



Fight or Flight Classic Brings Live USA Boxing to Airplane Hangar

*Line-Up to Feature National Champion Athletes, Food & Beverages, Raffle Prizes
and Entertainment at Venue Renowned Internationally for Skydiving*

ROCKFORD, Ill., February 14, 2024: The inaugural **Fight or Flight Classic** debuts Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Chicagoland Skydiving Center airplane hangar (1207 East Gurler Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068) with an impressive line-up, highlighted by 12 USA Boxing amateur bouts featuring Golden Gloves and national champions. Sanctioned by USA Boxing and the Illinois Local Boxing Committee, the program runs from 5-9 p.m. and features competitors from around the Midwest, music, food and beverages for sale, ringside tables, a trio of nonprofit raffle prizes, and more.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with a DJ and food and beverage services. Bouts begin at 6 p.m. and the co-main and main events are scheduled to close out the night by 9 p.m. (bout line-up and program times are subject to change). To help get prepped, some Fight or Flight Classic **quick facts** include:

- **National Champions:** Of 12 scheduled bouts, the co-main and main events feature national champions. In the **co-main event**, Gavin Bernal (four-time Silver Gloves national champion; Rockford Patriots Boxing Club, Rockford, IL) faces Patrick Greda (former Silver Gloves state champion; Champions Factory Boxing Gym, Franklin Park, IL). And in the **main event**, Hulian Lugo (2023 Chicago Golden Gloves champion; Rockford Patriots Boxing Club, Rockford, IL) will match up with Isaiah Steeno (2023 Wisconsin Golden Gloves champion; Soaring Eagles Boxing Club, Green Bay, WI).
- **International Sports and Entertainment Venue:** The event's namesake stems from its venue setting – the Chicagoland Skydiving Center airplane hangar, which is renowned internationally as a skydiving destination. While the Fight or Flight Classic brings USA Boxing to the Rochelle, IL-based hangar for the first time, the venue has previously hosted a variety of prestigious championships including the U.S. National Skydiving Championships and Wingsuit National Championships, among others.
- **Premium Raffle Prizes for Good:** Alongside Founders Commission (501(c)(3), the Fight or Flight Classic offers guests a **trio of premium raffle prizes**. Toward the conclusion of the night, winners will be announced for (1) the 50/50 cash prize raffle; (2) one (1) skydiving experience at Chicagoland Skydiving Center from 14,000 feet; and (3) one pair of ½ carat diamond earrings (G-H SI color, valued at \$1,500) courtesy of Zavius Jewelers. Net proceeds from raffle prizes benefit **Founders Commission** (www.FoundersCommission.org), a legacy building nonprofit dedicated to amplifying the region.
- **Midwest Visitors:** More than **75 percent** of competitors and boxer supporters are making the trip to Rochelle from Chicago or beyond, including from as far as Iowa City, IA, and Green Bay, WI.
- **Vaccine Education and Pop-Up:** Thanks to **Coaching You Up**, the Fight or Flight Classic will feature a vaccine education and pop-up vaccine clinic. That means flu and coronavirus vaccines will be free at the event. (Vaccine Note: Bring your insurance card if you have one. And for those with Medicare or private insurance, bring your insurance card for authorization on eligibility and coverage).
- **Great Seats:** Get a **ringside table** for the best seats in the house with one of two options – a standard ringside table of 8 for \$300 OR a premium ringside table of 8 with all-you-can-drink domestic keg beer/soda for \$500. Tables must be purchased in advance by Thursday, February 22. In addition, a block of **general admission tickets** are available for \$25 piece in advance online or at the door as available. To guarantee your seats, attendees are encouraged to purchase tables and tickets ahead of time online at www.FightOrFlightClassic.com.

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- **Gold Level:** Rock Valley Credit Union
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- **Fight or Flight Grant Supporter:** Coaching You Up
- **In-Kind Partners:** Terron Clark Photography, Zavius Jewelers (se habla español)
- **Nonprofit Partner:** Founders Commission
- **Sanctioned by:** USA Boxing and the Illinois Local Boxing Committee

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