



ENGLAND BOXING
Referee's & Judge's CPD
Week 2 – Scoring and Points

Scoring Blow

- A scoring blow is one that lands with the knuckle part of the closed glove of either hand on the target area, with force and without infringing the rules.
- The target area is defined as the front and sides of the head and body above the belt. The belt is defined as a line from hip to hip which passes through the navel.

Scoring System

- The Scoring System is based on a “Ten Point Must System”
- The Judges for each bout will be allocated a position around the ring and at the end of each round, each Judge must determine the winning boxer of that round by awarding a score of ten points and by awarding nine or less points down to seven to the losing boxer depending on the judgment as to the degree to which the opponent lost the round. Every round must have a declared winner.

Points Allocation

The Judges must apply the following criteria to score round:

- **10 vs 9 - Close round**
 - Both boxers are evenly matched in most of the criteria.
- **10 vs 8 - Clear winner**
 - There is a clear winner due to the big difference in number of quality blows scored.
 - There is a clear winner with smaller difference in number of quality blows scored but may have a clear advantage in some of the scoring criteria.
- **10 vs 7 - Total dominance**
 - One boxer is completely dominant over the other boxer in all criteria.

Scoring Criteria

- Each Judge will independently judge the merits of the two boxers using the scoring system based on the following criteria:
 - Number of quality blows on target area
 - Domination of the Bout by technical and tactical superiority
 - Competitiveness
- If manual scoring is used the referee will collect the judge's score cards at the end of each round and hand them to the supervisor.
- At the end of the contest, the supervisor will add up each of the judges scores and the result of the contest will be announced.

Scoring Criteria

Number of quality blows on target area

- Punch is connected with knuckle part of glove
- Punch has the weight of body or shoulder
- Punch is connected in the Target Area
- Punch is cleanly connected
- Punch is connected while not infringing a rule
- You had clear vision of the punch
- Do not award points for blows that do not meet the legal blow criteria

Scoring Criteria

Domination of the Bout by technical and tactical superiority.

- A boxer who causes his opponent to miss and makes him vulnerable to his punches.
- A boxer throwing effective counter jabs and stands his opponent off.
- A boxer who sets the positions in the ring and the pace of the action (for example - lateral movement).
- Neutralizes style or type of boxer: slugger vs boxer, southpaw vs orthodox, cuts off the ring, works opponent into a corner etc.
- Successfully avoids the clean hit of an opponent by blocking slipping, weaving, parrying, and good footwork.

A Body blow that meets the Quality Blow & Technique/Tactic criteria should count more than a simple jab.

Scoring Criteria

What is Domination of the bout?

- A boxer who is the “Effective Aggressor”
- A boxer who is constantly attacking by going forward is not necessarily an “Effective Aggressor”
- A boxer who controls the bout with a combination of attack and defense, he scores cleanly while defending against counter punching.
- A boxer who forces the action and sets the tempo of the bout.

Scoring Criteria

Competitiveness

- A boxer who doesn't give up
- A boxer who loses the first round and comes back stronger
- A boxer who gets knocked down and comes back stronger
- A boxer who realises his strategy didn't work in the first round and changes it in subsequent rounds

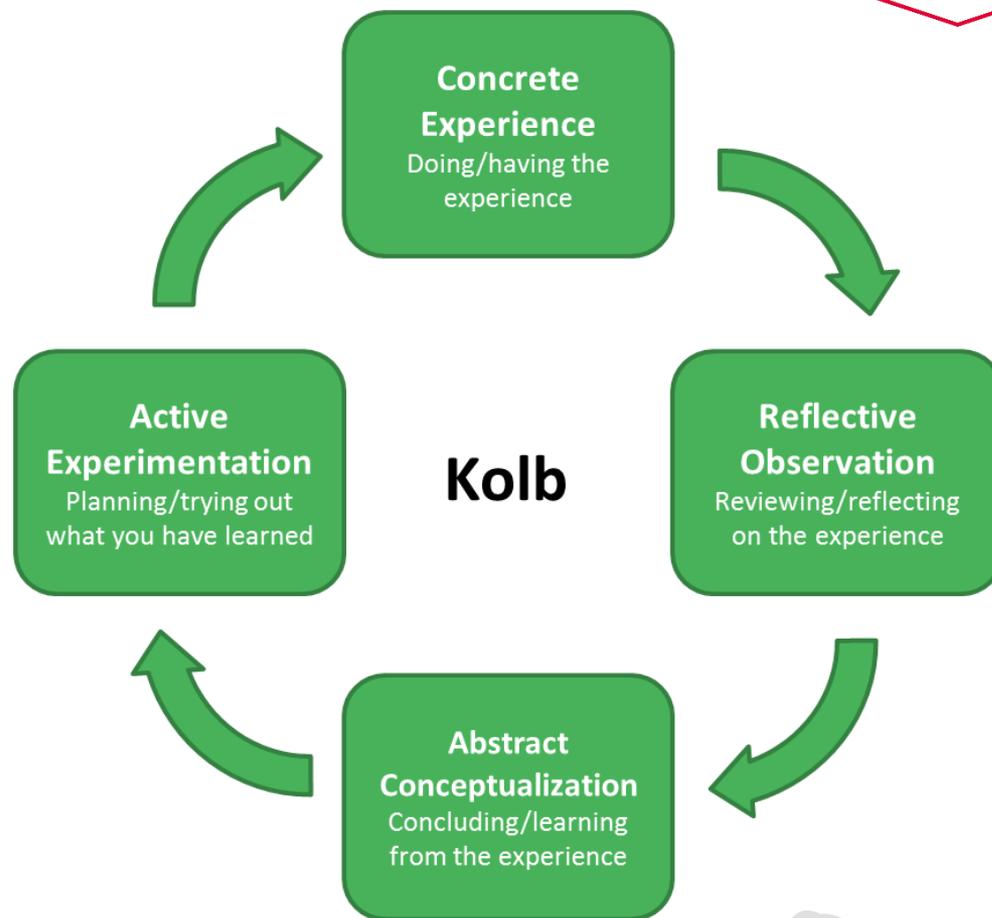
Things to Consider – Who Wins?

- Round 1 - This was a really close round. Judge 2 thought that both boxers were very evenly matched using all three of the judging criteria but thought that the red corner had slightly edged it. Therefore, Judge 2 scored a 10 vs 9 round to the red corner, but only just.
- Round 2 - This was another really close and well matched round. Judge 2, again, thought that both boxers were very close, using all three of the judging criteria, and scored another 10 vs 9 round to the red corner, but again, only just.
- Round 3 - The blue corner had a great round and came back strongly whilst the red corner ran out of steam and didn't seem to want to engage with the blue corner. Using the three judging criteria, Judge 2 scored a 8 vs 10 round to the blue corner, as he was the clear winner of the round.

Judge 2 now has the bout 28 vs 28 and has to select a winner.

Who does judge 2 select as the winner of the bout, and why?

Reflective Practice



Judgement and Decisions

