

# IBRO ALL-TIME RATINGS

June 30, 2019

## Junior Lightweight Ratings

1. Alexis Arguello (273)
2. Julio Cesar Chavez (243)
3. Floyd Mayweather Jr. (240)
4. Azumah Nelson (148)
5. Kid Chocolate (144)
6. Flash Elorde (134)
7. Johnny Dundee (88)
8. Manny Pacquiao (82)
9. Brian Mitchell (68)
10. Sandy Saddler (64)

Others receiving votes: Marco Antonio Barrera (39), Todd Morgan (30), Genaro Hernandez (30)

### Summary:

- Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua took first place in our inaugural Jr. division voting amongst 130 pound champions. He commanded a solid lead with 273 points total. Arguello had 14 first-place votes and 7 second-place votes and 5 third-place votes. Only 2 voters had him lower than the top 4.
- Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico finished in second place just 3 points ahead of the 3rd place finisher. Chavez had only 3 first-place votes but had consistent scoring across the board. Only 2 voters chose not to vote for him in the division all other voters voted for him in the top 5.
- Floyd Mayweather Jr. of the U.S. was within jabbing distance of JC Chavez for the # 2 spot. Mayweather had 11 first-place votes. 10 other voters had him in the top 2-3. Two voters chose not to vote for Floyd at this weight.
- There is a big drop off in point totals after the top 3, showing that the voters considered Arguello, Chavez, and Mayweather to be head and shoulders above the rest. No other boxers finished with over 200 points in the division.
- Azumah Nelson of Ghana, Africa finished in 4th place with consistent voting in the top 10. Only 4 voters did not give a spot to Azumah.
- Kid Chocolate of Cuba was a somewhat disappointing finisher in this poll. He did most of his title work at 130 pounds and had a great record. He finished in the top 5 but was deserving of a higher finish. Voters either voted for him highly or did not vote for him at all at this weight. This is our first ever Jr. division vote and 10 voters did not vote for Kid Chocolate. This is precisely why the rules of considering boxers in

every weight class must be followed. Had every voter given a spot to Chocolate he would have finished ahead of Nelson who was ahead of him by only 4 points.

- Unified champion Gabriel “Flash” Elorde of the Philippines finished in 6th place with solid placement across the board. Only 3 voters did not have him in the top 10.
- Our 7th place finisher was Johnny Dundee, the “Scotch Wop”, born in Sicily. He had well over 300 professional fights. Dundee is another who was either rated fairly highly or not considered at the weight even though most of his title fights were at 130 pounds.
- A similar story is found from our 8th place finisher Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines. More than half the voters placed Pacquiao in their top 10 at 130. It should be noted however that Manny had 9 “title fights” at this weight but while many of them were “International” titles and title eliminators they were against the likes of Juan Manuel Marquez, Erik Morales, and Marco Antonio Barrera. He did win the WBA Super Featherweight World Title and the WBC Super Featherweight World Title during this span and should have been considered by all voters per the rules.
- In 9th place, we have Brian Mitchell who many consider to be the best boxer to ever come out of South Africa. He holds the record for title defenses at the weight with 12. He never lost a title fight. 22 of 32 voters had Mitchell in the top 10.
- Rounding out the top is Sandy Saddler of the U.S. Saddler only had one fight at the weight winning the Jr. Lightweight World Championship then moved back down to Featherweight. Because of his ability, it was enough to earn him a spot on the roster.

#### **The Rules:**

**Vote for 10 fighters.**

**1 point is awarded for a 10th place vote.**

**2 points are awarded for a 9th place vote and so on, with a 1st place vote awarded 10 points.**

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