



ENGLAND BOXING
Referee's & Judge's CPD
Week 4 – The Role of the Referee

Referee

- The definition of a referee is somebody ensuring that the England Boxing technical competition rules are followed by the boxers during their bout.
- The referee's number one priority is the safety of the boxers.
- A referee cannot be colour blind or deaf to carry out their duties.
- The dress code for a referee is a white button shirt with black bow tie, black trousers (not jeans) and black flat soled shoes.

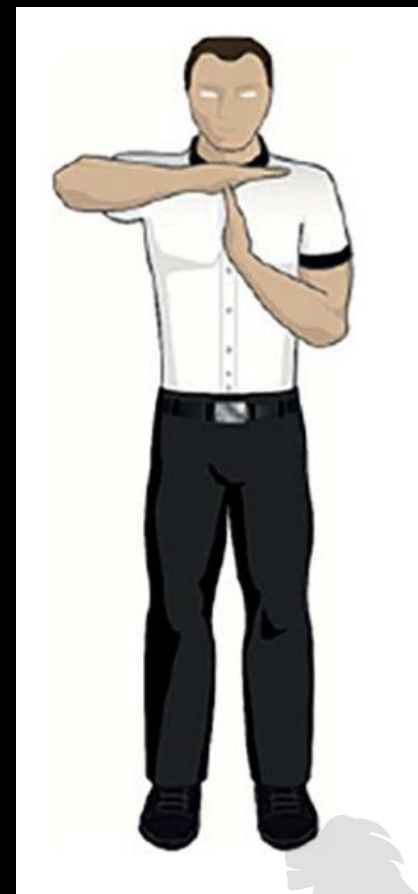
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The referee will use four words of command:

- **Stop** - when ordering the Boxers to stop boxing.
- **Box** - when ordering the Boxers to continue boxing.
- **Break** - when breaking a clinch.
- **Time** - when ordering the Timekeeper to stop the time and to order the boxers to stop boxing.

The Referee:

- The Commend 'Time'



Referee

- The referee must not indicate the winner by raising a boxer's hand or otherwise, until the announcement has been made. When the winner of a bout is announced, the Referee must be positioned in the middle of the ring holding one hand of each boxer and raise the hand of the winning boxer.
- When a referee terminates a bout for any reason, this referee must first inform the supervisor of the decision and why the bout was stopped. The supervisor should advise the referee in case this decision is clearly against the England Boxing rules.

Referee

- The referee may consult the ringside doctor in respect of any injury to a boxer. When the referee calls the ringside doctor to the ring to examine a boxer, only the referee and the ringside doctor must be present in the ring or on the apron. However, the ringside doctor may request someone to help him/her.
- The referee may consult the judges if he/she did not see an incident (low blow, etc).

Referee

The Responsibilities of the referee are as follows:

- To terminate a contest at any stage if this Referee considers it to be one sided.
- To terminate a contest at any stage if one of the Boxers has received an injury on account of which the referee decides the Boxer should not continue.
- To terminate a contest at any stage if this referee considers the boxers inactive and not competitive. In such a case, the referee may disqualify one or both boxers.
- To caution a boxer or administer a warning to a boxer against fouls or for any other reason in the interest of fair play, or to ensure compliance with these rules.

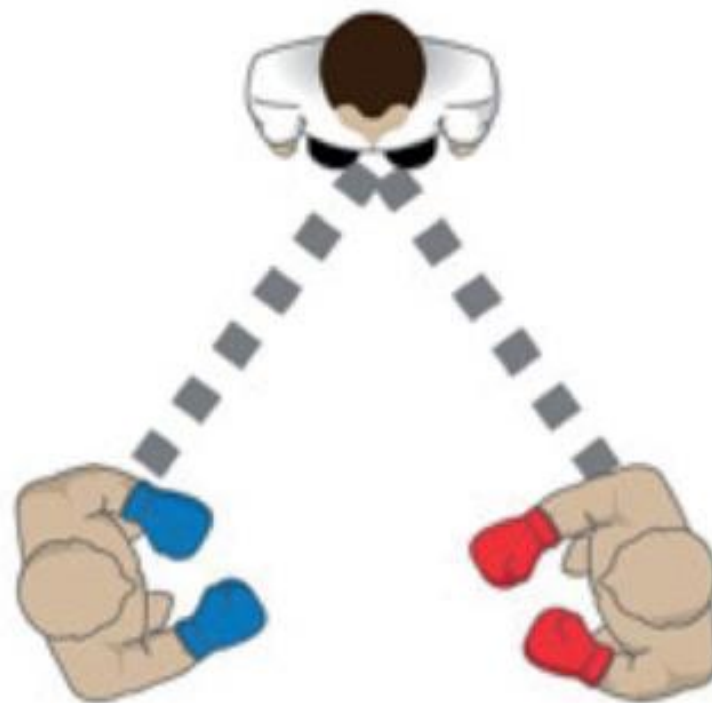
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- To disqualify a boxer who fails to comply immediately with the referee's command, or behaves towards the referee in an offensive or aggressive manner at any time.
- With or without previous warning, to disqualify a boxer for committing a serious foul.
- To interpret these rules insofar as they are applicable or relevant to the Bout or to decide and take action on any circumstance of the Bout which is not covered by these rules.

Referee

- Once a boxer has entered the ring, the referee must ensure that the boxer is wearing the appropriate equipment according to and outlined in the Rules.
- The boxer must be wearing no other objects except the boxing apparel specified in the rules.
- In the case of a boxer's glove becoming undone during a bout, the referee must stop the bout to have the issue rectified by the coach. (Commend: Time)
- Referee must not push the boxers when separating them.
- The referee must check the bandages of each boxer at the end of the bout.
- The referee must check the right positions of judges and of the ringside doctor before the start of the bout.
- The referee must start the bout only after the authorisation of the supervisor.

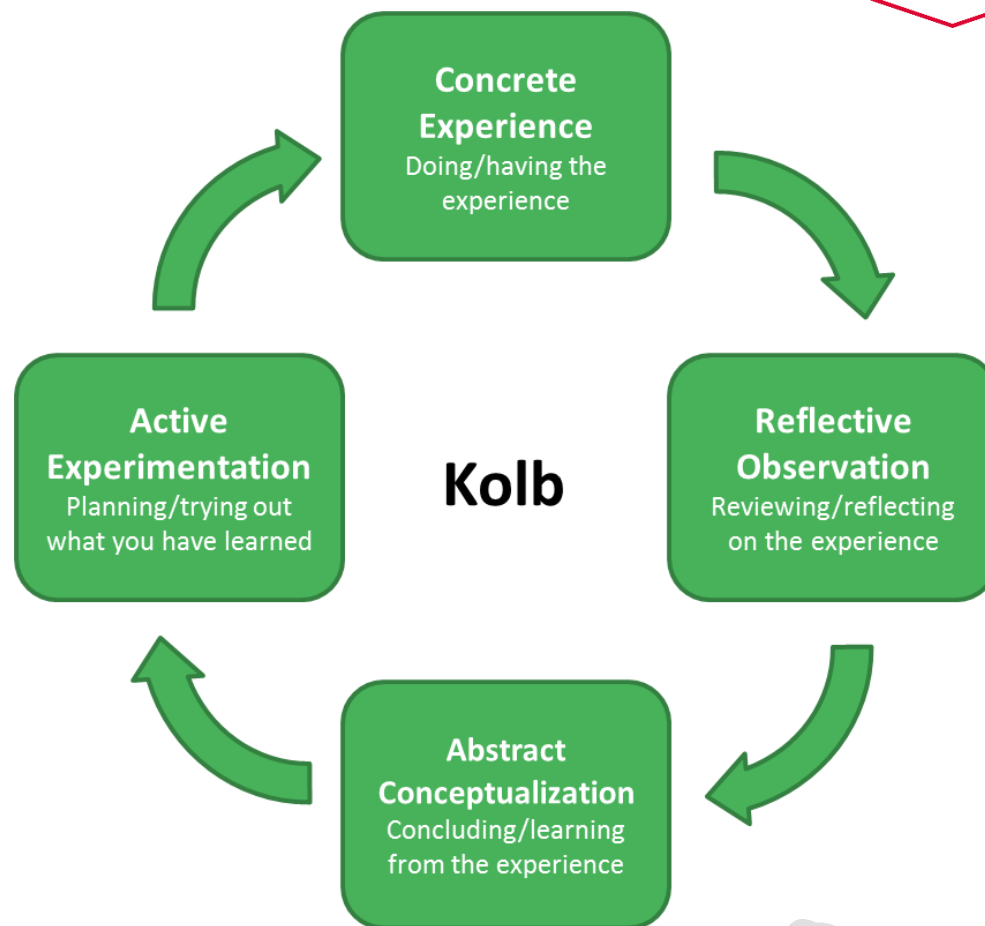
The Referee: Position



Things to Consider – What do you do?

- It is the rest period between rounds 1 and 2 and you are sat at the Judge 1 position. You notice the coach in the red corner giving his boxer Ventolin to help with the boxer's asthma, what are your actions as a Judge?
- You are the Referee for this bout, what do you do about this, if anything?

Reflective Practice



Judgement and Decisions

