



ENGLAND BOXING NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021 – KEY INFORMATION CIRCULAR

1) General Information

Welcome to the key information circular for the England Boxing National Schools 2021 Championships, to be held in Newcastle on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September.

This circular will address operational and logistical matters relating to the event and hopefully answer any queries you have at this stage.

This event is for male and female Schools Class A and Class B and School Cadets boxers, and will be held at the Vertu Arena Scotswood Road, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE4 7AF.

The semi-finals will be on Saturday 25th and the finals will be on Sunday 26th. These final stages of the event are staged by England Boxing, but we would like to recognise the extensive work put in by all those involved in the regional rounds in the run-up to this weekend, and thank them for their efforts.

2) Timings

Saturday 25th September

Boxing commences: 1pm. A 30-minute break will then take place in each ring at these times: Ring A – 3.30pm. Ring B – 4pm. Ring C – 4.30pm.

Sunday 26th September

Boxing commences: 12noon. A 30-minute break will then take place in each ring at these times: Ring A – 2.30pm. Ring B – 3pm. Ring C – 3.30pm.

3) Covid-19 rules and guidance

On instruction of the host venue, **all** event attendees, including boxers, coaches, England Boxing staff, volunteers, all other personnel and spectators must follow an

agreed procedure as a condition of entry for the benefit of the health and safety of everyone.

If you have recently tested positive for Covid-19 and are not out of your isolation period, have been asked to self-isolate by government Test and Trace because of Covid-19 or are showing symptoms of Covid-19, **do not attend the venue**.

Everyone entering the building will have their temperature tested. Those with a high temperature or who are displaying obvious Covid-19 symptoms will be asked to take a lateral flow test by medics and will not be permitted to enter unless they do. They will be asked to wait outside or in their car for the results.

If a test comes back negative, that person can enter the building. If it comes back positive, they will be asked to leave the premises immediately and not permitted entry.

Once in the building, the venue's policy is that everyone must wear a mask (unless medically exempt) while they are moving around. Please carry your exemption card with you.

Masks can only be removed while seated in the arena seating area. This includes coaches, except once they are in the field of play when accompanying a boxer (but they must wear a mask on the way to ringside).

Please bring your own masks. Disposable masks will be available to purchase for £1 on the day.

4) Accreditation

Accreditation wrist bands will issued to boxers and coaches at their weigh-in. Thereafter a daily wristband will be issued for boxers and coaches competing that day at their weigh-in.

You will need to be in possession of your wrist band to access the field of play. Coaches must present and wear their current England Boxing Lanyard at all times. No more than three coaches per boxer will be permitted in to the venue (maximum of six coaches per club). No more than two coaches will be permitted ringside to corner the bout due to restrictions on numbers due to Covid-19.

5) Venue Access

Due to Covid-19, when not competing and having not yet taken part in their bout, boxers and coaches will only be allowed to watch the boxing via the sterile area of the viewing balcony, away from spectators.

Once their bout is complete, they can then exchange their wristband for a spectator wristband to join family in the stands, but will then not be permitted re-entry to the

boxers' zones. Only bouts in-play, or when called by the whip, will be allowed onto the field of play. There will be no access at any other time.

6) Weigh-in

The weigh-ins will take place at the Vertu Arena for all weight categories. Timings are as below:

Saturday 25th September

10am to 12noon.

Sunday 26th September 2021

9am to 11am.

Boxers and coaches should be at the venue in good time to be weighed in and to carry out their medicals. The scales will close at 12noon on 25th September and 11am on 26th September.

Please ensure you bring your medical cards and gumshields with you (no red or partially red). Please note that due to the number of boxers entered in the event, **only one coach** from any one club will allowed to enter the weigh-in room with their boxer(s).

Coaches are to make sure that their England Boxing lanyards are in-date and they bring them to the event. Only coaches of the same gender can enter the weigh-in room with their boxer.

Please also note that boxers only need to weigh-in on the day they are boxing.

Please be advised that any boxer who does not weigh-in and medical on the day they are required to do so will be withdrawn from the Championships.

7) Programme

The official draw will be released on Wednesday 22nd September on the England Boxing website and advertised as such on social media.

There will be three boxing rings in place on both days.

Please note that the programme will be dependent on all boxers making the weight and passing the doctor's examination.

The confirmed bout order for each day will be promulgated on completion of the draw for the semi-finals and, following those results, for the finals.

8) Box Office

Tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Desk at the Vertu Arena. Prices are £20 per adult, £10 per concession (over 65) and £5 per child aged six to 15, with Under-5s are free. Please note it is cash only and there is not an ATM at the venue.

Once in the arena, spectators are reminded that they must remain seated at all times and not stand up against the ring barriers. This is particularly important given the current need for Covid-19 protocols (see section 3, above).

Should spectators stand, boxing will be stopped and will not continue until everyone is sat down. Please adhere to this instruction, not just out of respect for others, but also for everyone's health and safety.

Please note that England Boxing photographers and videographer will be capturing footage on both days of the event that may include capturing images of spectators. By attending as a spectator, you agree this imagery can be used by England Boxing and other media outlets.

9) Parking

There is parking available at the Vertu Arena for £5 per day, via **card payments only**. Attendants will be in place at the entrance to assist and take payment.

Please use the postcode **NE4 7ST** in your sat-nav for directions to the entrance to the arena car park, off Clumber Street.

Other car parks can be found on Ord Street (NE4 7AD, also a coach park, 0.7 miles away) and Forth Banks, (NE1 3PH, 24-hour car park, 0.9 miles away).

10) England Talent

Please note that the 2021 England Boxing National Championships will not provide a route onto the England Talent Pathway Programme. Pathway recruitment is expected to resume at the 2022 England Boxing National Championships.

Boxers who win titles at the England Boxing National Schools Championships 2021 (open class only) will be invited to an England Talent Schools Champions Day, in Leicester in October. Letters will be handed to champions following their respective bouts on Sunday 26th September. Boxers will need to confirm their attendance.

11) Live streaming

If you can't attend on the day to take in the action, then you can watch things unfold via online streaming on the England Boxing YouTube Channel, with further details to be announced in the lead-up to the event.

12) Website and social media coverage

You can find out more about the England Boxing National Schools Championships 2021 by **[clicking here](#)** and follow the action across our social media all weekend via the hashtag #EBNSC21.

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If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this document please do not hesitate to contact the England Boxing Office on 0114 223 5654 or via **EBChampionships@englandboxing.org**.

Wishing all competitors the very best of luck