BEAR MOUNTAIN BOXING

CALIFORNIA

# 2026

# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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01 / THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

# A team taking shape

Bear Mountain Boxing is building more than a competitive boxing program. We are creating opportunities for young athletes to develop discipline, confidence, accountability, resilience, and a sense of belonging—while representing Big Bear in the wider boxing community.

| 9 | 5 | 12–7 | 12 |
|---|---|---|---|
| REGISTERED FIGHTERS | DOCUMENTED COMPETITION EVENTS | TEAM RECORD | ORGANIZED SPARRING VISITS |

## THE WORK BEHIND THE NUMBERS

Nine registered fighters trained, traveled, and competed during the year. The team took part in five documented competition events, finishing with a 12–7 team record. Away from competition, 12 organized sparring visits gave athletes regular opportunities to test their skills, learn from other coaches, and build confidence against new opponents.

Our athletes did not build this foundation alone. Families, volunteer coaches, local businesses, partner gyms, and community supporters made it possible for the team to keep showing up.



COMMUNITY, TEAMWORK & CONNECTION




BUILDING THE TEAM THROUGH TRAINING

02 / THE WORK

# Progress is built round by round

A young team gets better by training consistently, learning from experienced coaches, and putting itself in situations that demand focus and courage.




## THE ROAD TO GETTING BETTER

Across 12 organized sparring visits, typically six to ten boxers took part in each outing. The team visited boxing programs in San Juan Capistrano, Victorville, Menifee, Hesperia, Twin Peaks, and San Bernardino. These trips created opportunities to work with unfamiliar athletes, experience different coaching approaches, and strengthen relationships across Southern California.

Competition gave the athletes another way to measure their development. The team competed at events in Baldwin Park, San Bernardino, Oxnard, Vista, and Fresno. At Best in the West, both Bear Mountain boxers who competed came away with wins. The team also added a win in Fresno, contributing to its final 12–7 record.

> The result is more than a record. It is a group of young people learning to prepare, listen, persevere, respect their opponents, and represent their community.

03 / THE BOXING FAMILY

# A community that opened its doors

The growth of Bear Mountain Boxing has depended on relationships with gyms and coaches who welcomed our athletes, shared their knowledge, and made room for us to learn.




FIGHT SYNDICATE • TEAM GATHERING AND SPECIAL GUEST COACH

## PARTNERS WHO HELPED US GROW

With gratitude to Pete Carey and Capo Boxing, Fight Syndicate, The Lord’s Ring, High Desert Boxing, Peak Fitness Boxing, The Lion’s Den, That Guys Boxing Club, Apex Fitness, MTB, and every coach and gym that welcomed our boxers. The willingness of other programs to share their space and experience has been essential to our athletes’ development.

04 / BUILDING A HOME

# A place to train. A place to belong.

Support from Fight Syndicate and the Big Bear Lighthouse Project helped make it possible to create a functional training space for Bear Mountain Boxing, including a small boxing ring where our athletes can practice.




## EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY SUPPORT

The Big Bear Lighthouse Project contributed $1,000 to Fight Syndicate to provide resources that helped create a practice space for Bear Mountain Boxing, including a small boxing ring. Capistrano Boxing Gym and its owner, Peter Carey, donated five heavy bags, racks, and flooring valued at $3,500, along with the ring and additional bags that helped make the training space possible. Shane Swartz also donated $400 in equipment. These contributions are recognized as equipment and facility support, separate from cash sponsorships and donations.

A special thank-you to Stan Rosario (Coach Stanley), who coaches our athletes three nights a week and has supported the program with donations and continued commitment. We also recognize Ryan Hazinski, who continually supports the program both as a coach and a contributor. We are grateful to guest coaches Sugar Shane Mosley, Shane Swartz, and Ronnie Mancilla for sharing their experience and encouragement with our team.

The gym is still a work in progress. As the team grows, we will need more training space, improved equipment, and a facility capable of supporting a full-size ring and, one day, amateur boxing events in Big Bear.








05 / THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROGRAM

# This team is built by many hands

A young boxing program cannot grow on its own. It takes local businesses, generous individuals, coaches, families, and volunteers willing to believe in the work.

## 2026 COMMUNITY SPONSORS

### THE PAINT CENTER

Mary Jo and The Paint Center helped support the team and its travel to the California PAL event in Oxnard.

### LITTLE CAESARS

Ian and Little Caesars helped support the Best in the West trip, where both Bear Mountain competitors won.

### BIG BEAR LAKE ROOFING

Thank you for helping fund the team?s participation at the Vista tournament.

### FIGHT SYNDICATE

Thank you to Red and Fight Syndicate for financial support, training space, and continued partnership.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH·S CHURCH

Thank you for contributing to safety equipment that supports our team in both practice and competition.

## FRIENDS & COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Stan Rosario (Coach Stanley) • Ronnie Mancilla • Alex Pedroza • Johnny Burnham • Will Rahill • Cindy Dupree • Freddy Reza • Mike Lindsay • Wendy Badger at Visit Big Bear

We also thank Shane Swartz, Sugar Shane Mosley, the Big Bear Lighthouse Project, our athletes' families, and the many volunteers and friends who encouraged the team throughout the year.

## ATHLETE CONTRIBUTIONS

Special thanks to Chris Harris, David Reza, Erik Flores, and Gabriel Monroy for contributing to their team. Their support reflects the ownership and commitment we hope to build in every athlete.

## LOCAL MEDIA PARTNERS

Thank you to The Big Bear Grizzly for covering Bear Mountain Boxing, highlighting our athletes' achievements, and helping share the story of our program with the Big Bear community. The coverage below captures two important moments from our first year.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN ACTION







# A foundation for community support




Shane Swartz | 6-Time National Amateur Champion and Professional Boxer
Founder, Knockout Cancer Boxing Club

## 2026 NONPROFIT ALLIANCE: KNOCKOUT CANCER BOXING CLUB

An important part of Bear Mountain Boxing's first year was its alliance with Knockout Cancer Boxing Club, which provided an established nonprofit partnership through which charitable contributions supporting the program could be received. This arrangement helped create a giving pathway for supporters who wanted to invest in the athletes and the program during 2026.

Through this partnership, contributions made to support Bear Mountain Boxing through Knockout Cancer Boxing Club were eligible for tax-deductible treatment in accordance with the organization's procedures and applicable tax rules. Donors should retain the official contribution acknowledgment issued by the receiving organization and consult their tax adviser regarding their individual circumstances. Bear Mountain Boxing is an actively registered corporation with the California Secretary of State.

## A PARTNERSHIP BUILT ON BOXING

Shane Swartz—former National Amateur Champion and professional boxer—played an important role in this partnership. We are grateful to Shane and Knockout Cancer Boxing Club for helping Bear Mountain Boxing establish a responsible charitable contribution pathway while building its own program and community presence.

This alliance was an important part of getting Bear Mountain Boxing off the ground. It connected our local effort with an experienced boxing leader and helped supporters contribute to the development of young athletes.

For questions about a specific contribution or its tax documentation, please refer to the official receipt and contribution records provided by Knockout Cancer Boxing Club.

# Our story, told at home

We are grateful to The Big Bear Grizzly for recognizing Bear Mountain Boxing and bringing our athletes' hard work and milestones to the wider Big Bear community.



PACKING A PUNCH

Bear Mountain boxers win at Best in the West

Whatever happened to...

Jan. 15: Man accused of attack on Big Bear woman

Suspect Kenneth Scott, 36, of Canoga Park

Charges Spouse abuse, criminal threats, battery

BBL man suspected of string of thefts

Suspect Martin Lucero, 29, of Big Bear Lake

Charges Possession of a firearm by a felon, receiving stolen property, shoplifting

Big Bear Grizzly

County offers more staff and equipment for Big Bear Lake

Assistant chief says firefighters will keep their jobs when county takes over

FROM PROM KING TO A BOXING RING

BBHS senior David Reza sets a new goal

"Packing a Punch" — The Big Bear Grizzly, covering Bear Mountain boxers' wins at Best in the West.

"From Prom King to a Boxing Ring" — The Big Bear Grizzly, featuring David Reza's transition into amateur boxing.

Special thanks to Kathy Portie, writer and boxing fan with The Big Bear Grizzly, for her interest in our athletes and for helping share Bear Mountain Boxing?s story with the community. We are grateful to the reporters, editors, and local media partners who help tell the stories of young athletes and community programs.

07 / WHAT BOXING BUILDS

# More than a sport

Boxing asks athletes to prepare, listen, stay composed, respect their opponents, and take responsibility for their actions. Those lessons extend beyond the gym.

## DISCIPLINE

Training gives athletes a routine and a reason to show up consistently. Every session reinforces effort, accountability, patience, and respect.

## CONFIDENCE

Learning new skills and facing challenges helps young people recognize their own progress. Confidence comes from preparation, practice, and earning improvement over time.

## COMMUNITY

Traveling to other gyms and competitions connects our athletes with coaches, teammates, families, and communities beyond Big Bear. Those relationships create a broader support network.

## SAFETY IS PART OF THE PROGRAM

We take athlete safety seriously. Our team uses 16-ounce gloves for sparring and practice, and we continue to prioritize quality protective equipment, including properly fitted headgear and well-made mouthpieces. Protective equipment is one part of a broader safety approach that includes coaching, supervision, appropriate matching, and responsible training practices. No piece of equipment eliminates the risk of injury.

> “The goal is not simply to produce better boxers. It is to help young people become stronger, more disciplined, and more confident members of their community.”









# The experience behind the mission

## BRIAN BOUQUET | PROGRAM CREATOR & DIRECTOR

Brian Bouquet brings more than 30 years of coaching experience in USA Boxing to Bear Mountain Boxing. A former boxer with an extensive amateur boxing career, Brian's work has centered on athlete development, coaching, and creating opportunities for boxers to progress within the sport.

Brian holds coaching certifications with USA Boxing and the United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC) at Bear Mountain. His coaching work is fully insured and bonded.

USA Boxing-certified coaches are insured through the USA Boxing program and complete annual safety and coaching education, along with a comprehensive background check.

In 2026, Brian was nominated for USA Boxing's National Board of Directors. He also currently serves as a national consultant for two of USA Boxing's largest competitive circuits: Silver Gloves and Golden Gloves.

## A VISION FOR BIG BEAR

The long-term vision is to integrate Bear Mountain Boxing into the broader USA Boxing ecosystem as a secondary high-altitude training hub in support of LA28 and beyond. Big Bear's elevation and location create an opportunity to attract local and regional teams seeking focused training environments, boxing academies, and organized training camps.

Beyond serving its own athletes, Bear Mountain Boxing aims to help expand the region's training infrastructure—creating appropriate facilities and resources for visiting boxers, coaches, and teams to prepare, train, and develop.

> The goal is to build a program that contributes to the future of boxing in Big Bear while connecting the community to the sport at a regional and national level.

This is a long-term development vision. Any formal designation, USA Boxing partnership, or LA28-related role will depend on future discussions, approvals, and applicable program requirements.

2027 / THE YEAR AHEAD

# ONE TEAM. TWO AGE PATHWAYS. A YEAR-ROUND PLAN.

The schedule below combines the Under-18 and Over-18 planning calendars. Local one-day shows are intended to keep athletes active in months without a major tournament. All dates and host opportunities are planning targets—not confirmed event dates. Age eligibility, registration rules, and event dates must be verified with each organizer before travel is committed.

| MONTH | UNDER-18 PATHWAY | OVER-18 PATHWAY |
|---|---|---|
| **January** | Local one-day USA Boxing show | Local one-day USA Boxing show |
| **February** | Local one-day USA Boxing show | Local one-day USA Boxing show |
| **March** | Junior-eligible local show (confirm eligibility) | SoCal Regional Golden Gloves — Pasadena |
| **April** | SoCal Junior Olympics — Carson | California Golden Gloves — Pasadena |
| **May** | Local Junior Olympics — Escondido | Local one-day show |
| **June** | California Junior Golden Gloves — South El Monte | Local one-day show |
| **July** | SoCal State Championships — Temecula (confirm age eligibility) | SoCal State Championships — Temecula |
| **August** | PAL Championships — Oxnard (confirm age eligibility) | PAL Championships — Oxnard only |
| **September** | Jerry Ortiz-hosted show — El Monte (planning lead) | Jerry Ortiz-hosted show — El Monte (planning lead) |
| **October** | Highlanders-hosted show — San Bernardino (planning lead) | Highlanders-hosted show — San Bernardino (planning lead) |
| **November** | Gene Lewis Tournament — Mesa, AZ (confirm age eligibility) | Gene Lewis Tournament — Mesa, AZ |
| **December** | Local one-day USA Boxing show | Local one-day USA Boxing show |

**Planning notes:** Regional Silver Gloves was replaced in the Under 18 January plan with a local one day USA Boxing show. The August Over 18 pathway is PAL in Oxnard only. September and October entries are host leads based on prior year activity, not confirmed 2027 bookings. Any tournament participation remains subject to acceptance, age eligibility, available matchups, and organizer requirements.











2027 / COMPETITION STRATEGY

# More opportunities to compete. A more intentional plan.

Our 2027 tournament strategy is not simply about entering more events. It is a response to the difficulty our athletes faced getting matched in the Southern California amateur boxing system during our first year.

## WHY THIS HAS TO CHANGE

Bear Mountain Boxing finished 2026 with nine registered fighters, but only four of those athletes were able to secure fights during the year. The challenge was not a lack of training or commitment. It was access to limited bout opportunities in one of the most competitive USA Boxing regions in the country.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: HIGH DEMAND, LIMITED BOUTS

Our Local Boxing Commission area in Southern California has one of the largest concentrations of registered fighters and a regular monthly schedule of boxing shows. A typical show is limited to 19 matches under USA Boxing rules—38 athlete slots—while events can attract more than 300 registered fighters seeking a place on the card. Across the wider USA Boxing pool, the number of athletes seeking those limited match opportunities can exceed 800.

That creates a significant bottleneck. Even when our boxers are prepared and available, event inclusion is highly competitive and does not mean they will be matched. A monthly show can fill quickly, leaving developing teams with few reliable opportunities to get their athletes in the ring.

## THE DIFFERENCE: A BOXING SHOW VS. A TOURNAMENT

A traditional local boxing show is a single-card event. Fighters must be selected and matched for a limited number of bouts. In contrast, tournaments are structured around a defined competition format and a larger field of entrants, creating a more dependable pathway to competition for athletes who are accepted into the tournament and have an appropriate opponent in their division.

Our 2027 plan therefore shifts more of the team's competition budget toward tournaments and planned competition opportunities, rather than relying primarily on open-entry local boxing shows. Tournament entry does not remove all matching or eligibility conditions, but it gives us a clearer planning framework and a stronger opportunity to secure bouts for the athletes we bring.

> The goal is straightforward: build a schedule around getting our athletes meaningful competition—not simply registering them and hoping a spot opens up.






# We need more than one route into the ring.

There is another structural challenge for Bear Mountain Boxing. In many areas, an established boxing team can promote its own local show and create additional opportunities for its athletes and the wider boxing community. Because of our location and the applicable local commission arrangements, we are not currently able to rely on that same pathway to independently promote regular shows.

At present, our local opportunity may be limited to one show in a year—and even that depends on the lottery process used to determine where a sanctioned event can take place. That is not enough to support a growing team or provide consistent competition opportunities for all of our athletes.

## OUR 2027 APPROACH

1. BOOK TOURNAMENTS EARLY
Prioritize established tournaments with published entry processes and formats, so we can plan around accepted entries, age and weight divisions, travel, and the best available match opportunities.

2. BUILD PARTNERSHIPS TO DEVELOP OUR OWN EVENTS
Work with eligible promoters, clubs, facilities, and the appropriate boxing authorities to develop a pathway for hosting or co-producing events in Big Bear. The objective is to create additional local opportunities while respecting commission jurisdiction, licensing, and sanctioning requirements.

3. USE LOCAL SHOWS AS AN ADDITIONAL PATHWAY
Continue pursuing appropriate local show opportunities when our athletes can be matched, but do not make the entire annual competition plan dependent on limited card slots or a once-a-year location lottery.

4. PLAN FOR ALL ATHLETES TO COMPETE
Set a realistic roster target and build the annual calendar around giving every registered athlete a meaningful opportunity to compete, subject to eligibility, opponent availability, health, and tournament acceptance.

## A MORE REALISTIC 2027 TEAM GOAL

Our revised goal is to grow from nine to 12 registered fighters—and to have all 12 compete during 2027. This is a more focused and achievable target than immediately doubling the roster. It allows us to concentrate resources on athlete development, competition access, coaching, and travel while building the systems needed for further growth.

## PROGRAM ACCESS & GYM MEMBERSHIP

Bear Mountain Boxing does not charge athletes a program participation fee. However, all team members are required to maintain a gym membership at Fight Syndicate in order to train at the facility. We want to secure a sponsor or community partner to underwrite those memberships so that the required gym access does not become a barrier for families.

The fundraising goal is to keep participation in the boxing program free while ensuring that the required facility membership is also financially accessible to every athlete.

# A more focused roster. A different competition model.

The projected increase in 2027 costs is primarily driven by the change in competition strategy—not simply by adding more athletes. In 2026, only four of our nine registered fighters secured fights. The 2027 plan is designed to create more reliable competition opportunities for a 12-athlete team through tournament bookings, earlier commitments, and work toward additional hosted events.

## PLANNING COSTS PER BOXER

| EVENT TYPE | PLANNING COST / BOXER |
|---|---|
| One-day local event | $125 |
| Three-day local tournament (within 2 hours) | $250 |
| Five-day local tournament (within 2 hours) | $425 |
| Three-day out-of-state tournament | $350 |
| Five-day out-of-state tournament | $525 |

## REVISED ANNUAL TOURNAMENT SCENARIO

| PLANNING ASSUMPTION | CALCULATION | ESTIMATE |
|---|---|---|
| 10 California tournaments | 12 athletes × $250 × 10 | $30,000 |
| 1 three-day out-of-state tournament | 12 athletes × $350 | $4,200 |
| Preliminary tournament total | 12 athletes across 11 tournament entries | $34,200 |

This is a planning scenario, not a confirmed event calendar or vendor quote. It assumes all 12 athletes attend each listed tournament entry. Actual costs will vary with event length, entry fees, travel, lodging, and the number of athletes accepted. It excludes one-day local shows, coach travel, team vehicle costs, gym memberships, and any costs associated with producing or co-producing local events.

## ATHLETE KIT ALLOWANCE

| 12 | $120 | $1,440 |
|---|---|---|
| TARGET ATHLETES | PER ATHLETE | TOTAL KIT ALLOWANCE |

The 2027 individual boxer-kit allowance is revised to $120 per athlete. This replaces the previous $539-per-athlete package assumption. The exact contents of the $120 kit should be confirmed against current supplier pricing; premium equipment and other safety-critical items may need separate sponsorship or shared-equipment funding.

## OTHER FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Underwrite required Fight Syndicate gym memberships for all 12 athletes.
- Budget coach travel and lodging separately from athlete event costs.
- Secure reliable team transportation for athletes, coaches, and equipment.
- Continue building toward a larger training facility and a sanctioned pathway to host or co-produce local events.
- Fund shared competition supplies, protective-equipment replacement, and event operations.

# Remove barriers. Build a sustainable program.

The competition budget is only one part of what it takes to give every athlete a genuine opportunity to train and compete. We are seeking partners who can help underwrite the core requirements that make participation possible.

## UNDERWRITE REQUIRED GYM MEMBERSHIPS

Bear Mountain Boxing does not charge a program participation fee. However, every team member must maintain a gym membership at Fight Syndicate to access the training facility. We want to secure a sponsor, donor, or community partner to underwrite these required memberships for all 12 athletes. This is an important distinction: the boxing program is free to athletes, but the required gym membership is not currently covered by the program.

## TRANSPORTATION & TEAM LOGISTICS

A suitable team vehicle would allow athletes, coaches, and equipment to travel together to sparring sessions and competitions. The request should be developed with actual purchase or lease pricing and include insurance, maintenance, and fuel. Coach travel and lodging should be budgeted separately from boxer entry and travel allowances.

## FACILITY & EVENT DEVELOPMENT

As the team grows, we need a larger dedicated training space that can accommodate a full-size ring, support safe training, and provide a foundation for future amateur boxing events in Big Bear. Because our location limits our ability to independently promote regular shows, we will pursue partnerships with eligible promoters and the appropriate boxing authorities to develop a compliant way to host or co-produce events locally.

## SHARED EQUIPMENT & EVENT OPERATIONS

Additional support is needed for shared competition supplies, replacement protective equipment, team equipment storage, event operations, and the practical costs of bringing visiting teams to Big Bear. These needs should be quoted and presented separately rather than hidden inside the per-athlete kit allowance.

## THE 2027 PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Support can be directed toward tournament participation, gym-membership underwriting, transportation, facility improvements, shared equipment, or the development of local events. We will report these needs separately so sponsors can see what their contribution is helping to make possible.

Our 2027 goal is simple: give every one of our 12 athletes a real opportunity to train, develop, and compete—while building the community infrastructure that will make the program sustainable.