



Regulation #3

Edmonton Combative Sports Regulation #3:

Licensing – Event Officials

Description

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (the Commission) governs all combative sports contests conducted in the City of Edmonton.

This Regulation ensures that all officials working at a Commission-sanctioned event are licensed in accordance with City of Edmonton Bylaw 15594.

Rationale

The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure individuals licensed to officiate combative sports events (a) understand their licensing requirements; (b) understand their roles and responsibilities for events; and (c) ensure that officiating of events is in accordance with the City of Edmonton Bylaws and Commission Regulations and Policies, including the Code of Conduct for Officials.

This Regulation is to be used in conjunction with Bylaw 15594. Terms not defined here have the same meaning as in the Bylaw. Defined terms begin with an upper-case letter. Headings are for clarity.

In the event of a conflict between the contents of Bylaw 15594 and this Regulation, the Bylaw supersedes this Regulation.

I. Definitions

1.1 In this Regulation:

- (a) Chief Inspector means the individual who supervises the Officials in all aspects of the Event including the oversight of Contestants and Seconds and their equipment, and who stays with the Contestant until the Physician has signed off, and who may also serve as the Paymaster for Contestants and Officials;

- (b) Dressing Room Inspector means an Official who waits with a Contestant in the dressing room pre-Event and post-Event;
- (c) Event Site Manager means an Official that may also be called the Ring General;
- (d) Inspector means an Official who knows where all other Event Officials are meant to be and what they are to be doing at all times;
- (e) Judge means an Official whose assignment is to judge the technical skills of the Contestant at the Event, and who normally does not have a role pre-Event but may be present at post-Event activities;
- (f) Knockdown Judge means the Official in a boxing Event who, when a Contestant is knocked down, will rise and start the count for the Referee to pick up;
- (g) Medical Official means any personnel used for an Event as defined in Regulation #8: Medical;
- (h) Paymaster means an Official who ensures all Officials of an Event are paid and that all Contestants are paid their purses at the post-Event medical according to contract;
- (i) Referee means an Official who works at the Event, but not normally at pre-Event or post-Event activities, and who reports to the Technical Director;
- (j) Ring General means an Official who is responsible to the Chief Inspector, and who inspects the ring or cage, and who ensures equipment is placed in the corners, and who assigns seating for Officials in medical and technical zones, and who ensures a path is clear for the Contestant at all times, and who liaises with security, and who escorts a Contestant to an ambulance; and who may also be called the Event Site Manager;
- (k) Ringside Inspector means an Official who works ringside at an Event;
- (l) Score Keeper means the Official who ensures the accuracy of the master score sheets and who keeps score at the Event;
- (m) Technical Director means the Executive Director or designate at an Event;
- (n) Time Keeper means the Official who ensures all timing equipment is working and who records times for the Score Keeper.

1.2 The list of Officials in this definition is not exhaustive and this Regulation applies to any Official, regardless of title, who requires a licence to work an Event.

II. Procedure

Required License

2.1 All Officials working professional combative sports events in Edmonton must be licensed by the Commission.

Base Qualifications

- 2.2 Officials are independent contractors who:
- (a) must update their officiating credentials on a continuous basis;
 - (b) are contracted by the Executive Director to provide an officiating service at each Event in Edmonton, in return for an honorarium that includes approved expenses; and
 - (c) as an extension of the City of Edmonton and the Commission, are required to sign and abide by the Commission's Code of Conduct for Officials while on contract for an Event.

Inquiry to Executive Director

- 2.3 Persons interested in becoming licensed Officials may contact the Executive Director to determine if they meet the minimum certification and qualification requirements for Officials.
- 2.4 Persons who wish to become Officials must submit to the Executive Director a completed Officials Licence Application form.

Personal Conduct

- 2.5 Officials are required to avoid conduct detrimental to the integrity of, and public confidence in, the City and the Commission.

Failure to Abide

- 2.6 An Official's failure to abide by the Commission's Code of Conduct for Officials may result in disciplinary action by the Executive Director which may include:
- (a) the Official being removed from consideration for future officiating opportunities in Edmonton; and
 - (b) revocation, suspension, or conditions placed on the Official's licence.

Selection of Event Officials

- 2.7 The granting of a Licence does not guarantee the Licensee will be selected to officiate an Event. Selection of Officials is at the sole discretion of the Executive Director.
- 2.8 Criteria for selection of Officials include but are not limited to: attendance at a Commission or equivalent seminar for Officials, currency of officiating qualifications, type of Event, Event team cohesion, experience, cooperation, attitude, and other considerations deemed necessary by the Executive Director.

List of Officials

- 2.9 The Executive Director will maintain a list of Officials who may be contacted to work Events.

Terms and Conditions on a Licence

- 2.10 The Executive Director may, at any time and in writing, impose terms and conditions on any Official's Licence.

Refusal of a Licence

- 2.11 The Executive Director's refusal to issue a Licence and reasons will be set out in writing and provided to the applicant in a timely manner, in accordance with Bylaw 15594.

Appealing a Decision

- 2.12 An Official whose application for a Licence has been refused, suspended, or revoked may appeal the decision in accordance with the Appeal Regulation.

Licence Term

- 2.13 Officials must apply annually for a Licence to officiate at Commission Events.
- 2.14 If an Official's certification or credentials expire during the annual Licence term, that individual must immediately notify the Executive Director who may apply discretion to suspend, revoke, or impose conditions on the Licence.

Licence Cost

- 2.15 The cost of a Licence, as set out in Schedule A of Bylaw 15594, is to be paid by the Official.
- 2.16 An Official may apply to the Commission for funding to maintain or obtain officiating credentials in accordance with the Commission's policy on Funding Requests for Officials' Training or Certification.