out with any aspect of boxing: trainers, judges, referees, are urged to call and offer support.

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Richard A. "Dick" Mills

August 15, 1936 – February 9, 2026

The Indiana Golden Gloves lost a leader in February and for the 50+ years he served on the board of directors, he was a pillar of the organization. Dick joined in the early 1970s along with a group of other managers from Indiana Bell who breathed new life into the franchise at a time it was struggling financially. His stewardship helped to right the ship and set it on a course to financial prosperity as the only not-for-profit franchise in the entire Golden Gloves Association. There was not an officer position not held by Dick over his tenure – Treasurer, Vice-President, and President – the duties of which he faithfully executed. He made the hotel and travel arrangements for the team participating in the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions for decades as well as secured the travel bags, uniforms, and champion jackets awarded to them. But most of all, he was known as gentleman with a disarming wit who loved to laugh and enjoy his time with everyone connected with the organization. He led by example and leaves a permanent legacy ensuring the franchise will continue to provide young men and women an opportunity to set goals, compete, and grow through amateur boxing for years to come.



SAFETY IN BOXING

Safety is the number one issue in amateur boxing and the following rules have been put in place to assure that the athlete is in the safest environment possible.

- A pre and post physical is required of all competitors.
- Competition cannot be conducted without a physician (MD or DO) at ringside.
- A boxer cannot compete more than once in 12 hours or twice on any given day.
- A boxer must weigh-in each day they compete.
- An amateur boxer is trained with safety in mind.
- Amateur boxing is scored on a basis of points for contact with a scoring area, not for the severity of the blow.
- Headgear is worn and required for all contestants.
- 10 oz. and 12 oz. gloves are used in amateur boxing, which provides more padding and thus more protection.
- Length and number of rounds are determined by age.
- The third set of steps was designed so if need be a physician can get to a boxer without delay. The steps are located in the physician's corner.
- Oxygen, along with a stretcher, is required to be placed under the ring.
- Each athlete has a passbook to identify their boxing history so safer matches can be made.
- An eight count is given when a boxer receives a hard blow so they can be observed to see if they should continue to compete.
- Restriction affidavits are issued when a bout is stopped due to a head blow. The boxer may be restricted for 30, 60, 90 days or permanently, depending on the severity of the incident or the accumulation of restrictions issued.
- Referees are required to be certified to help insure a safer environment.
- Coach's certification increases the knowledge of the coach in the area of safety.
- The ring has four ropes and approved padding for added safety.
- The Physician, referee, coach or the athlete can stop a bout at any time.



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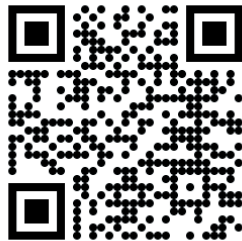
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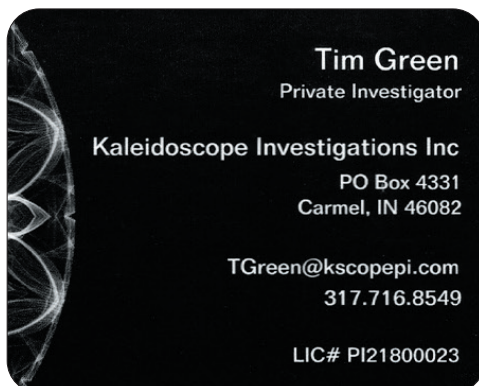
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National Golden Gloves Champions Representing Indiana

1930 - Buck Everett, 175, Gary	1963 - Wade Smith, 147, Muncie
1931 - Jack Kranz, 175, Gary; John Long, Heavyweight, Gary	1969 - Eddie Beauford, 139, Indianapolis
1935 - King Wyatt, 147, Fort Wayne	1970 - Norman Goins, 132, Indianapolis
1936 - Pete Lello, 135, Michigan City	1971 - Sammy NeSmith, 156, Indianapolis; Marvin Johnson, 178, Indianapolis
1937 - William Joyce, 126, Gary	1972 - Marvin Johnson, 165, Indianapolis
1938 - John Benna, 135, Terre Haute	1976 - Aaron Pryor, 132, Indianapolis
1940 - Ray Lewis, 126, Muncie	1984 - Victor Levine, 125, Kokomo; Ron Essett, 156 Indianapolis
1942 - Bob Burns, 147, Fort Wayne	1993 - Darnell Wilson, 156, Lafayette
1944 - Tom Nate, 112, Gary	2016 - Frank Martin, 141, Fort Wayne / Indianapolis
1946 - Joe Frucci, Heavyweight, Gary	2021 - Skylar Lacy, 201+, Greenwood
1947 - John Labroi, 135, Gary	2023 - Kiael Waldon, 156, Jeffersonville
1952 - Kenneth Wright, 112, Gary	
1954 - Phil Horsley, Muncie	



Golden Gloves History

Though boxers have faced off at the Golden Gloves Tournament without interruption for 98 years (since 1928), Golden Gloves was truly born in 1923 when Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, organized the tournament as a protest of political forces preventing the practice of pugilism.

Protestors succeeded in closing down a boxing exhibition hosted by the Illinois Naval Academy and the Illinois legislature had banned the sport for decades when Ward announced the Tribune's tournament initiative. The first Golden Gloves tournament ran for six nights (three nights longer than originally planned) and

showcased 424 boxers. Net proceeds of \$6,000 were donated to a fund for disabled war veterans. Despite bitter opposition from organizations such as the National Reform Association and the Law and Order League, an injunction prevented interference. As a program from the 1981 National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions recounted, "thus boxing in Illinois was on its way back."

Illinois voters rescinded the boxing prohibition in 1926. The best of the Big Apple and the Windy City's amateur boxers first faced off in the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions on March 24, 1928 in the old Coliseum. Soon the tournament grew into include fighters from around the country.

Chicago hosted the tournament until the Tribune discontinued its sponsorship following the 1963 series. Under the leadership of Albuquerque, New Mexico's Stan Gallup, 32 regional franchises then banded together and became Golden Gloves of America, Inc. The collective has organized the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions each year since 1964.

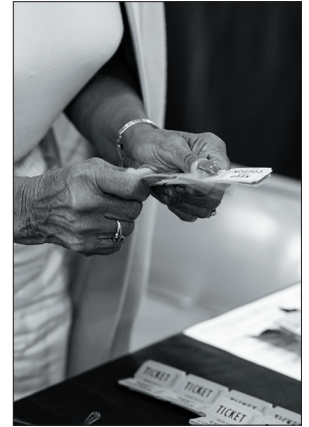
Some of boxing's greatest legends have launched their careers with Golden Gloves championships, including Muhammed Ali and Joe Lewis.

National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions Host Cities

- 2016 — Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2017 — Lafayette, Louisiana
- 2018 — Omaha, Nebraska
- 2019 — Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 2021 — Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 2022 — Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 2023 — Chester, Pennsylvania
- 2024 — Detroit, Michigan
- 2025 — Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 2026 — Tulsa, Oklahoma

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When patrons of the Indiana Golden Gloves purchase 50-50 raffle tickets, those dollars support scholarship opportunities for some of the region's most outstanding student boxers. Since 1977, Indiana has awarded at least 118 scholarships. So go ahead, buy a ticket. You may walk away with a few hundred dollars — and you will definitely help support local kids' education.




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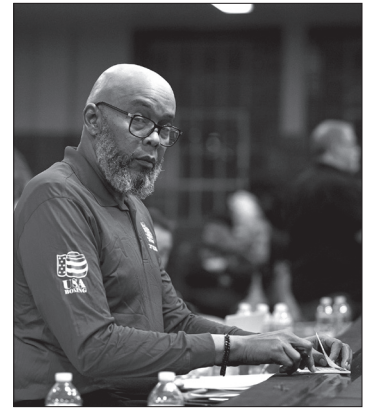
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If you'd like to join the team, give us your contact information and let's talk!



Facts, Figures

Indiana Golden Gloves is celebrating its 93rd birthday this year. The franchise was born in 1933, with 136 boxers competing in Tomlinson Hall. In 1934, the show moved to the Northside Armory, now Tyndall Armory. Indiana Central (now the University of Indianapolis), Market Square Arena, the Convention Center and the State Fairgrounds have also hosted the event.

Indiana finished third, third and second in the national tournament in the early 1970s. In the run, four Hoosier boxers won national titles. Marvin Johnson, a three-time world champion, was a two-time winner while Norman Goins and Samy NeSmith each won a single crown.

Another world champion also wore Indiana colors. Aaron Pryor won a national Gloves title in 1976 when Cincinnati boxers were members of the Indiana team.



City of Indianapolis honoring Indiana Golden Gloves for its 90th Anniversary (2023).

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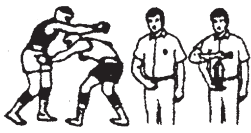


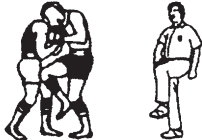
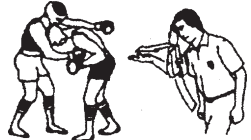

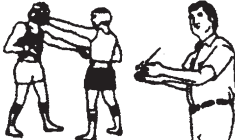
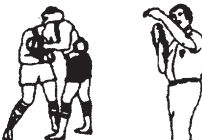
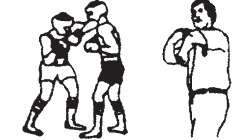
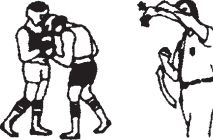


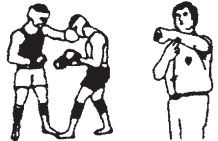
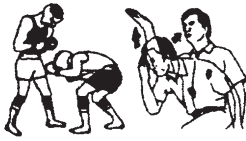
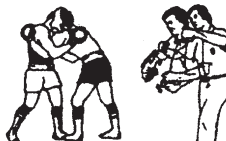

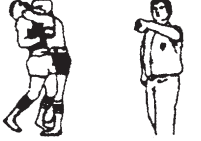
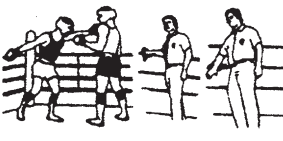
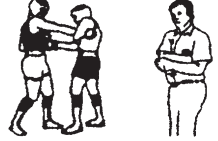




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		Hitting below the belt	Referee points to or mimics the low blow and then moves the hand upward	Hitting on the back	Referee touches the location of the violation	Hitting an opponent who is down	Referee touches the back of his/her head and then, simulates the illegal blow
							
Kicking with the knee	Referee touches the knee to mimic the violation	Butting	Referee taps the top of the head. Moves the head forward. Motions the hand upward	Any blow on back of neck	Referee touches exact location of the illegal blow	Hit with the open glove	Referee taps the palm of one hand with the fingers or closed fists (depending on the type of slap) with the other hand
							
Holding and Hitting	Mimics the exact holding with one hand and hitting with the other	Hit with the elbow	Referee taps the elbow	Pulling and Hitting	Referee imitates the exact pulling with one hand and hitting with the other.	Hanging on to opponent	Positions arms in a hanging manner. Bends the body forward slightly
							
Wrestling	Moves the arm in a holding manner. Turns body and arms in a horizontal position goes back and forth	Hit with the forearm	Taps the forearm. Slightly moves it forward	Ducking below the belt line	Taps the top of the head. Crouches in a stooping manner, moving slightly forward with the hand motions the head upward	Both opponents are wrestling	Repeat of wrestling foul. Mimics to both boxers rather than just one.
							
Holding below the belt line	Positions arms in a holding manner	Pressing with the forearm	Taps the forearm, slightly moves it forward	Any use of the ropes	If a boxer grabs the ropes, the referee simulates that	Holding opponent's arm	Referee places one hand under arm, pushed down (toward the body) with the other arm.
							
Coaching from corner or Inciting others to do so	Points to coach/assistant coach. Moves fingers and thumb in a vertical manner.	Clenching with straight arms	Referee extends both arms in a rigid manner.	Completely passive defense	Covers head in same manner as the violation. Bends at the waist to the same degree the offending boxer did.	Pushing Shoving	Extends arms and pushes/shoves off. Motions arm in a downward manner.

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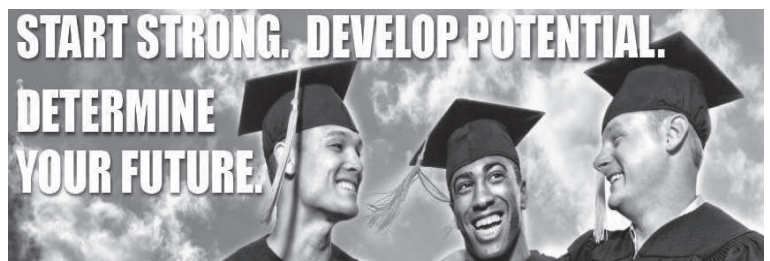


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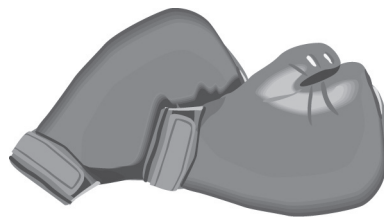
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