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## Quick Facts: The Inaugural Rockford Boxing Classic

*What You Need to Know About This Saturday's Premier Outdoor Boxing Event*

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**ROCKFORD, Ill., August 9, 2022:** The inaugural **Rockford Boxing Classic** is set for this Saturday, August 13, at Rockford City Market's outdoor pavilion in downtown Rockford. A joint production of Plus Seven Company and Rockford Patriots Boxing Club, the Rockford Boxing Classic will feature area youth and first responder boxers competing for city pride as part of an all-ages micro-festival.

Gates open at 5 p.m. when music, food and beverages will be available. The action gets started with youth bouts at 6 p.m. followed by a first responder match-up at approximately 8 p.m. Here is what guests can expect when attending the Rockford Boxing Classic:

- **Rockford Boxing Excellence:** The Rockford Boxing Classic bout line-up features some of the Rockford Patriots Boxing Club's and Midwest's top boxers, including three-time Silver Gloves national champion **Gavin Bernal** and top prospect and future pro **Osiel Flores**. In addition, USA Boxing national team member **Braulio Arcos-Rodriguez** of the Rockford Patriots Boxing Club will also be in attendance.
- **The Return of Angel Martinez:** National Golden Gloves champion and world-ranked boxer **Angel Martinez** is slated to return to the ring for the first time in four years. In addition to his numerous national championships and world youth boxing recognitions, Martinez, a 2018 Auburn High School graduate, was named USA Boxing's 2017 Under Armour Youth Male Boxer of the Year.
- **Rockford Police Represent:** Rockford police officer **Cory Magnuson**, who has tallied a 2-1-1 amateur mixed martial arts record, will lace up the gloves in one of the night's featured bouts. Known for his community work having served as a ROCK House officer, Magnuson has also trained area youth during program partnerships at Rockford Patriots Boxing Club.
- **Free Admission:** Bring your own lawn chair—general admission is free!
- **Tables of Eight Available for Purchase:** For those interested in purchasing a table of eight (event net proceeds benefit the Rockford Patriots Boxing Club), email [PatriotsBoxingClub@yahoo.com](mailto:PatriotsBoxingClub@yahoo.com) or [Nick@PlusSevenCompany.com](mailto:Nick@PlusSevenCompany.com) **by 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 10.**
- **Tacos, Corn, Fruit, Treats & Drinks:** Thanks to our local vendors, guests can purchase food from **Jaliscoast Rayo** and **Lulu's Roasted Corn**, sweet treats from **Quixotic Bakery**, and drinks from **VeeDubs Mobile Cocktail Bar**. And for the adults, be on the lookout for one of two signature drinks—the **Rockford Boxing Blast** and **Patriot Punch!**
- **Ride the Bull, Cool Off at the Mister:** There will be a mechanical bull that attendees can ride, and the Rockford Fire Department is bringing out its blow-up mister to help keep guests cool.
- **Official Information:** Visit [www.RockfordBoxingClassic.com](http://www.RockfordBoxingClassic.com) and follow the Rockford Patriots Boxing Club Facebook page for more program updates.

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- **Silver Level Sponsor:** Forward For Fun Grant - A Partnership of the City of Rockford, Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, Fehr Graham, Hard Rock Casino Rockford, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Northwestern Illinois Building Trades Unions, Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVACR Local 23, Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and Rockford Mass Transit District
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**About Rockford Patriots Boxing Club:** Established in 2003, Rockford Patriots Boxing Club has mentored thousands of youngsters with dreams of becoming boxing national champions, world qualifiers and Olympic medalists. A Patriots Gateway Community Center nonprofit program, the Club develops champions in and out of the ring, while keeping the health, safety and success of its students as the top priority. RPBC has produced 21 national champions and served more than 5,000 youth over nearly four decades thanks to the commitment of the Jimmy Goodman family.

**About Patriots Gateway Community Center:** Patriots Gateway Community Center was started by the people of Zion Lutheran Church in 1995 to provide opportunities for success for the children and youth of zip code 61104. Patriots opened in 1998 and has served thousands of kids and families in the Rockford area.

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