

Boxing State Championship

south carolina

GOLDEN

GLOVES

★ FEB 23 - 25, 2023 ★

The Memorial Arena at
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium

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Elite Boxing Competition returns to *"The Showplace of the South"* in Spartanburg

Boxing at the Depot will host the **2023 South Carolina Golden Gloves** Boxing State Championship from February 23 - 25 at The Memorial Arena at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium (385 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303). Golden Gloves has been contested in the Carolinas since 1934 and nationally since 1928. Boxers will compete for State Championship belts, All-State certificates signed by South Carolina Governor Henry Mc Master, and spots on South Carolina's Elite High Performance Boxing Team. There will be three competition divisions for men and women: Elite Open (18-40 years old; 11+ prior USA Boxing bouts); Novice (18-40 years old; 0-10 prior USA Boxing bouts); and Masters (40+ years old). Winners of the Elite Open Division will join Team South Carolina and travel to Birmingham, Alabama to compete in the Southeast Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions against the champions from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The winner of the Southeast Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions will then compete in the Golden Gloves National Championship. The following Olympic weight classes will be contested at this year's tournament:

Flyweight (112 lbs.), Featherweight (125 lbs.), Light Welterweight (139 lbs.), Welterweight (147 lbs.), Light Middleweight (156 lbs.), Middleweight (165 lbs.), Light Heavyweight (176 lbs.), Cruiserweight (189 lbs.), Heavyweight (203 lbs.), and Super Heavyweight (203+ lbs.).

The Memorial Arena will seat approximately **1,600 spectators** each night, and fans will be treated to live concerts and dance performances in addition to boxing competition. Tickets are on sale now at Ticketmaster or at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium's Box Office for \$12 (General Admission), \$22 (General Admission Floor), or \$32 (Ringside). All proceeds from the event will go to the SC Golden Gloves 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, which currently offers a variety of free education programs developed by experts at Johns Hopkins University. Visit scgoldengloves.com or boxingatthedepot.com for detailed tournament information.

Venue



The Memorial Arena at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium

"The Showplace of the South"

385 North Church Street
Spartanburg, SC 29303

"This auditorium is dedicated to the honored memory of the brave men of Spartanburg County who have laid down their lives for their country in time of war. The nobility of their cause was reflected in their conduct. The honor of the services was upheld by their arms. The glory of the victory was won by their sacrifice."

Boxing State Championship Tickets

Online: Ticketmaster:



In-Person: Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Arena Box Office

The Box Office is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Box Office Phone: (864) 582-8107

Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium has hosted musicians (Taylor Swift, Journey, The Temptations, Billy Joel, Ray Charles, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Styx, Gavin DeGraw, Kenny Chesney, Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews, The Beach Boys), events (Miss South Carolina Pageant, Big Time Wrestling), Broadway shows (Grease, CATS, Phantom of the Opera, Chicago, Mamma Mia, Wizard of Oz, HAIR), comedians (Jerry Seinfeld, Bernie Mac, Steve Harvey, Jeff Foxworthy), and celebrity speakers (Julius "Dr. J" Ervin, Steve Spurrier, Lou Holtz, President George W. Bush).

THE TIME IS *NOW*



Kmauri Lockey

Boxing at the Depot (Greer, SC)
3x Golden Gloves Champion

South Carolina Golden Gloves

501(c)(3) Non-Profit Public Charity

SC Golden Gloves is a **501(c)(3) non-profit organization** with the purpose of improving the sport of boxing by setting the standard of excellence in boxing education, research, and practice.

SC Golden Gloves:

- (1) educates boxers, coaches, officials, and the public on boxing topics;*
- (2) conducts boxing-related research; and*
- (3) provides athlete-centered training and competitive opportunities.*

In partnership with Johns Hopkins University, the SC Golden Gloves Neuro-Learning Initiative launched in 2020 in order to bridge the gap between brain sciences, learning sciences, and boxing practice. Experts at Johns Hopkins University and SC Golden Gloves began translating the latest neuroscience, neurology, neuroimaging, cognitive science, psychology, learning science, and educational research into practical recommendations for boxers, parents, coaches, and other key stakeholders in the boxing community.

SC Golden Gloves is making the sport of boxing safer.

SC Golden Gloves is committed to continuous improvement using an improvement science approach. In 2021, SC Golden Gloves:

- *partnered with emergency responders to provide boxing coaches and athletes American Red Cross cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) certification through hands-on training at a boxing gym.*
- *synthesized a hundred years of boxing-specific research and delivered the first sport specific chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) course designed specifically to improve coaches' management of boxers' long term brain health.*
- *created, implemented, and evaluated a nutrition course covering the physical, mental, and emotional dangers of rapid weight loss ("rapid weight cutting") and provided information on how to safely manage weight loss and hydration in a weight class sport.*
- *conducted a statewide mixed methods needs assessment study consisting of gym observations, surveys, and interviews to explore ways in which to make amateur boxing safer in South Carolina.*
- *published boxing-related research at Johns Hopkins University's Sheridan Libraries.*

Learn more: scgoldengloves.org

A Brief History of Golden Gloves

In 1923, the Chicago Tribune created and staged a city wide boxing tournament. The event was initially scheduled for three days, but, due to 424 boxers entering and the tremendous popularity of the event with fans, the tournament lasted six days. All profits from the event went to disabled war veterans. The event grew and the first Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions took place in 1928 between Team Illinois and Team New York at the New York Coliseum. Once again, the event was a huge success, and all proceeds were donated to disabled war veterans.

Golden Gloves began in the Carolinas in 1934. The structure of the tournaments and rules have changed over the years to align with the national governing body rules, but the premise remains the same: Determine the best boxer in the state of South Carolina in

each weight class through a multi-day, single-elimination tournament. Winners in each weight class become State Champion and are selected to represent South Carolina against other states' champions in the Southeast Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions (including champions from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee). The winner of the Southeast tournament then advances to compete in the Golden Gloves National Tournament of Champions.

The South Carolina Golden Gloves have been hosted by Boxing at the Depot (209A Depot St., Greer, SC) since 2019. The tournaments sold out each year, and fans were delighted by the blend of high-level boxing competition, live musical performances, dance shows, and entertainment acts.



MAKE YOUR MOVE



GOLD “TITLE” PARTNERS: \$5,000

Make your brand a part of history!

Your Company (Weight Class) Tournament

Example: SC Fit LLC Middleweight Tournament

Super Heavyweight	203+ lbs.
Heavyweight	203 lbs.
Cruiserweight	189 lbs.
Light Heavyweight	176 lbs.
Middleweight	165 lbs.
Light Middleweight	156 lbs.
Welterweight	147 lbs.
Light Welterweight	139 lbs.
Lightweight	132 lbs.
Featherweight	125 lbs.
Bantamweight	119 lbs.
Flyweight	112 lbs.



- Golden Gloves will create **custom championship belts** showcasing your company's brand for competitors in the tournament, and your company will receive a championship belt in the ring.
- The sponsor has an opportunity to hand out championship belts in the ring to Novice and Open Division champions.
- **15 V.I.P. Passes** (includes ringside seats)
- Your company can run advertisements on event websites for 1 year.
- Your company will receive 2 full page ads in the official event program.
- Your company will be promoted during the event by the ring announcer and DJ, as well as through social media advertising.
- Your company's name goes in the official Golden Gloves record book.

Your Company

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



2020 Olympic Champion:	Julio Cesar De La Cruz Peraza, <i>Cuba</i>
2021 World Champion:	Julio Cesar De La Cruz Peraza, <i>Cuba</i>
2021 Golden Gloves National Champion:	Jkhory Gibson, <i>Texas</i>
2021 Golden Gloves Runner-up:	Saundre Simmons, <i>Southeast (NC)</i>
2021 Southeast Golden Gloves Champion:	Saundre Simmons, <i>NC</i>
Current South Carolina Golden Gloves State Champion:	Brandon Bora

Company Name

PAST CAROLINAS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS

1934	Fred Hook	Wake Forest University	1981	Edward Lewis	Jacksonville
1935	Lawson Glenn	Raleigh	1982	James McGee	U.S. Army
1936	Fred Hill	Oak Ridge Military Academy	1983	Anothony Jamison	Wilmington
1937	Len Wilson	Appalachian State College	1984	Nathaniel Fitch	U.S. Army
1938	Fred Hill	Kings Mountain	1985	Dwayne Embery	U.S. Army
1939	Joe Golemberg	Elon College	1986	Cecil Coleman	U.S. Navy
1940	Fred Hill	Charlotte	1987	George Blanco	U.S. Marines
1941	Carlisle Thompson	Florence Lions	1988	J.R. Lockhart	Charlotte
1942	William Taylor	Charlotte	1989	Obie Sullivan	U.S. Marines
1943	Bob Burns	502nd Paratroopers	1990	Obie Sullivan	U.S. Marines
1944	Lee Croft	551st Parachute Infantry	1991	John Robbins	Wilmington
1945	Edward Zednick	541st Parachute Infantry	1992	Mark Johnson	Greensboro
1946	James Creager	U.S. Army Camp Butner	1993	Jeffrey Wooden	U.S. Army
1947	Joe Mahoney	2nd Marine Division	1994	David Washington	U.S. Army
1948	Neil Wallace	Charlotte	1995	David Washington	U.S. Army
1949	James Le Lenege	U.S. Marines Cherry Point	1996	Otis Tisdale	Charlotte
1950	Nicky Vasquez	82nd Airborne	1997	Jason Brown	U.S. Marines
1951	Charles Hart	Greenville Y	2001	Alonzo Lumpkin	Rock Hill
1952	Foster Bonner	U.S. Marines Cherry	2002	Roy Matthews	Sumter
1953	John Hoyer	Charlotte Police Club	2003	Alonzo Lumpkin	Rock Hill
1954	Roy Louson	U.S. Navy	2004	Roy Matthews	Sumter
1955	Waban Thomas	Charlotte	2006	Winfred Green	Sea Island
1956	Bill Walters	Rock Hill	2007	Daniel Singletary	Hilda
1957	Waban Thomas	Berryhill	2009	Alonzo Lumpkin	Rock Hill
1958	Ray Campbell	Mt. Holly	2010	Shane Garner	South Carolina
1959	Ray Campbell	Gaston	2013	Vaughn Williams	Greenville Boxing Club
1960	Marvin Smith	Gaffney	2014	Vaughn Williams	Greenville Boxing Club
1961	Dink McManus	Mt. Holly	2015	William Culp	White Rock Boxing
1962	Dink McManus	Mt. Holly	2016	Jordan Mannier	Unattached
1963	Roby Jetton	Lincolnton	2017	Vaughn Williams	Greenville Boxing Club
1964	Weldon Benton	Florence	2019	Brandon Bora	Boxing at the Depot
1965	Ken Norton	U.S. Marines Camp LeJeune			
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1967	Charles Dwyer	U.S. Marines Camp LeJeune			
1968	James Williams	U.S. Marines Camp LeJeune			
1969	Robert Nichols	Mt. Holly			
1971	Harold Meeks	U.S. Marines Camp LeJeune			
1972	Dick Pittigrew	U.S. Navy-Cruiser Destroyer Force			
1973	Carl Ivey	U.S. Navy			
1974	Bruce Thompson	U.S. Navy			
1975	Willie Alexander	High Point			
1977	Alf Coffin	U.S. Marines			
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1979	Woody Clark	U.S. Army			
1980	Mercure Blackmon	U.S. Army			



Company Name

ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIP TYPES

Red Partnership

\$1,000

Red partners will receive:

- Recognition at the event
- Advertisement before and during the event on the event website and social media platforms
- 1 Half-page ad in the official event program
- 10 V.I.P. Passes (includes ringside seats)

White Partnership

\$500

White partners will receive:

- Recognition at the event
- Advertisement before and during the event on the event website and social media platforms
- 1 Quarter-page ad in the official event program
- 5 V.I.P. Passes (includes ringside seats)

Blue Partnership

\$250

Blue partners will receive:

- Recognition at the event
- Advertisement before and during the event on the event website and social media platforms
- 2 V.I.P. Passes (includes ringside seats)

Where does partnership money go?

100% of partnership money goes towards the fees and expenses of the SC Golden Gloves event. Event expenses include venue rental, ring rental, ring setup, lighting, sound, championship belts, performer fees, USA Boxing tournament personnel (such as doctors, medical support, officials), USA Boxing equipment for competitors, and expenses for sending tournament champions to Birmingham for the Tournament of Champions (including team uniforms, hotels, and travel expenses). All proceeds from the event are donated to the SC Golden Gloves 501(c)(3) non-profit.

SC GOLDEN GLOVES

PAST 4 YEARS

	2019	2020	2021	2022
USA Boxing Competitors	53	57	59	77
Golden Gloves Bouts	19	21	24	41
Number of Sponsors	12	14	14	24

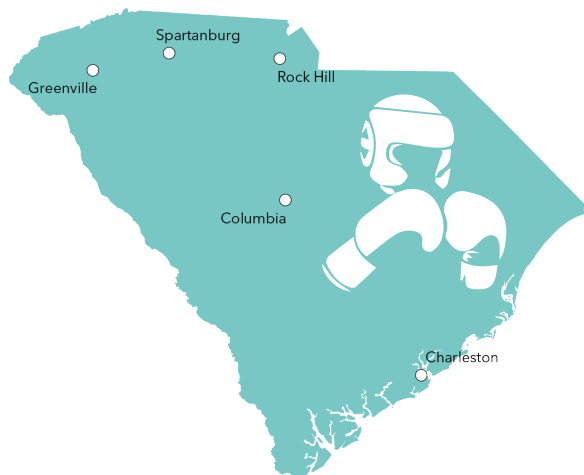
 **TICKET
SALES**



550
each year

SOLD OUT VENUE
2019 • 2020 • 2021

**Cities with most
Athletes and Fans**



TICKETS



EVENT WEBSITE



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