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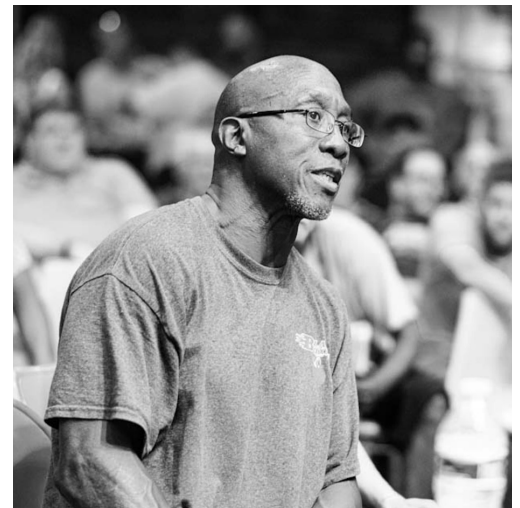
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# Boxing's New Dynamo: An Interview with Kiael Waldon

By Michael Gawdzik / Photographs by Kate Gregg

Twenty-three-year-old Kiael Waldon won the Indiana Golden Gloves National Championship at 156 lbs back in 2023 and in early March of 2024, he became the USA National Boxing Champion. He's currently 26-2 with one loss being avenged and the other happening at the Olympic trials. Did I mention he's only been boxing for three years? Golden Gloves sat down with Kiael at his gym, Jeff City Boxing, and asked him his thoughts on his boxing career, his role models, and his future. Here is what he had to say...

**Michael Gawdzik:** How did it feel to win Golden Gloves?

**Kiael Waldon:** It was nice to know that I was going to Nationals. I had my first fight there ever a year before that in 2022. So to win Indiana, you know, to go to Nationals, was kind of surreal.

**MG:** How did you get into boxing?

**KW:** I was back home and this guy had been boxing for like two or three years or something like that. At least that's what I was told. And someone put on social media that anyone who could beat him would get \$300 and my friends asked if I wanted to do it. I was like, sure. They said I lost, but I gave the guy a bloody nose and a pretty good black eye even though I had never fought before, so I wondered what I could do if I had some training.

**MG:** How was the transition from the sports you played in high school (football and baseball) to boxing?

**KW:** In high school, I started playing defense. The more I got into it, the more I knew I liked to hit people. I mean, I got to unleash some frustrations, I guess, in that aspect. I mean, I wouldn't



say I was mean, I've never been like that, but I do have a mean streak. You either got that meanness or you don't.

So I think for a long time football kind of gave me that, you know, you get out there and take whatever it is that

you're feeling out on other people in football. So boxing is kind of the same way. But you got to be smart, you know, you can't fight off emotions, you know, you got to be able to harness everything.

**MG:** How has winning impacted your training?

**KW:** I believe my work ethic is what propelled me to get to that point.

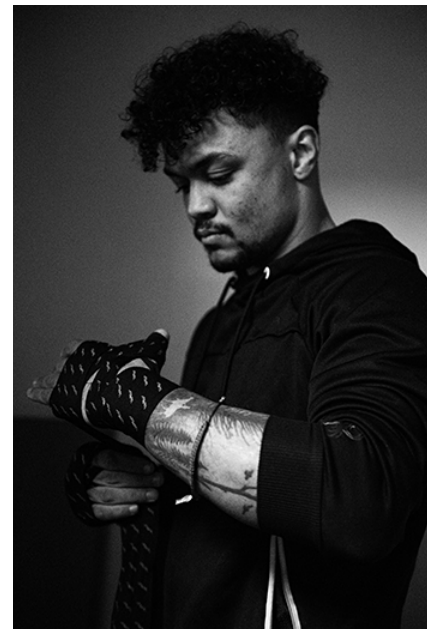
It's like if I don't come in here and I am not really sore then I didn't do a lot that day. And like, I'll take ice baths every day. So, I mean, if I don't train hard enough, I feel like there's a good chance somebody's training harder than me. I train and work out six days a week. I mean, it kind of runs my life.

**MG:** Now that you've won a Golden Gloves National title and a USA Boxing National title, what's next?

**KW:** I want to win another national Golden Glove title. It's really where all my focus is right now.

**MG:** Who are your boxing role models?

**KW:** I only watch three fighters: Pacquiao, Lomachenko, and Jervontae Davis. I think you can learn the most from, at least like the footwork



*Kiael Waldon wraps his hands in a dimly lit quiet back hallway at Jeff City Boxing.*



from Pacquiao, his foot speed where mine kind of emulates his. He's so quick. Then Lomachenko likes to play with the hands, like pulling people's guards down. He's really weird about playing with people's hands and his own. So it's kind of something that coach teaches. I think Jervontae is a really explosive fighter, but he's also really smart. I think a lot of people don't give him credit for being a knockout artist. He times everything. He's very particular with what he hits you with. He throws the least amount of punches in all of boxing per round and like 40% of them are landing.

**MG:** What advice would you give to the fighters competing now for Indiana Golden Gloves?

**KW:** One of the biggest things is that if you don't have a cardio basis, definitely pace yourself that first round because usually a lot of people try to win that first round. That first round they can go crazy and throw everything they got and try to stop people. In their second round, though, they always fade. Third round: they're gone. Legs are done. They can't move. I would just tell people to pace themselves and listen to their corner because they can see more than you can when you're in a fight. That's probably the biggest thing is to listen to what's going on in your corner. Because whatever you're seeing is a fraction of what they're seeing. When I spar I might find one or two mistakes and my corner will see all twenty.

**MG:** What do you think are the biggest mistakes fighters are making?

**KW:** For me when I fight somebody, or especially when I'm fighting someone more than three rounds, and I start to figure them out more

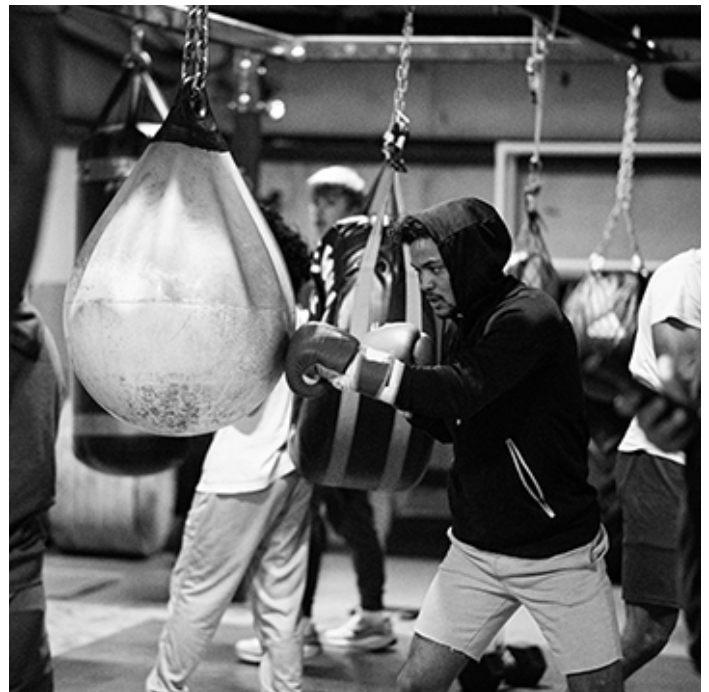
and more, they're repeating the same things or dropping their hands. Boxing is so fast-paced that it's all muscle memory of what you do. You know, when people get in trouble, they always go back to the very beginning of when they first started boxing.

**MG:** Where do you see yourself in five years?



**KW:** I think I can go pretty far with it, to be honest. I mean, I see somebody like Frank Martin who won Indiana Golden Gloves and Nationals and now he's like 18-0 as a pro. He started boxing at 16 so he's got four years on me. I can see myself doing something similar the way he does. So I'll just keep trying harder than people and I'll see where I can go, you know?

Kiael has already entered the elite club of Hoosier boxers who went on to win a National Golden Gloves title, but that's his past, what his future holds, is entirely in his hands.





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**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.



## Richard A. "Dick" Mills

Dick Mills retired from the Indiana Golden Gloves, Inc. board of directors at the end of 2023 capping nearly 50 years of service during which he fulfilled many roles in the organization. He served as president, treasurer, club liaison, and procurement officer to name but a few, and he leaves an indelible mark on the organization. One of his final efforts before retiring was to accelerate the recruitment and retention of younger

board members, addressing a critical need as the average age of the board rose. As a result of this, three new board members were added in early 2024 ensuring the Indiana Golden Gloves, Inc. will continue to thrive well into the future.

Dick was always quick to offer a funny anecdote or story from his hometown of Clinton, IN and his self-deprecating style helped to smoothly guide the team as it discharged its duties for the annual state boxing tournament as well as fielding a team for the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions. And while he enjoys a well-deserved break from his duties, his legacy will continue through the groundwork and infrastructure put in place during his tenure.



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## Vickie, John, and Johnny Elder

It is rare for an organization to have multiple family members participate in the leadership of the group, but such was the case with the Elders. Vickie, John, and Johnny Elder were all members of the board of directors, with Vickie shouldering many additional duties in her roles as Tournament Director for the Indiana Golden Gloves annual state competition as well as President of Indiana Amateur Boxing.

They were deeply immersed in helping promote amateur boxing in Indiana, volunteering their time at club exhibitions, helping conduct tournaments for boxers hoping to gain experience and age to compete in the Golden Gloves Tournament, registering boxers and clubs with the sanctioning body each year, and working to ensure the sport was managed in a fair and equitable manner. All three stepped down after many years at the end of 2023 and no aspect of the current competition will be without their fingerprints all over it.

## 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	

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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 road 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

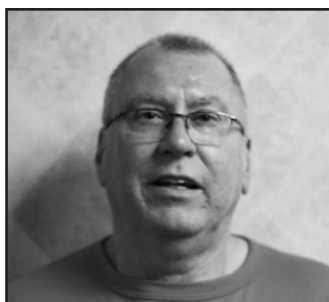
**Open:** Ages 18 - 40 years old with five or more fights or having won a Novice or Jr. Open title

### 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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The Indiana Golden Gloves, Inc. is a not-for-profit Indiana corporation and has one of thirty franchises granted by the National Golden Gloves. Indiana Golden Gloves territory includes all of the state of Indiana except the areas in Lake and Porter counties and the Fort Wayne area. The Indiana "Gloves" is operated entirely by non-compensated volunteers. The organization includes the following:

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# In Memoriam

## John C. Caldwell, Sr.

Long time Chief Official of the Indiana Golden Gloves, Inc. and the National Golden Gloves passed away on January 14, 2024 at nearly 85 years of age. John served for decades in this capacity and was recognized not only for his unerring and fair treatment of boxers and their coaches, but he was also a walking encyclopedia of amateur boxing in the Midwest. Having witnessed and officiated at countless bouts and tournaments, he could recall boxers who were champions by weight class and year when they were crowned after decades had passed. John proudly served his country as a US Marine and his lengthy service as a board member of the Indiana Golden Gloves, Inc. led to his election to the Boxing Hall of Fame. His quiet yet determined discharge of his duties and candid, deep understanding of the governing bylaws of the sport will be sorely missed by the organization, boxers, and their coaches.



## 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 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.
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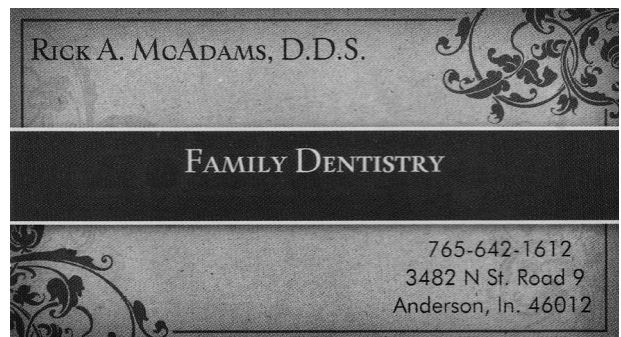


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# Golden Gloves History

Though boxers have faced off at the Golden Gloves Tournament without interruption for 96 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

1964 — Louisville, Kentucky	1984 — St. Louis, Missouri	2005 — Little Rock, Arkansas
1965 — Kansas City, Missouri	1985 — Little Rock, Arkansas	2006 — Omaha, Nebraska
1966 — Kansas City, Missouri	1986 — Cedar Rapids, Iowa	2007 — Chattanooga, Tennessee
1967 — Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1987 — Knoxville, Tennessee	2008 — Grand Rapids, Michigan
1968 — Salt Lake City, Utah	1988 — Omaha, Nebraska	2009 — Salt Lake City, Utah
1969 — Kansas City, Missouri	1989 — Knoxville, Tennessee	2010 — Little Rock, Arkansas
1970 — Las Vegas, Nevada	1990 — Miami, Florida	2011 — Indianapolis, Indiana
1971 — Fort Worth, Texas	1991 — Des Moines, Iowa	2012 — Mesquite, Nevada
1972 — Minneapolis, Minnesota	1992 — Chicago, Illinois	2013 — Salt Lake City, Utah
1973 — Lowell, Massachusetts	1993 — Little Rock, Arkansas	2014 — Las Vegas, Nevada
1974 — Denver, Colorado	1994 — Milwaukee, Wisconsin	2015 — Las Vegas, Nevada
1975 — Knoxville, Tennessee	1995 — Lowell, Massachusetts	2016 — Salt Lake City, Utah
1976 — Miami, Florida	1996 — Cleveland, Ohio	2017 — Lafayette, Louisiana
1977 — Honolulu, Hawaii	1997 — Denver, Colorado	2018 — Omaha, Nebraska
1978 — Albuquerque, New Mexico	1998 — Biloxi, Mississippi	2019 — Chattanooga, Tennessee
1979 — Indianapolis, Indiana	1999 — Syracuse, New York	2021 — Tulsa, Oklahoma
1980 — Shreveport, Louisiana	2001 — Reno, Nevada	2022 — Tulsa, Oklahoma
1981 — Toledo, Ohio	2002 — Denver, Colorado	2023 — Chester, Pennsylvania
1982 — Kansas City, Missouri	2003 — Las Vegas, Nevada	2024 — Detroit, Michigan
1983 — Albuquerque, New Mexico	2004 — Kansas City, Missouri	



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*Former professional fighter and founder of the Indiana Boxing Hall of Fame, Craig Houk draws a 50-50 winner during intermission of 2023 Indiana Golden Gloves. Houk fought at welterweight against world champions such as Julio Cesar Chavez, Joey Gamache, and Hector Camacho earning a professional record of 67-39 with 18 knockouts.*



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## Facts, Figures

Indiana Golden Gloves is celebrating its 91st 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.



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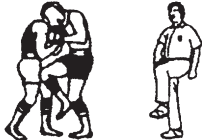

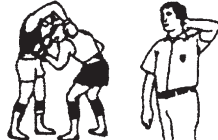
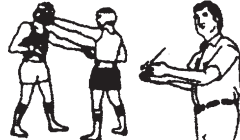
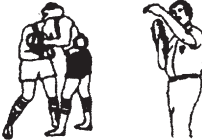
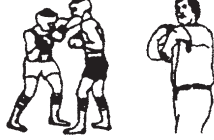



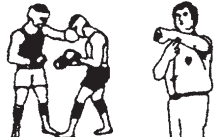
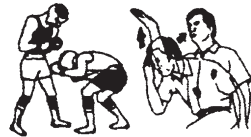
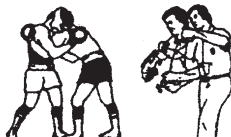


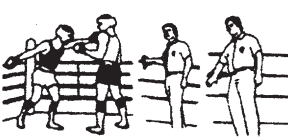
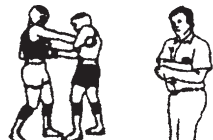




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<b>Kicking with the knee</b>	Referee touches the knee to mimic the violation	<b>Butting</b>	Referee taps the top of the head. Moves the head forward. Motions the hand upward	<b>Any blow on back of neck</b>	Referee touches exact location of the illegal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

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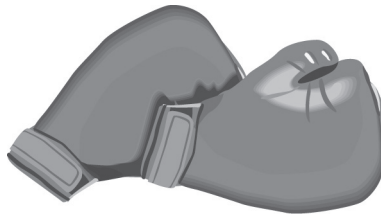
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