

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.*

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.*

Exercises

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

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

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

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

3 ⑧ Choose the correct options to complete the article. Then listen and check.

The Rules of Football-Tennis

THE COURT

¹All / Each / Every football-tennis matches are played on a court.

²All / 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

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

THE MATCH

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

OTHER RULES

A team can pass the ball three times but then has to kick or head it over the net. ⁹Neither / 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.

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