

## **Schedule A**

### **Regulations Respecting Combat Sports made by the Combat Sports Authority and approved by the Governor in Council under Section 10 of Chapter 43 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the *Boxing Authority Act*, as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2017, *An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Boxing Authority Act***

#### **Interpretation and Application**

##### **Citation**

1 These regulations may be cited as the Combat Sports Regulations.

##### **Definitions**

2 In these regulations,  
"Act" means the Combat Sports Authority Act;  
"Authority" means Authority as defined in the Act;  
"contest" means contest as defined in the Act;  
"contestant" means an athlete who competes in a contest;  
"event" means an event in which one or more contests take place;  
"licence" means any licence issued by the Authority;  
"Medical Adviser" means a duly qualified physician appointed by the Authority to advise the Authority on medical matters;  
"promoter" means promoter as defined in the Act;  
"ringside doctor" means a duly qualified physician approved by the Authority to attend a contest and be present at ringside.

#### **Authority Officers and Procedure**

##### **Officers**

- 3 The Chair of the Authority shall preside at all meetings of the Authority.
- 4 A Vice-Chair shall be elected by the members of the Authority to hold office for 1 year, and shall assume all the powers of the Chair, should the Chair be absent or unable to fulfill the office.
- 5 The Secretary-treasurer shall be responsible for:

- (a) recording minutes of all meetings of the Authority; and
- (b) together with the Chair, or failing the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the fiscal matters of the Authority.

### **Meetings**

- 6** The Authority shall meet at the call of the Chair, or of a majority of the members of the Authority.
- 7** An annual meeting shall be held each year to review and approve year end financials and reports.
- 8** A majority of the members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum.
- 9** All motions may be passed at meetings of the Authority by a simple majority.
- 10** All applications, records, and other papers and documents filed with the Authority shall become the property of the Authority.

### **Audit**

- 11** The Authority must be audited annually in a manner approved by the Minister.

## **Licensing**

### **Application for licence**

- 12** An application for a licence shall be on the standard form supplied by the Authority for that type of licence, and shall be filed with the Authority together with any applicable licence fee.
- 13** A person applying for a licence shall supply a list of their principal, affiliation or association upon the request of the Authority.

### **Contestant licence applications**

- 14** In addition to the requirements of Sections 12 and 13 of these regulations an application for a contestant's licence shall be accompanied by
  - (a) a certificate signed by the Medical Adviser or another licensed medical doctor stating that the applicant has completed the medical examination required by Section 26 of these regulations;
  - (b) a signed certificate of waiver stating that the applicant will submit to a post-contest urinalysis if the Authority so orders;

- (c) such other information or documentation as the Authority may reasonably require.
- 15** A contestant may use and be licensed under an assumed name, if the use of the assumed name is approved by the Authority.
- 16** No person shall be licensed as a contestant under the same name or a name deceptively similar to the name of any other contestant or athlete.
- 17** A applicant from outside Nova Scotia shall submit all of the following to the Authority when submitting an application for a licence:
- (a) proof of licence from a recognized licensing agency in the contestant's jurisdiction;
  - (b) proof of medical examination and test results as required by the Medical Adviser;
  - (c) the required licence fee;
  - (d) such other information or documentation as the Authority may reasonably require.
- 18** (1) No individual under the age of 19 years shall participate in a contest as a contestant.

**Promoter's licence**

- 19** (1) The Authority may grant or refuse to grant a promoter's licence to an applicant.
- (2) Where an applicant is refused a licence, the Authority will provide written reasons to the applicant.
- (3) The Authority may cancel or suspend a promoter's licence if :
- (a) the licensee or a person who is a partner, agent, employee, stockholder or an associate of the licensee is consorting with, or has consorted with book-makers, gamblers or persons of similar pursuits;
  - (b) the licensee has attempted any fraud or misrepresentations in connection with combat sports;
  - (c) the licensee has violated or attempted to violate any regulation or order of the Authority;

- (d) the licensee has, in the opinion of the Authority, committed an act detrimental to the interests of combat sports or safety.
- (4) If the Authority cancels or suspends a licence under subsection (3), it shall give the licensee the written reasons for the cancellation or suspension.

### **Referee and judges licences**

- 20 In addition to the requirements of Sections 12 and 13 of these regulations, an application for a referee or a judge's licence shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the Medical Adviser or another licensed medical doctor stating that the applicant has completed the medical examination required by Section 27 of these regulations.

### **Notification and changes of address**

- 21 The registered address of any licensee shall be as specified on the licence application, and in the event of an address change, notification must be promptly filed with the Authority.
- 22 Authority notices to any licensee must be served personally on the licensee, mailed by ordinary mail to the licensee's registered address, or delivered to the licensee by electronic mail.
- (1) Where a notice is sent by ordinary mail, it is deemed to have been received on the fifth business day after it was mailed.
- (2) Where a notice is sent by electronic mail, it is deemed to have been received on the business day after it was sent.

### **Issuance of licence**

- 23 A licence issued by the Authority shall be signed by the Secretary- treasurer and one of the the Chair or Vice-Chair or the Director of Combat Sports.

### **Duration of licence**

- 24 A licence is valid for one year from the date of issue.

### **Licence fees**

- 25 (1) The annual fees for licences shall be:
- (a) promoter \$100;
  - (b) contestant \$50;
  - (c) manager \$25;
  - (d) second \$25;

(e) agent \$25;

(f) matchmaker \$25.

(2) For a fee of \$15, the Authority may issue a temporary licence to a person to participate in a single contest at a specified time and place.

### **Medical Examinations**

#### **Annual medical examinations for contestants**

26 (1) Contestants must, at their own cost, have medical examinations conducted or approved by the Medical Adviser on an annual basis, including an updated medical history and any tests and laboratory procedure that the Medical Adviser requires

#### **Medical examination for referees and judges**

27 (1) Unless otherwise directed by the Authority or a medical doctor, referees and judges under 60 years of age must have medical examinations performed by the Medical Adviser or another licensed medical doctor every 24 months.

(2) Referees and judges 60 years of age and over must have annual medical examinations performed by the Medical Adviser or another licensed medical doctor.

#### **Updated testing within six months of any contest**

28 In addition to the annual medical examination required by Section 26 of these regulations, a contestant must have tests and laboratory procedures as required by the Medical Adviser conducted within six months of any contest.

#### **Examinations within 36 hours of contest**

29 Every contestant shall, within 36 hours of a contest, have a medical examination conducted by the Medical Adviser or their designate.

#### **Pregnancy test**

30 (1) All female contestants shall undergo a urine pregnancy test no more than 7 days before a contest.

(2) A female contestant who is found to be pregnant in the urine pregnancy test required under subsection (1) shall not be permitted to participate in a contest.

#### **Injury or illness before contest**

- 31** Any injury or illness suffered by a contestant before a scheduled contest or while in training for a contest shall be reported to the Authority within 24 hours by the contestant or by the contestant's manager, and the contestant shall be examined by a medical doctor who shall conduct such tests and surveys as the illness or injury warrants.

#### **Medical examination report forms**

- 32** All medical examination reports must be completed on forms supplied by the Authority and must be filed with the Authority.

#### **Medical reports confidential**

- 33** All medical reports on file with the Authority are confidential and, unless consented to by the individual to which medical report relates, or otherwise as required by law, are only open to examination by the Authority for the purposes of licensing or evaluating whether a contestant may safely participate in a contest, upon the contestant's application and with the contestant's consent, or upon an order by a court.

#### **Dispute involving medical evidence**

- 34** If a dispute involving medical evidence arises, the Medical Adviser shall be immediately consulted and if, in the opinion of the Medical Adviser, the dispute cannot be resolved by the Authority, a report shall be immediately filed by the Authority with the Chair and the Secretary-treasurer of the Authority, and the Authority shall adjudicate the dispute.

### **Contract Requirements**

#### **Standard forms**

- 35** All contracts between contestants and promoters shall be executed in the form set by the Authority from time to time, and forms shall be supplied by the Authority, on request, to licensed contestants, managers and promoters.

#### **Contestant failing to fulfill terms**

- 36** A contestant failing to fulfill the terms of a contract may be subject to disciplinary action by the Authority.

#### **Managers**

**37** A contestant shall have only one manager of record and in the event a contestant has co-managers, one manager shall be named the manager of record and shall be held responsible as if there was only one manager.

#### **Contract between contestant and manager**

- 38** (1) A contract entered into between a contestant and a manager shall
- (a) be filed with the Authority for approval;
  - (b) become null and void if one of the parties has a licence cancelled, suspended or is refused a renewal of a licence;
  - (c) not be assigned without the approval of the Authority; and
  - (d) not be for a period of more than 4 years.
- (2)

#### **Contract between contestant and promoter**

**39** A contract between a contestant and a promoter may be signed either by the contestant's manager on the contestant's behalf, or personally by contestant, unless otherwise directed by the Authority.

#### **Contestant of same weight**

**40** Contracts of contestants shall require each contestant to be within safe weight limits as determined by the Authority.

#### **Contest after expiration date of contract**

**41** No manager shall be allowed to contract the services of a contestant under the manager's management for a contest to take place on a date after the expiration of the contract between the manager and the contestant, unless the contest has been approved in advance by the Authority.

#### **Signature of contestant**

**42** A contract for the services of a contestant shall be signed by the contestant under the legal name of the contestant unless the contestant is licensed to compete in Nova Scotia under another name, in which case the contestant may sign the contract under the licensed name of the contestant and the legal name must appear in the body of the contract as the name under which the contestant is otherwise known.

#### **Contracts signed by both contestants**

- 43** Contracts for a contest shall not be approved by the Authority unless both contestants have signed contracts with the same promoter.

**Minimum compensation for contestant**

- 44** A promoter shall pay a contestant a minimum payment of \$200 for participating in a contest.

**Amount payable if opponent not present**

- 45** If a contestant is competing in the contest, acting in accordance with the requirements of his or her contract relating to the contest and any other requirements set out by the Authority, and the opponent or a suitable substitute for the opponent is not present at the appointed time, the contestant who is ready is entitled to the amount payable under the terms of the contract.

**Authority Approval of Details of a Proposed Contest or Event**

**Application by promoter for event sanction**

- 46 (1)** A promoter may apply for a sanction letter authorizing the promoter to conduct an event by filing the following with the Authority at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the proposed event:
- (a) an application including all of the following information:
    - (i) the date and location of the proposed event;
    - (ii) the names of the proposed contestants;
    - (iii) signed contracts and all medical requirements for the main event or two of the undercards ;
    - (iv) a confirmation letter stating that an ambulance has been reserved for the proposed event;
    - (v) any other details on the proposed event that the Authority may reasonably require.
  - (b) a sanction fee in the amount of \$3000.00, which may be partially refundable at the discretion of the Authority.

- (2) The Authority may issue a sanction letter to the promoter who has provided the material outlined in subsection (1).

### **Advertising**

- 47 (1) Subject to subsection (2), no promoter shall notify the public that tickets for an event are or will be for sale without first receiving a sanction letter issued by the Authority.
- (2) Press releases, news stories or other publicity on a proposed event shall be permitted prior to the issuing of a sanction letter if the publicity clearly states that the proposed event has not been approved and that tickets are not yet for sale, or with prior written approval from the Authority.

### **Charitable organization**

- 48 A promoter who wishes to conduct an event in conjunction with a charitable organization shall submit the proposed agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the event to the Authority for approval.

### **Negotiations with licensed manager**

- 49 A promoter who negotiates for an event with any person who is not the manager of record for the contestant involved but who is a licensed manager shall advise the Authority of
  - (a) the identity of the contestant;
  - (b) the identity of the representative;
  - (c) the compensation of the representative; and
  - (d) by whom the compensation is to be paid.

### **Promoter responsibilities approaching event date**

- 50 (1) At least 14 days before the approved date of a sanctioned event, a promoter must submit all of the following to the Authority:
  - (a) a copy of the promoter's licence;
  - (b) copies of the licences for all of the contestants in the event;
  - (c) copies of the contracts between the promoter and each contestant for the event;

- (d) a copy of the agreement with the charitable organization as required by Section 48 of these regulations, if applicable;
  - (e) the required gloves for the contest; and
  - (f) Copy of all medical tests required by the Authority
- (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1), the promoter must deposit with the Authority a sum, either in cash or negotiable bonds, sufficient to cover all of the following:
- (a) certified cheques for the entire amount of the total purses payable to the contestants as outlined in their respective contracts;
  - (b) payment of the officials and administrative personnel for the contest;
  - (c) the costs of medical staff; and
  - (d) Any other amounts at the discretion of the Authority and any other materials required for the event.

### **Promoter responsibilities during an event**

- 51** (1) A promoter is responsible for all of the following during an event:
- (a) ensuring an atmosphere that provides a clean and healthy environment for combat sports to take place;
  - (b) maintaining good order and proper conduct of the event;
  - (c) retaining a person to act as a "Director of Bouts" for an event to ensure that the event runs smoothly with as few interruptions and delays as possible;
  - (d) making arrangements to safeguard the premises where the event is conducted to ensure, to the Authority's satisfaction, that adequate protection is taken against riot, stampede, or disorderly conduct; and
  - (e) ensuring compliance with the regulations and directions of the Authority.
- 52** A promoter may be required by the Authority to have one or more standby bouts ready during event.
- 53** A promoter shall ensure that

- (a) a paramedical team is present at each contest and is equipped with a portable resuscitator with oxygen equipment and stretcher;
- (b) an ambulance is stationed outside the nearest door to the ring, and the shortest route possible between the ring and the ambulance door is secured; and
- (c) free admission is provided to the paramedical team personnel, and shall pay any costs thereof.

**Promoter to provide video following event**

- 54** A promoter must provide a video of the entire event to the Authority within 14 business days of an event.

**Promoter failure to hold sanctioned event**

- 55** (1) If the promoter fails to hold the event on the approved date, the Authority may require that all or a portion of the sanction fee and deposit made under subsection 50(2) of these regulations be forfeited.

**Promoter responsible for expenses**

- 56** (1) The Authority shall not assume any responsibility or liability for the collection or payment of amounts owed by the promotor in connection with an event.
- (2) Promoters shall indemnify the Authority for the payment of all expenses connected with the event, and any funds paid to the Authority by the Promoter shall be disbursed by the Authority in the following order:
- (a) federal, Provincial, municipal taxes;
  - (b) payments to the Authority;
  - (c) payments to officials;
  - (d) payments to contestants;
  - (e) rent for the premises;
  - (f) payments to other persons hired for the proper conduct of the contest;
  - (g) all other expenses.

**Default in payment of debts**

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- 57** A promoter who defaults in payment of a debt or obligation in connection with an event shall have their licence suspended until full payment is made and any outstanding fines paid and the Authority may require that all or a portion of the sanction fee and deposit made under subsection 50(2) of these regulations be forfeited.

## **Conduct During Events**

### **Administration by Authority**

- 58** (1) All contests shall be conducted in accordance with these regulations and administered under the direction of the Authority.

### **Attendance at events**

- 59** (1) All of the following people must be present at every event:
- (a) a minimum of 1 member of the Authority;
  - (b) a minimum of 1 ringside doctor;
  - (c) a minimum of 2 paramedical personnel with full equipment;
  - (d) 1 referee;
  - (e) 3 judges; and
  - (f) 2 timekeepers.
- (2) A contest shall not begin unless the ringside doctor is present at ringside and the 2 paramedical personnel are present.

### **Weigh-in ceremonies**

- 60** (1) The Authority shall determine the time and place of all pre-fight medical examinations and weigh-in ceremonies for events.
- (2) The Authority shall approve the weigh-in scales and their location.

### **Weight difference**

- 61** The Authority, in combination with the Medical Adviser, shall determine permitted weight differentials between contestants.

### **Approved seconds**

**62** A contestant shall submit the names of the Chief Second and assistant Seconds to the Authority for approval, and only approved Seconds shall be allowed in a contestant's corner.

### **Referee and discipline during event**

**63** The referee is the chief official of every contest and shall maintain supervision and control over the contest while it is in progress.

**64** (1) The referee is responsible for enforcing discipline and the regulations regarding the conduct and behaviour of contestants and seconds during contests, and may stop a contest for any reason, including:

(a) a contestant did not enter into the contract in good faith;

(b) a contestant is not honestly competing or did not honestly compete; or

(c) a contestant performed an act detrimental to combat sports.

(2) If the referee halts a contest for any of the reasons listed in subsection (1), the contestant shall forfeit the monies payable to them under the contract with the promoter.

(3) If the referee halts a contest for any of the reasons listed in subsection (1), the Authority representative may place a hold on the payment of the contestant's purse until a decision of the Authority has been made on whether to impose a fine on the offending contestant.

### **Medical Personnel at Events**

#### **Ringside doctors**

**65** The ringside doctors are responsible for overseeing and making final determinations on all medical matters during an event.

**66** The Authority shall ensure that the fees of the attending ringside doctors have been paid by the promoter to the Authority prior to an event beginning.

#### **Approaching or contacting Medical Adviser**

**67** Except for immediately prior to, during, or immediately after a contest, no contestant, licensee, applicant for a licence, or any individual acting on behalf of the foregoing, shall approach a ringside doctor or the Medical Adviser other than during an agreed to appointment, or with the written consent of the Authority unless it is for required medical treatment.

### **Medical exams at ringside**

**68** Where a ringside doctor considers it necessary, they may conduct any of the following:

- (a) a general physical examination in dressing rooms prior to the contest;
- (b) any examination they may deem necessary during the contest; and
- (c) a general physical examination of each contestant immediately after the conclusion of the contest.

**69** A ringside doctor shall ensure that contestants entering the ring are:

- (a) mentally and physically sound, and;
- (b) not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### **Contest stopped for medical reasons**

**70** If the contest is terminated because of a physical injury, a ringside doctor shall

- (a) render any emergency treatment necessary;
- (b) recommend such further treatment or hospitalization required; and
- (c) report the matter to the Authority within 24 hours.

### **Examinations after injury or knockout**

**71** Where a ringside doctor considers it necessary, a contestant who sustains injury or actual knockout during a contest shall be examined by a licensed medical doctor within 24 hours.

**72** (1) In the event that a contestant is knocked out, suffers a technical knockout or suffers a severe beating, the Authority may require the contestant to submit to a neurological examination and any other test deemed appropriate by a ringside doctor.

- (2) At the request of the Authority, a copy of any neurologist report or other test required under subsection (1) must be filed with the Authority.

### **Suspension or medical treatment for injury sustained during contest**

- 73 (1) The Authority may suspend a contestant at the request of the ringside doctor until the contestant is fully recovered, or may extend an existing suspension.
- (2) If a contestant is treated by the a licensed medical doctor for, or is hospitalized because of, an injury sustained during a contest, the contestant or the contestant's manager shall promptly submit a full report from the medical doctor or hospital to the Authority.

### **Written report after contest**

- 74 A ringside doctor must provide a written report on the condition of each contestant after a contest, including any recommendation for further treatment, examination or suspension, to the Authority.

## **Officials**

### **Officials for all contests**

- 75 All officials shall be licenced, appointed or approved by the Authority.

### **Referees or judges from other jurisdictions**

- 76 (1) The Authority may, at the request of a contestant or the promoter of an event , appoint a referee and/or judge from a commission outside the jurisdiction where the event is to be held.
- (2) If the Authority appoints a referee or judge under subsection (1), it shall be the responsibility of the promoter to pay their expenses for licensing, travel, lodging and meals.

### **Payment of officials**

- 77 It is the responsibility of the Authority to ensure that the officials are compensated for their time and co-operation. In the event of a cancelation of a contest, the promoter's payment of officials fees will be reimbursed if at least 7 days notice is provided.

### **Not permitted to officiate**

- 78 (1) No officer of a commission or the applicable professional federation, either elected or appointed, shall be permitted to officiate in any event without the prior approval of the Authority.

- (2) No official, director, contestmaker or stockholder of a promoter may officiate in any capacity at any contest conducted by the promoter, nor interfere in any way with the contestants participating in the contest.

### **Amateur Participants in Events**

#### **Amateur participation requirements**

- 79 Amateurs shall not participate in an event without prior written approval of the Authority.
- 80 Unless otherwise required by the Authority, all amateur fights at an event shall be conducted under the rules of the appropriate national sport federation.

#### **Reimbursement of expenses for amateurs**

- 81 (1) Reimbursement of amateur athlete expenses and contest expenses is governed by applicable amateur provincial sport organizations.

### **Fines, Penalties and Restrictions**

#### **Suspension and fine**

- 82 (1) Any person who violates these regulations or who does any act considered by the Authority to be inconsistent with the good discipline or safety of combat sports shall be subject to:
- (a) revocation or suspension of their licence, if the person is licensed; and
  - (b) a fine by the Authority as outlined in the Act.
- (2) Where a fine has been imposed pursuant to subsection (1), the person's licence may be suspended until the fine is paid.
- 83 A licensee whose licence is suspended by the Authority for an indefinite period of time shall not be eligible for reinstatement of the licence for at least 90 days after the date of the suspension and the completion of any reasonable requests by the Authority.

#### **Submitting false information**

**84** A person who submits any false or erroneous information to the Authority may be subject to a fine or licence revocation.

### **Failure to report sham**

**85** A licensee must immediately report to the Authority any request or suggestion that the licensee participate in, contribute to, or aid and abet a sham or collusive–contest or a contest that is not to be conducted honestly or fairly.

### **Conflict of interest**

**86** No official, member or employee of the Authority, referee or judge licensed by the Authority shall have any financial interest directly or indirectly in any contestant, contest, event, promoting corporation, or manager's contract with any licensed contestant or any assignment thereof.

- 87** (1) No official or member of the Authority shall have a personal financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contest.
- (2) No promoter or manager shall take part in any contest in which the promoter or manager is involved in the capacity of promoter or manager respectively, other than in that capacity, without the written approval of the Authority.

## **Appeals**

### **Application for reconsideration**

- 88** (1) A licensee or other person disciplined or affected by a decision of the Authority may apply for reconsideration of a decision of the Authority by presenting to the Authority in writing any additional information that the affected party feels may impact the Authority's decision.
- (2) The information referred to in subsection (1) shall be filed with the Authority within 20 days of the last notice of disciplinary action and shall be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of \$50.00
- (3) Upon receiving an application for reconsideration the Authority shall consider the additional information provided and may uphold, alter or rescind its original decision.
- 89** A person who is unsatisfied with the results of a reconsideration outlined in Section 88 of these regulations may seek satisfaction under Section 14 of the Act.