

# The Rules of Chess Boxing

If you already know all the rules of chess and boxing, then the rules of Chess boxing are simple:

- 1** Both opponents are required to box and play chess over eleven rounds. All contests start with a round of chess which is followed by a round of boxing.
- 2** Every round of chess is four minutes long and every round of boxing lasts three. There is a one-minute pause between each of the rounds to put the gloves on or take them off.
- 3** Each contestant can win either by checkmate or by a knockout. If neither person wins, the referee makes the final decision based on the number of punches in the ring and pieces left on the board.



## Presentation

### **all, every, each**

Use *all*, *every* and *each* to talk generally about people or things.

Use *all/all the/all of the* + plural and uncountable nouns to talk about **three** or more people or things: *All contests/All the contests/All of the contests start with a round of chess.*

Use *every* + singular noun to talk about **three** or more people or things: *Every round of boxing lasts three minutes.*

You can also use *every* with *-where*, *-thing*, *-one*, *-body*: *Everyone who chess-boxes is physically and mentally strong.*

Use *each* + singular noun to talk about **two** or more people or things: *Each contestant can win by checkmate or by a knockout.*

You can say *each of the* without any change of meaning but with a plural noun: *Each of the contestants can win ...* (don't say *Each of contestants can win ...* or *Each of the contestant can win ...*)

### **all, each or every?**

There is a slight difference in meaning between *all* and *each/every*. You use *all* to refer to the group as a whole: *All rounds of boxing last three minutes.* You use *each/every* to refer to the individual parts of the group: *Every/Each round of boxing lasts three minutes.*

You can only use *every* when it refers to **three or more**. You can always use *each* because it refers to **two or more**: *Every round ... (11 rounds), Each contestant ... (two contestants)*

Use *all* + plural noun with a plural verb: *All the contests start with a round of chess.* Use *all* +

uncountable noun with a singular verb: *All the money goes to charity.*

Use *every* (and compounds of *every*) and *each* with a singular verb: *Every match ends in checkmate or a knockout. Everybody takes it very seriously.*

You can use *each of* + plural countable noun with either a plural or a singular verb: *Each of the contestants have/has a personal coach.*

### **both, either, neither**

You use *both/both of the* + plural noun to say the same thing about two people or things: *Both opponents/Both of the opponents are required to box and play chess.*

*Either/neither* is followed by a singular noun: *either contestant, neither contestant*

Use *neither* to express a negative meaning: *If neither person wins, the referee makes the final decision.*

Use *either ... or* to say that there are two possible options: *A contestant can win either by checkmate or by a knockout.*

You can use *not ... either* instead of *neither*: *The fighter didn't win either match. = The fighter won neither match.*

Use *both/neither/either of ...* with pronouns or *the* + noun: *Both of them play chess. Neither of us know(s) how to box. Either of the contestants could win.*

Use *neither ... nor* to talk about two people or things in a negative sentence: *Neither he nor his brother play chess. (= neither of the brothers play chess)*

**TIP** With *both*, the verb is plural: *Both of them know how to box.* With *either* and *neither*, the verb can be singular or plural: *Neither of us know(s) how to box. Do/Does either of you know how to box?*

**1 Underline the correct option. Both answers are possible in one sentence.**

- 1 *All / Every* player on our team wants to play in the World Cup.
- 2 *Every / Each* performer appears in front of three judges.
- 3 *Every / Each of the* players wears a helmet in ice hockey.
- 4 *All / Both* halves in a football match are 45 minutes long.
- 5 This is a close match. *Both / Either* competitor could win.
- 6 A: Do you ever watch golf or bowls?  
B: No, I'm not interested in *either / neither*.

**2 Look at the verbs in these sentences. Tick the correct verbs and change the incorrect verbs.**

- 1 Each person on the team has a number. ✓
- 2 Each of them ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> allowed five shots at the goal.
- 3 All of the information were helpful.
- 4 All the managers were at the meeting.
- 5 Every athlete need a medical inspection before the event.
- 6 Both answers are correct.
- 7 Either contestant is a potential world champion.
- 8 Neither of us have played this game before.

**3 Choose the correct options to complete the article. Then listen and check.**

# The Rules of Football-Tennis

## THE COURT

<sup>1</sup>*All / Each / Every* football-tennis matches are played on a court.

<sup>2</sup>*All / Every / Both* court must be the same size as a standard doubles tennis court. The court is divided into two halves by the net.

## THE TEAMS

<sup>3</sup>*Each / All / Both* team has a total of five players, with three players on the court. <sup>4</sup>*Each / Both / Neither* team is allowed to make more than two substitutions per game, but they can make more over the whole match.

## THE MATCH

<sup>5</sup>*Either / Every / All* match is decided over three games or when <sup>6</sup>*either / every / all* of the teams has won two games. The winner of <sup>7</sup>*neither / each / both* game must score 15 points. There is a three-minute break between <sup>8</sup>*all / both / every* game.

## OTHER RULES

A team can pass the ball three times but then has to kick or head it over the net. <sup>9</sup>*Neither / Either / Both* the player's hand nor arm can touch the ball.



**4 Complete these sentences about sport so that they are true for you.**

- 1 In my country, all children learn to play either ..... or ..... at school.
- 2 All my friends like watching .....
- 3 I'm not interested in either ..... or .....