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Utah Boxing Highlights

*Utah Awarded 2009 Golden Gloves National Championships
Local Boxer Chris Fernandez's Bout to Air on ESPN2*

Salt Lake City (May 13, 2008) – Utah was awarded the 2009 Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions during this year's Golden Gloves event in Grand Rapids Michigan after representatives of the Utah Sports Commission presented to the Golden Gloves executive committee.

After hosting last year's USA Boxing West Regional Olympic Trials in Salt Lake City, the Utah Sports Commission and the local boxing community including the legendary Fullmer family and Chick Paris, began looking into hosting Golden Gloves.

Hundreds of boxers from across the country will compete as 30 boxing clubs from across the country will each send 10-11 boxers with additional coaches, officials, staff and family.

The championships will be held in May 4-9, 2009 and space at the Salt Palace Convention Center is being reserved for this event. Set-up would be similar to the West Regional Trials using three boxing rings during the week and reducing to one ring for the championship bouts.

The Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions is the United States annual amateur boxing competition and features boxers 17-34 years old.

Additionally former Utah and Regional Golden Gloves champion Chris "Kid Kayo" Fernandez will fight an eight round light welterweight match against Joel Torres at Gotham Hall on Broadway in New York City Wednesday May 14 at 6:30 p.m. MST live on ESPN2's Wednesday Night Fights broadcast.

For more information about the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions please visit www.goldengloves.com

Note: Still photos are available from the Utah Sports Commission to assist in your coverage. Please call Scott Leeds (801) 328-2326 to make arrangements.

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