



# THE CITY OF EDMONTON

## COMBATIVE SPORTS REVIEW REPORT

### VOLUME 2

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Due to the volume of information created from the activities undertaken as part of this review, MNP separated the Report into two volumes. Volume One presents our detailed findings, observations and recommendations to improve fighter safety. Volume Two contains the detailed results of the policy review, policy comparison and assessment of the effectiveness of ECSC Policies. We included a summary of the Policies comparison and effectiveness assessment in Volume 1 of the Report in section 6 (Identification of Aspects of ECSC Policies and Procedures that were Effective), section 7 (Opportunities for Improvement) and section 8 (Changes Recommended to Improve Safety of Future Sanctioned Combative Sports Events).

The contents of both volumes of the report are summarized in the following table:

REPORT SECTION	SUMMARY OF INFORMATION
<b>VOLUME ONE</b>	
3. Background Information	Provides a summary of the combative sports industry, the ECSC, and Hague's fight history.
4. Summary of Facts	Summarizes the key events before, during and after the June Event.
5. Summary of ECSC Policies Applicable to Hague's Participation in the June Event	Summarizes the Policy requirements applicable to the June Event.
6. Identification of Aspects of ECSC Policies that were Effective	Presents an assessment of the effectiveness of ECSC Policies in relation to the June Event, as well as a summary of those ECSC Policies that are aligned with the most stringent practices in terms of fighter safety from other commissions.
7. Opportunities for Improvement	Provides a summary where ECSC Policies were ineffective in relation to the June Event and identifies potential opportunities to improve the Policies and implementation thereof.
8. Changes Recommended Improve Safety of Future Sanctioned Combative Sports Events	Contains a summary of recommendations designed to improve fighter safety based on the most stringent practices in terms of fighter safety from other commissions.
9. Governance	Contains MNP's detailed observations and recommendations to improve governance of combative sports by ECSC and within the Province of Alberta.
10. Conclusion	Contains an overall conclusion on the June Event.

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<b>VOLUME ONE</b>	
Appendix A – Summary of Facts	Presents the summary of facts considered by MNP in connection with the time before, during and after the June Event.
Appendix B – Hague Fight and Suspension History	Provides a summary of the fight and medical suspension history of Hague based on information identified online by MNP, and provided to MNP by the ECSC after the post June Event medical evaluations.
Appendix C – Information Reviewed	Provides the key sources of Information reviewed by MNP in the preparation of this Report.
Appendix D – Requirements of Promoters and Fighters	Document provided by ECSC to promoters outlining requirements of promoters and fighters at each sanctioned combative sports event.
Appendix E – Hague’s MMA Official Fight Record	Contains a printout of Hague’s fight record per the MMA official database.
Appendix F – Medical Suspension Summary for Hague	Contains a diagram summarizing medical suspensions that could have been imposed on Hague under ECSC Policies.
Appendix G – Medical Suspension History for Hague from the MMA Official Database.	Contains a printout of Hague’s actual medical suspensions per the MMA official database.
Appendix H – Examples of Official Database Reporting of Event Details	Provides examples of information reported by the MMA official database for three events in which Hague participated.
<b>VOLUME TWO</b>	
1. Introduction	Provides information on the content of this Report.
2. Policy Summary	Identifies and summarizes ECSC Policies requirements applicable to the June Event.
3. Policy Comparison	Provides a summary of specific policies that promote fighter safety from other combative sports commissions, as well as a comparison to ECSC Policies.



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<b>VOLUME ONE</b>	
4. Effectiveness of ECSC Policies	Provides detailed results of the assessment of the effectiveness ECSC Policies in relation to the June Event.

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## 2.0 POLICY SUMMARY

The following summary of ECSC bylaws, policies, and regulations includes only the relevant sections which pertain to contestant fitness to participate, fight sanctioning, event execution, or post-fight medical support. These bylaws, policies, and regulations would have been in effect for the June 16, 2017 event. Responsibility for following the policy has been summarized in section 4.0 of this Volume.

Bylaws, policies, and regulations included in the summary are:

- ECSC Policy #1: Licensing – Contestants and Seconds
- ECSC Policy #2: Licensing – Promoters
- ECSC Policy #3: Licensing – Event Officials
- ECSC Policy #4: Event Permits
- ECSC Policy #5: Contestants and Officials Involved in Unsanctioned Events
- ECSC Policy #8: Medical
- ECSC Policy #9: Suspensions and Rest Periods for Combative Sport Contestants
- ECSC Policy #10: Ringside Privileges
- Bylaw 15638: Edmonton Combative Sports Commission Bylaw, Section 28
- Bylaw 15594: Combative Sports Bylaw, Sections 4-23
- Criminal Code, RSC 1985, c C-46, Section 83

Certain Bylaws, policies, and regulations have not been included where they do not pertain directly to contestant fitness to participate, fight sanctioning, event execution, or post-fight medical support, or because they have been consolidated and repealed or amended and included in current bylaws. These Bylaws, policies and regulations are:

- ECSC Policy #6: Approving Dates for Combative Sports Events When More Than One Promoter is Requesting the Same Date
- ECSC Policy #7: Fighter Pro Debut Criteria
- ECSC Policy #11: Advertising and Temporary Body Tattoos
- ECSC Policy #12: Professional Wrestling
- ECSC Policy #13: Drug Testing
- Bylaw 15638: Edmonton Combative Sports Commission Bylaw, Sections 1-27, 29-35
- Bylaw 15594: Combative Sports Bylaw, Sections 1-3, 24-38
- Bylaw 12300: Procedures and Committees Bylaw
- Bylaw 12005: The City Administration Bylaw
- Bylaw 12800: Zoning Bylaw
- Provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, C. F-25

- Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, Sections 7, 8, 145, 154, 197, 198, 203, 210, 213, 535.1
- Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, C. L-21 and L-26, Section 69
- Bylaw 14308: Boxing, Wrestling, and Other Combative Sports Bylaw (Consolidated into Bylaws 15638 and 15594, and repealed)
- Bylaw 16516: Council Committee Appointment Term and Term Limits Amending Bylaw and Bylaw 17681: To Amend Bylaw 15638 (Amended and included in Bylaw 15638)
- Bylaws 16298 and 17680: Combative Sports Bylaw Amendments No.1 and No. 2 (Amended and Included in Bylaw 15594)

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<b>ECSC Policy #1: Licensing – Contestants and Seconds</b>	
1.	Any Contestant who lives outside of Edmonton who wishes to obtain a licence to fight in the Edmonton jurisdiction must be a member in good standing in their own province, municipality, tribal or state Commission, and must not be under suspension by any international, national, provincial/state, municipal or tribal sanctioning body at the time of licensing.
2.	The rules and safety code of the ABC, as amended from time to time, shall govern all professional boxing, Mixed Martial Arts (“MMA”) and Muaythai contests, licensed by the ECSC, conducted in the City of Edmonton. However, the ECSC reserves the right to utilize local ECSC rules for combative sports events sanctioned and licensed in the City of Edmonton, where such rules are warranted.
3.	For boxing events, the ECSC recognizes ABC rules. For MMA events, the ECSC recognizes the unified rules for MMA and for Muaythai events, the ECSC recognizes the Muaythai World Council rules.
4.	Any licence issued to a Contestant is deemed to be a licence for the fighter and up to three (3) Seconds for that event (or up to four (4) Seconds in the case of a championship event).
5.	Licences are valid only for the event date specified in the licence.
6.	The licence fee of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars covers the fighter and seconds’ licences and will be subtracted from the Contestant’s payout from the event.
7.	To apply for a licence, a Contestant must submit to the Executive Director of the ECSC the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A licence application form;</li> <li>b. Valid identification establishing Contestant’s full name, date of birth and current address;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. A declaration respecting any suspension currently imposed on the contestant by any licensing body and the contestant's health status;</li> <li>d. Proof of medical fitness as follows (this documentation may be submitted to either the ECSC Executive Director or the Chief Medical Officer:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Baseline CT Scan of the head or MRI of the head;</li> <li>ii. Recent baseline ECG (EKG), (actual tracing not just a report);</li> <li>iii. Bloodwork within three (3) months of the fight date: negative results for HIV, Hep B, Hep C, Syphilis;</li> <li>iv. Dilated Fundoscopy eye exam completed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within one (1) year of the fight date;</li> <li>v. General physical exam by primary care physician within one (1) year of the fight;</li> <li>vi. Female Fighters: must have a pregnancy test within fourteen (14) days prior to the fight;</li> <li>vii. Results of any additional tests that the ECSC's Chief Medical Officer or physician requires, particularly at the weigh-in (physical tests, plus heart rate and blood pressure check).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8.	If a Contestant applies for a licence after more than one (1) year of retirement or other inactivity, the ECSC will not issue a licence until the Contestant shows proof of training in a reputable gym, with a reputable trainer, for at least one (1) month (three (3) times a week.) The Contestant's first fight after the retirement or inactivity will not be longer than eight (8) rounds.
9.	The ECSC may refuse to issue a licence, and may suspend or revoke a licence that it has issued, if, in the sole opinion of the ECSC, the Contestant is not qualified to engage in the licensed activity.
10.	No licensed, professional combative Contestant shall compete in the Edmonton jurisdiction where the contest is not sanctioned by the ECSC.
11.	No Contestant/fighter shall take part in more than one bout within any seven (7) day period.
<b>ECSC Policy #2: Licensing - Promoters</b>	
1.	<p>An applicant for a Promoter's licence for any combative sport, except professional wrestling, must provide the following to the Executive Director no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the proposed event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An application for a Promoter's licence;</li> <li>b. The Licence fee (as set out in Schedule A of Bylaw 15594);</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Applicant's full name and address, and, if the applicant is a corporation:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The corporation's most recent annual return;</li> <li>ii. The corporation's registered office address;</li> <li>iii. The names and addresses of the officers, directors and shareholders; and</li> <li>iv. A recent police information check for all directors of the corporation;</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Resume including background, experience and any suspensions or hearings in any jurisdiction in the previous five (5) years;</li> <li>e. For individual applicants, a recent police information check; and</li> <li>f. Any additional information required by the Executive Director.</li> </ul>
2.	Promoter's licences expire on December 31st of the year that they are issued.
3.	<p>The ECSC may refuse to issue a Promoter's licence, and may suspend or revoke a Promoter's licence that it has issued if, in the sole opinion of the ECSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Promoter is not qualified to host an ECSC-sanctioned event;</li> <li>b. the Promoter has failed to comply with any Bylaws, Policies or rules of the ECSC or the City of Edmonton; or</li> <li>c. the Promoter has not paid any fees or amounts owing to the ECSC (including Performance Bond).</li> </ul>
<b>ECSC Policy #3: Licensing – Event Officials</b>	
1.	All event officials working professional combative sports events in Edmonton must be licensed by the ECSC. Although not exhaustive, this list includes referees, judges, inspectors, ring generals, timekeepers, knockdown judges, scorekeepers, paymaster, etc.
2.	Certified and qualified officials may contact the Executive Director of the ECSC to express interest in being added to the list of available officials from which individuals will be selected for certain combative sports events.
3.	The ECSC may, when issuing a licence or by written notice at any time, impose on the licence any terms and conditions the ECSC considers appropriate.
4.	The holder of a licence shall comply with all City of Edmonton Bylaws and the Policies, Procedures and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and with any terms and conditions that are imposed on the licence.

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5.	When the ECSC refuses to issue a licence, it shall notify the applicant in writing and provide reasons for its decision (Bylaw 15594, s. 22).
6.	Each potential official must sign the Official's Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its requirements.
7.	The purchase of an officiating licence does not guarantee the licensed individual will be automatically selected to officiate any event. Selection of event officials is the prerogative of the ECSC.
8.	Selection of officials for an ECSC event shall be conducted by the Executive Director and will be based on a number of factors including, but not limited to: attendance at an ECSC Officials' Seminar, event team cohesion, experience, cooperation, attitude, etc.
9.	Officials must apply annually for an officiating licence to officiate at ECSC events. The cost of a licence, as set out in Schedule A of Bylaw 15594, shall be borne by the official.
<b>ECSC Policy #4: Event Permits</b>	
1.	An Event Permit/sanction follows approval of the specific DATE, TYPE of combative sports event and VENUE where the event is to be held. An Event Permit/sanction is then granted by the ECSC following the Promoter's agreement that he/she will follow the Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.
2.	As part of that agreement, the Promoter agrees to post a financial Performance Bond/Event Deposit (Performance Bond) as a guarantee against the failure of the promoter, the promoter's associates, his/her designated staff, match maker, contractors, workers, assistants, affiliates, contestants, event representatives and any other individuals the promoter has involved with the event, to comply with the Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC or City of Edmonton Bylaws while staging their combative sports event. (Bylaw 15594).
3.	Should non-compliance occur, financial deductions will be subtracted from the Promoter's Performance Bond by the ECSC, at its sole discretion (Bylaw 15594, s. 14).
4.	The event Performance Bond fee is determined by the ECSC and may vary on an event by event basis, even with the same promoter.



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5.	<p>All conditions set out in section 13 of Bylaw 15594 must be complied with.</p> <p>Section 13 of Bylaw 15594: It is a deemed condition of every Event Permit that the holder of the Event Permit will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. comply with the approved security plan;</li> <li>b. comply with the approved medical plan;</li> <li>c. ensure that liability insurance for the Event remains in full force and effect;</li> <li>d. comply with all policies and procedures approved by the Commission;</li> <li>e. not falsify any medical or fitness documentation provided to the Commission or the Executive Director for the Event;</li> <li>f. not conduct the weigh in for the Event in any place where alcohol is being served or sold;</li> <li>g. conduct the weigh in for the Event in a place accessible to the public within the city of Edmonton;</li> <li>h. only hold the Event on the days and at the times specified in the Event Permit; and</li> <li>i. comply with the maximum attendance requirements specified in the Event Permit.</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Each event licensed is numbered and contains the following key conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the requirement to purchase personal and public liability insurance for their combative sports event, and include the City of Edmonton and the ECSC as being covered by that insurance plan;</li> <li>b. at least five (5) days prior to the event date, the provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Security Plan which shall detail venue security, the cost of which is the responsibility of the Promoter. The exact number of security is to be finalized by the venue general manager and must be acceptable to the ECSC. The Security Plan may also require a contract with the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) to ensure their presence (in numbers arrived at by the EPS once they know the details of the event, the location, expected audience, degree of perceived risk, etc.) and this service is paid for by the Promoter who will make payment through the ECSC. The venue and/or the Promoter will arrange the contract with the EPS; however, if the EPS makes request, the ECSC can be involved as the go-between the Promoter/Event and the EPS, in terms of contracting the EPS to work the event; and</li> <li>ii. Medical Emergency Plan which shall include ringside physicians contracted by the ECSC and paid for by the Promoter through the ECSC. The second part of the Medical Emergency Plan involves the Edmonton Medical Service (EMS) who must be contracted to attend the event with sufficient staff, up-to-date medical equipment and ambulance. This service is to be paid for by the Promoter through the ECSC. The contract</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">will be between the ECSC and the EMS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. the requirement to post a Performance Bond of a specified amount as determined by the ECSC, and an acknowledgement of typical violations that will result in specified financial deductions from that Performance Bond, should violations occur; and</li> <li>d. agreement to follow all Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.</li> </ul>
7.	A Promoter shall not to announce or sell tickets to a proposed event until he/she has been issued an Event Permit or has ECSC approval in writing in advance of such advertising or ticket sales.
8.	Promoters must get the proposed fight card approved by the ECSC.
9.	Changes or substitutions of Contestants are not permitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the event.
10.	Promoter's (or their announcers) are required to announce to the attending public that their event is sanctioned by the ECSC under the direction of the Chair and the Executive Director.
11.	<p>Applications for Event Permits must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A copy of the Promoter's licence;</li> <li>b. An application or event form;</li> <li>c. Proof of compliance and necessary permits for the event in accordance with City of Edmonton Zoning Bylaw 12800;</li> <li>d. The Date Booking Fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) payable by certified cheque, bank draft or money order; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If the event is held on the date identified by the Event Permit, one half of the Date Booking Fee shall be returned to the Promoter</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Liability insurance; and</li> <li>f. Any additional information or documentation as required by the Executive Director.</li> </ul>
12.	The Event Permit requires that the Promoter meet with the Executive Director within thirty (30) days following the Event to settle outstanding fees (i.e. suture kits used, five percent (5%) of gross ticket revenue, etc.).

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13.	The ECSC may refuse to issue an Event Permit, and may suspend or revoke an Event Permit that it has issued if, in the sole opinion of the ECSC the Promoter has failed to comply with the conditions of the Event Permit, any Bylaws of the City of Edmonton or any Policies or rules of the ECSC.
<b>ECSC Policy #5: Contestants and Officials Involved in Unsanctioned Events</b>	
N/A	<p>If the ECSC is made aware that a fighter/contestant has competed in a combative sports event outside of the Edmonton jurisdiction that has not been duly sanctioned by one of the three recognized government legislative bodies (provincial government, municipal government or Band Council), the fighter/contestant will not be allowed to be licensed to compete in a professional combative sports event in the Edmonton jurisdiction for a period of ninety (90) days from the day of the unsanctioned event, the suspension being assigned as a medical risk precaution protecting event officials working combative sports events within the Edmonton jurisdiction.</p> <p>Furthermore, the fighter/contestant in question may have to repeat all of his or her pre-fight medical tests, since all medical tests conducted prior to the unsanctioned event may no longer be considered valid. This could include repeating any or all tests required by the ECSC Medical Policy. In order to be licensed to fight in Edmonton, the contestant/ fighter would also have to pass the physical examination conducted at the weigh-in of the Edmonton combative sports event. (Medical information collected from contestants is collected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25. That information will be retained and disclosed in accordance with the Act.)</p> <p>The ECSC may, at its discretion, refuse to utilize any official, licensed to work combative sports events in the Edmonton jurisdiction, who participates in such an unsanctioned event.</p> <p>Any fighter/contestant who fights in an unsanctioned event in the Edmonton jurisdiction, risks having his/her license to fight in Edmonton, revoked for a minimum time period of twelve (12) months and may be required to repeat all of the ECSC pre-fight medical requirements.</p>



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<b>ECSC Policy #8: Medical</b>	
N/A	The ECSC will, at its discretion, retain the services of a Chief Medical Officer (“CMO”) and a Chief Medical Advisor (“CMA”) to provide the ECSC with medical advice and to locate and schedule physicians to provide pre-event, during event, and post-event medical services. The CMO and CMA may also attend as physicians during events.
1.1.	The ECSC will retain the services of physicians to provide pre-event, post-event and during event medical services.
1.2.	The ECSC will retain the services of EMS personnel to provide paramedical emergency services during events.
1.3.	Promoters will pay for all costs for physicians and EMS personnel providing medical services during events.
1.4.	Promoters will provide the Executive Director of the ECSC the name of each contestant the promoter proposes to have compete at an event preferably not later than five (5) days prior to the date of the contestant’s weigh-in.
1.5.	<p>Promoters or contestants will provide, the contestant’s medical information to the Executive Director of the ECSC preferably not later than five (5) days prior to the date of the contestant’s weigh-in. The contestant’s medical information must include:</p> <p>1.5.1. A CT Scan or MRI taken once by each competitor (no date is required as to when the CT Scan or MRI is taken);</p> <p>1.5.2. 12 Lead tracing or tape for ECG taken within twelve (12) months prior to the date of the event;</p> <p>1.5.3. Blood serology taken within three (3) months prior to the date of the contestant’s weigh-in showing a negative result for the following conditions:</p> <p>1.5.3.1. Hepatitis B - Surface Antigen – (NOT just HbsAB);</p> <p>1.5.3.2. Hepatitis C;</p> <p>1.5.3.3. HIV; and</p> <p>1.5.3.4. Syphilis.</p> <p>1.5.4. Indirect Fundoscopy – indirect eye exam – conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within twelve (12) months prior to the date of the event.</p> <p>1.5.5. the name and contact information of an emergency medical contact person.</p>
1.6.	The ECSC may request medical information from any contestant in addition to the information specified in 1.5 and it is the contestant’s responsibility to ensure that the requested information is provided in a timely manner.

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1.7.	The ECSC will not permit a contestant to compete if the contestant has not provided the medical information specified in 1.5 or if the contestant has failed to sign and return to the ECSC the contestant's Acknowledgment and Release and Waiver forms attached to this policy.
1.8.	If a contestant does not provide the medical information in 1.5 or any additional medical information requested by the ECSC in accordance with this policy, in time for ECSC's physicians to review the information prior to weigh-in, or at all, the ECSC retains the discretion to deny that contestant permission to compete at the event.
1.9.	<p>1.9.1. The ECSC will advise contestants of the level of medical care provided by the ECSC prior to or on the date of the contestant's weigh-in in order to allow the contestant to make an informed decision about whether or not to participate given the level of medical care provided.</p> <p>1.9.2. Contestants will be provided the following pre-event medical services from ECSC Physicians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.9.2.1. Physicians will review the medical information provided by each contestant;</li> <li>1.9.2.2. Physicians will measure each contestant's blood pressure and heart rate and will undertake any additional tests they feel essential to ensure fighter safety;</li> <li>1.9.2.3. Physicians will require the contestant to participate in physical testing to determine fitness of the contestant's hands, knuckles, wrists, knees, or ankles.</li> </ul> <p>1.9.3. Contestants will be provided the following medical services by ECSC Physicians during the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.9.3.1. Medical examination to determine the nature and seriousness of injuries sustained during the contest;</li> <li>1.9.3.2. Determination of whether the contestant is fit to continue the contest;</li> <li>1.9.3.3. Determination of whether the contest must be stopped entirely or temporarily if a contestant is injured;</li> <li>1.9.3.4. Basic medical care for less serious injuries;</li> <li>1.9.3.5. Referral to hospital or other medical treatment facilities if the physician determines that the contestant's injuries warrant more than basic medical care such that treatment at a medical facility would be medically required;</li> <li>1.9.3.6. Arrangements for EMS transport of contestants who require medical treatment at a medical facility;</li> </ul> <p>1.9.4. Contestants will be provided the following post-event medical services by ECSC Physicians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.9.4.1. Post-event medical assessment;</li> <li>1.9.4.2. Recommendations for rehabilitation prior to competing at another event;</li> <li>1.9.4.3. Physicians may issue a medical suspension with respect to a contestant, who in the opinion of the assessing physician, is not fit to compete for a specified period of time.</li> </ul>

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1.10.	Conscious contestants may decline medical care or referral to a hospital or other medical facility, and bear the risks associated with that decision. Such a contestant must sign a waiver confirming his/her decision not to go to a hospital even though advised to do so by the attending physician. Unconscious contestants will be transported to a hospital or other medical facility for further examination.
1.11.	Physicians may disclose a contestant's medical information to medical personnel providing medical services to the contestant.
1.12.	Physicians will report medical suspensions to the ECSC official recording the results for the event.
1.13.	The Executive Director will report medical suspensions to the governing body of the contestant's sport that retains records of all medically suspended contestants
2.	The contestant's Acknowledgment and Release and Waiver forms attached to this policy form part of this policy. All contestants must complete them prior to weigh-in
3.	Medical information collected from contestants is collected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25. That information will be retained and disclosed in accordance with the Act.
4.	All records created by physicians while providing services to the ECSC are the ECSC's records and may not be used by the physician or anyone else without the ECSC's permission.
<b>ECSC Policy #9: Suspensions and Rest Periods for Combative Sports Contestants</b>	
1.	The ECSC's ringside physician shall impose a "medical suspension" or a mandatory rest and recovery period on each contestant/fighter after a bout.
2.	The ECSC's ringside physician shall impose medical suspensions for BOXERS for at least the following minimum periods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Thirty (30) day medical suspension, for boxers who have actually completed a contest of ten (10) rounds or more.</li> <li>b. Twenty-one (21) day medical suspension, for boxers who have actually completed a contest of six (6) to nine (9) rounds.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Fourteen (14) day medical suspension, or less if decided by the designated event medical advisor or ringside physician, for boxers who have actually completed a contest of one (1) to five (5) rounds.</li> <li>d. If a boxer has been knocked out or has incurred a technical knockout from blows to the head, a medical suspension for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.</li> <li>e. If a boxer has suffered two (2) knockouts or technical knockouts from blows to the head within a six (6) month period, a medical suspension for a period of not less than one hundred and eighty (180) days.</li> <li>f. If a boxer has suffered three (3) knockouts or technical knockouts from blows to the head within a one (1) year period, a medical suspension for a period of not less than one (1) year.</li> <li>g. If a boxer has suffered a technical knockout due to cuts, a medical suspension for a period of not less than thirty (30) days.</li> </ul>
3.	<p>The ECSC's ringside physician shall impose medical suspensions or mandatory rest periods of any duration, for Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) or MUAYTHAI contestants, based on post-fight medical evaluations and the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Seven (7) day medical suspension for an MMA or Muaythai contestant who has not suffered any noticeable physical injury and increasing time for additional damage or suspected injury, depending on the post-fight medical evaluation of the fighter by the ringside physician.</li> <li>b. If a contestant has been knocked out or has incurred a technical knockout from blows to the head, a medical suspension for a period of not less than thirty (30) days.</li> <li>c. If an MMA or Muaythai contestant has been knocked out a two (2) consecutive times or has incurred two (2) successive technical knockouts from blows to the head, after the second knockout, a medical suspension for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.</li> <li>d. If an MMA or Muaythai contestant has been knocked out three (3) times or has incurred three (3) technical knockouts from blows to the head, after the third knockout, a medical suspension for a period of not less than ninety (90) days.</li> </ul>
4.	<p>The ECSC's ringside physician may impose an indefinite medical suspension which will be removed only at the satisfaction of the imposing physician upon subsequent medical examination.</p>
5.	<p>A contestant (boxer, MMA or Muaythai) shall not take part in a bout/contest during a period of medical suspension or a mandatory rest period ordered by the ECSC.</p>

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6.	The penalty for taking part in a contest during a medical suspension is a prohibition of up to a one (1) year prohibiting that individual from applying for and receiving a combative sports license from the ECSC.
<b>ECSC Policy #10: Ringside Privileges</b>	
1.	The Technical Zone is controlled solely by the ECSC;
2.	Admission to the Technical Zone is controlled at events by the Ring General and the Executive Director;
3.	The Technical Zone must be clear for contestants and their seconds to access the ring/cage and cannot be encumbered;
4.	The Technical Zone varies in width depending on the venue used. It can range from a narrow zone of 7 ft. in diameter to 11 ft. in diameter on all sides of the ring/cage
5.	The medical ringside physicians are normally located in a neutral corner (so a referee can confer with them if need be during an event without corner staff listening in) and these ringside physicians need an uncontested path to ringside when a contestant is down; hence the most important requirement for keeping a minimum of seated individuals in the path of physicians on that side of the ring/cage
6.	Guest Commission members from other jurisdictions may be invited into the Technical Zone or just outside the Technical Zone when visiting an ECSC event.
7.	On occasion, the ECSC and/or the Executive Director may invite a special guest to sit in the Technical Zone for a specific event. Such a request has to be discussed and approved by the Ring General assigned that evening and is only possible if there is sufficient space on the one side where contestants or physicians do not pass in accessing the ring/cage.
8.	There is no alcohol permitted in the Technical Zone.
9.	The Executive Director selects the working officials for each combative event. The Executive Director and Ring General work together on the seating arrangement in the Technical Zone. Requests from promoters or their guests for media to sit ringside will be decided by the Ring General and the Executive Director. Sitting ringside is a privilege, not a right.

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	Approval for anyone, other than event working officials, ECSC members, contestants and their seconds, is left to the discretion of the Executive Director in consultation with the Ring General on an event by event basis.
10.	The privilege to sit ringside will be removed should an individual violate the privilege by interfering with the workings of the ECSC or any of its officials. The Executive Director or the Ring General may remove the privilege to sit ringside for an indefinite period. It is left to the discretion of the ECSC to decide when a privilege that has been withdrawn is returned.
11.	<p>All Seconds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Must remain seated during the fight;</li> <li>b. Must towel off water/sweat/excess Vaseline from their competitor;</li> <li>c. Must keep cheering/yelling/providing verbal instruction respectful and without swearing or addressing the other fighter or his/her corner staff;</li> <li>d. Must obey assigned Inspectors at all times.</li> </ul>
<b>Bylaw 15638: Edmonton Combative Sports Commission Bylaw</b>	
28.	<p>The Executive Director has the following powers, duties and functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. making all licensing and permitting decisions for the Commission, including requiring the payment of deposits and imposition of such other conditions as the Executive Director deems appropriate;</li> <li>f. providing written notice of permitting and licensing decisions made by the Executive Director or the Commission to applicants or appellants;</li> <li>g. recruiting and supervising Officials and establishing their remuneration, powers and duties;</li> <li>h. supervising all aspects of Events and making all Commission decisions during an Event;</li> <li>i. making appropriate investigations and taking necessary steps to ensure compliance with, and enforcement of, the provisions of this bylaw and the Combative Sports Bylaw;</li> <li>j. executing agreements, cheques and other negotiable instruments within approved budget allocations for Commission business, and in accordance with City policies, practices, and procedures adapted as necessary for Commission business requirements.</li> <li>k. Receiving and receipting Commission revenues and making arrangements for payments to successful Contestants.</li> <li>l.</li> </ul>



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<b>Bylaw 15594: Combative Sports Bylaw</b>	
4.	<p>(1) No Person shall take part as a Promoter, Second, or Official at any Event unless the Person holds a valid and subsisting Licence.</p> <p>(2) No Person shall take part as a Contestant at any Event unless the Person holds a valid and subsisting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Annual Contestant Licence; and</li> <li>(b) Per Event Contestant Licence.</li> </ul>
5.	<p>(1) An Applicant for a Licence to act as a Promoter must submit to the Executive Director no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(b) the Licence Fee;</li> <li>(c) the full name and current address of the Applicant;</li> <li>(d) a resume describing both the background and experience of the Applicant as it relates to the promotion of Events, including a list of any suspensions or hearings in other jurisdictions that took place within the five years preceding the date on which the application is submitted to the Executive Director;</li> <li>(e) if the Applicant is a corporation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a copy of the corporation's most recent annual return;</li> <li>(ii) the address of the registered office of the corporation;</li> <li>(iii) the names and addresses of the officers, directors and shareholders of the corporation; and</li> <li>(iv) a recent police information check for the directors of the corporation from the Edmonton Police Service;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(f) if the Applicant is an individual, a recent police information check for the Applicant from the Edmonton Police Service; and</li> <li>(g) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</li> </ul> <p>(2) A Licence issued to a Promoter expires on December 31 of the year in which the Licence is issued.</p>
6.	<p>(1) An Applicant for a Per Event Contestant Licence must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(b) the Licence Fee;</li> <li>(c) proof in a form satisfactory to the Executive Director establishing the full name, date of birth and current address of the Applicant;</li> </ul>

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	<p>(d) a completed declaration as to the Applicant's suspension and health status in a form approved by the Executive Director;</p> <p>(e) proof in a form satisfactory to the Executive Director that the Applicant meets or exceeds the medical fitness and health standards approved by the Commission;</p> <p>(f) a written consent to permit the collection and use of the Applicant's medical records and related information in a form approved by the Executive Director; and</p> <p>(g) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</p> <p>(2) A Per Event Contestant Licence is only valid only for the Event specified in the Licence.</p> <p>(3) A Per Event Contestant Licence is deemed to be a Licence for any Second assisting the Contestant at an Event if the full name of the Second is provided to the Executive Director prior to the commencement of the Event.</p> <p>(4) A Per Event Contestant Licence is deemed to contain the following conditions:</p> <p>(a) the Contestant may have no more than three (3) Seconds at an Event, unless the Event is a championship Event;</p> <p>(b) the Contestant may have no more than four (4) Seconds at a championship Event;</p> <p>(c) the Officials providing medical services at an Event:</p> <p>(i) may, at any time, intervene in any Contest or Event to examine a Contestant, and after consultation with the referee, in the medical personnel's discretion, may instruct the referee to stop the contest;</p> <p>(ii) must examine a Contestant if the Contestant is injured, including being knocked out, during an Event;</p> <p>(iii) must examine a Contestant:</p> <p>(A) prior to an Event; and</p> <p>(B) immediately after a Contest;</p> <p>(iv) may examine a Contestant before the Contestant leaves the venue where the Event is being held;</p> <p>(v) may impose a medical suspension to a Contestant of a length determined by the Official providing medical service, taking into account the nature of any injuries and any health risks posed to the Contestant;</p> <p>and</p> <p>(d) the Contestant consents to the Commission notifying the Contestant's governing bodies and other commissions regulating Combative Sports that a medical suspension was issued and the duration of the medical suspension.</p> <p>(5) An Applicant for an Annual Contestant Licence must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <p>(a) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</p> <p>(b) the Licence Fee; and</p> <p>(c) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</p> <p>(6) An Annual Contestant Licence expires on December 31 of the year in which the Licence is issued.</p>

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7.	<p>(1) An Applicant for a Licence to act as an Official must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(b) the Licence Fee;</li> <li>(c) proof in a form satisfactory to the Executive Director establishing the full name, date of birth, and current address of the Applicant; and</li> <li>(d) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</li> </ul> <p>(2) A Licence issued to an Official expires on December 31 of the year in which the Licence is issued.</p> <p>(3) Issuance of a Licence to act as an Official does not guarantee that the Official will provide services at an Event during the term of the Licence.</p>
8.	<p>Prior to issuing a Licence the Executive Director may, with the consent of the Applicant, consult with and obtain relevant and material information from the Edmonton Police Service, Alberta Health Services, the Sustainable Development Department of the City, the Community Standards Branch of the City and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services.</p>
9.	<p>Any information obtained by the Executive Director must be provided to the Applicant who must be given an opportunity to make written representations on that material to the Executive Director.</p>
10.	<p>(1) A Promoter who proposes to organize, manage, facilitate, produce or promote an Event must apply to the Executive Director no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Event for an Event Permit.</p> <p>(2) Each application for an Event Permit must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a copy of the Applicant's Promoter Licence;</li> <li>(b) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(c) proof in a form satisfactory to the Executive Director that the Applicant holds all of the necessary permits for the Event in accordance with Bylaw 12800, the City of Edmonton Zoning Bylaw;</li> <li>(d) the Date Booking Fee; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(d.1) the Event Administration Fee;</li> <li>(d.2) the Weigh In Fee;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(e) liability insurance for the Event issued by a licensed Alberta insurer that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) provides a minimum of \$5,000,000 per occurrence of general liability insurance;</li> <li>(ii) names the City as an additional insured and all Officials for the Event as named insureds; and</li> <li>(iii) includes the following liability clause:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p>This policy, subject to the limits of liability stated herein, shall apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy has been issued to each. Any act or omission on the part of one or another of the Insured under this policy shall not prejudice the right or interests of any other Insured.</p> <p>(f) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</p> <p>(3) At least five (5) days prior to the date of the Event the holder of an Event Permit must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the security plans for the Event, as approved by the Executive Director, including the number of personnel and their qualifications; and</li> <li>(b) the medical and safety plans for the Event, as approved by the Executive Director, including the number of personnel and their qualifications;</li> <li>(c) Deleted</li> <li>(d) Deleted</li> </ul> <p>(4) At least three (3) days prior to the date of the Event the holder of an Event Permit must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a certified cheque in the amount necessary to pay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the cost of all Officials required for the Event;</li> <li>(ii) the maximum amount of prize money that could be awarded to Contestants at the Event; and</li> <li>(iii) the total Licence Fees for all Per Event Contestant Licences for Contestants that will take part in the Event; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) a certified cheque in the amount set by the Executive Director for the Event Deposit.</li> </ul>
11.	<p>If the Event is held on the date specified in the Event Permit then one-half of the Date Booking Fee must be returned to the holder of the Event Permit within 30 days of the date specified in the Event Permit.</p>
12.	<p>(1) The Event Permit holder must pay to the Executive Director, not more than fourteen (14) days after the Event, an Event Fee as set out in Schedule "B".</p> <p>(2) If an Event Fee is payable pursuant to this section the holder of the Event Permit will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) ensure the Executive Director has access at all times to receipt records for the Event including access to ticket distribution company records for the Event; and</li> <li>(b) provide a record of ticket sales and gate fees and pay-per-view revenues for the Event to the Executive Director not more than fourteen (14) days after the Event.</li> </ul>

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13.	<p>It is a deemed condition of every Event Permit that the holder of the Event Permit will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) comply with the approved security plan;</li> <li>(b) comply with the approved medical plan;</li> <li>(c) ensure that liability insurance for the Event remains in full force and effect;</li> <li>(d) comply with all policies and procedures approved by the Commission;</li> <li>(e) not falsify any medical or fitness documentation provided to the Commission or the Executive Director for the Event;</li> <li>(f) not conduct the weigh in for the Event in any place where alcohol is being served or sold;</li> <li>(g) conduct the weigh in for the Event in a place accessible to the public within the city of Edmonton; (h) only hold the Event on the days and at the times specified in the Event Permit; and</li> <li>(i) comply with the maximum attendance requirements specified in the Event Permit.</li> </ul>
14.	<p>(1) The Event Deposit must be returned to the Event Permit holder within thirty (30) days of the Event if no conditions of the Event Permit are breached.</p> <p>(2) In the event there is a breach or suspected breach of a condition of the Event Permit, all or a portion of the Event Deposit may be withheld by the Executive Director.</p> <p>(3) In the event any portion of the Event Deposit is withheld for a breach of a condition of the Event Permit, the Event Permit holder may appeal the decision to withhold all or a portion of the Event Deposit to the Commission under the provisions of this bylaw.</p>
15.	<p>The Executive Director must forward the results of an Event, including all medical suspensions issued to Contestants, to the relevant governing bodies and other commissions regulating Combative Sports not more than two business days after the Event.</p>
16.	<p>The Executive Director may revoke, suspend, refuse to issue or renew, or imposition of conditions on any Licence or Event Permit if, in the opinion of the Executive Director, it is in the public interest to do so.</p>
17.	<p>The Executive Director must serve reasons for any decision respecting a Licence or Event Permit in writing to the Applicant or Licensee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in person on the Applicant or Licensee or any of its officers or employees;</li> <li>(b) by ordinary mail to the address in the application or in the records of the Commission for the Licensee; or</li> <li>(c) by electronic mail where the Applicant or Licensee has provided an electronic mail address to the Executive</li> </ul>

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18.	<p>(1) A Person may appeal the decision of the Executive Director respecting a Licence or Event Permit by filing with the Commission a written notice of appeal in a form approved by the Executive Director no later than fourteen (14) days after receiving notice of the decision of the Executive Director.</p> <p>(2) All appeals must comply with the appeal procedure established by the Commission.</p> <p>(3) A Person may not appeal the decision of the Executive Director regarding a Licence or Event Permit if the reason for the refusal is the failure to pay a prescribed fee or the failure to provide any information required for the Licence or Event Permit.</p>
19.	<p>If the Commission receives a notice of appeal it will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) schedule a hearing for the appeal within a reasonable time of receiving the notice of appeal; and</li> <li>(b) notify the appellant of the date, time and location of the hearing at least thirty (30) days before the hearing.</li> </ul>
20.	<p>The Commission is not bound by the rules of evidence and may receive any evidence or hear from any witnesses who may, in the Commission's opinion, provide relevant and material information on the appeal.</p>
21.	<p>The Commission may confirm, cancel, vary, or substitute the decision being appealed.</p>
22.	<p>The Commission will provide reasons for its decision in writing to the appellant.</p>
23.	<p>No appeal lies from the decision of the Commission.</p>
<b>Criminal Code, RSC 1985, c C-46</b>	
83.	<p>Engaging in prize fight</p> <p>83 (1) Every one who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) engages as a principal in a prize fight,</li> <li>(b) advises, encourages or promotes a prize fight, or</li> <li>(c) is present at a prize fight as an aid, second, surgeon, umpire, backer or reporter, is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.</li> </ul> <p>Definition of prize fight</p> <p>(2) In this section, prize fight means an encounter or fight with fists, hands or feet between two persons who have met for that purpose by previous arrangement made by or for them, but does not include</p>



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	<p>(a) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province if the sport is on the programme of the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee and, in the case where the province's lieutenant governor in council or any other person or body specified by him or her requires it, the contest is held with their permission;</p> <p>(b) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province if the sport has been designated by the province's lieutenant governor in council or by any other person or body specified by him or her and, in the case where the lieutenant governor in council or other specified person or body requires it, the contest is held with their permission;</p> <p>(c) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province with the permission of the province's lieutenant governor in council or any other person or body specified by him or her; and</p> <p>(d) a boxing contest or mixed martial arts contest held in a province with the permission or under the authority of an athletic board, commission or similar body established by or under the authority of the province's legislature for the control of sport within the province.</p>

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### 3.0 POLICY COMPARISON

The following table summarizes practices in place at other organizations identified through our review of policies for the following commissions:

- New Jersey State Athletic Control Board<sup>1</sup>
- Nevada State Athletic Commission<sup>2</sup>
- British Columbia Athletic Commission<sup>3</sup>
- Calgary Combative Sports Commission<sup>4</sup>
- Ontario Athletic Commission<sup>5</sup>.

Our focus in conducting this policy comparison was to identify policies designed to promote fighter safety and opportunities for potential improvements to ECSC Policies in these areas. The policies referenced below are those that are available publicly on each of the above commissions websites. It was not possible for MNP to determine how closely each commission follows their policies, as validating their accompanying processes was beyond the scope of this engagement. As a result, the policy comparison presented is limited to a prima facie policy-to-policy comparison only.

The most stringent practices in terms of fighter safety from the five commissions noted above were identified using policies from those commissions and have been summarized in the left column of the following tables. Where applicable, we have specifically identified policies that are found in one Commission only. We in turn compared the policies of other commissions to the Policies of ECSC published on its website. The right column identifies potential improvements to ECSC Policies when compared against the policies of other commissions identified in terms of promoting fighter safety.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/njcode/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://boxing.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/boxingnv.gov/content/home/features/2016-09-09-ADOPTEDREGULATIONS-R062-16A.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.bcathleticcommission.ca/Rules\\_Top.aspx](http://www.bcathleticcommission.ca/Rules_Top.aspx)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.calgary.ca/CA/city-clerks/Documents/Legislative-services/Bylaws/53M2006-CombativeSportsCommission.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900052>

**Legend**

NJ – New Jersey State Athletic Control Board  
NV – Nevada State Athletic Commission  
BC - British Columbia Athletic Commission  
CAL - Calgary Combative Sports Commission  
ON - Ontario Athletic Commission

MOST STRINGENT PRACTICES	POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ECSC POLICIES
<b>POLICY #1 – LICENSING – CONTESTANTS AND SECONDS</b>	
<b>Policy Objective – ensure all contestants and seconds participating in an ECSC-sanctioned event are licenced in accordance with Bylaw 15594.</b>	
Seconds must pass an examination prior to being approved for a licence. The applicant must pass a written and/or oral examination relating to the Commissioner’s rules and regulations, treatment of injuries, physical conditioning, health care, nutrition, training, first aid, effects of drugs and alcohol and the bandaging of a boxer’s hands (NJ).	Distinct per event licensing for seconds or cornermen that includes requirements of seconds or cornermen to have particular skills and / or knowledge of boxing, first aid and the commissions’ rules and regulations.



**MOST STRINGENT PRACTICES**

Contestants must provide a Commission with information pertaining to his/her fight record, certifications, identity, suspensions (medical or otherwise) and proof of medical fitness. Commissions, in consultation with a legally qualified medical practitioner, must find that the person is fit to take part in a contest based on the results of prescribed medical exams which generally include a CT/MRI brain scan, eye exam, blood work ECG or EKG, a general physical exam and exams ordered as a result of injuries received in previous bouts. The timing of CT/MRI brain scans vary among jurisdictions. For example, New Jersey requires scans completed within the last three years, Nevada requires scans completed within the last five years, and Ontario requires scans biannually.

Conditions of every contestant license include:

- The contestant must not participate in an event unless the promoter holds an event permit for the event
- The contestant must comply with the medical requirements
- The contestant must appear at the time scheduled for, and participate in, the weigh-in ceremony
- If, before an event, the ringside physician determines that the contestant is not fit to compete, the contestant must not compete in the event
- The contestant must submit to a pre-match medical examination by the ringside physician, submit to a medical examination in the course of a match on request of the ringside physician or referee, and submit to a post-match medical examination by the same ringside physician
- The contestant must consent in writing to submit to the medical examinations required in previous bullet, accept any emergency medical treatment recommended by the ringside physician before, during or after a match, and any post-match medical suspension imposed on the contestant after a match.

Licensing of contestants can take place on an annual or per event basis.

**POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ECSC POLICIES**

- CT/MRI brain scans conducted within a specified timeframe that will reflect a contestant's current medical condition.
- The physician that conducted the pre-match or weigh-in physical should also conduct the post-match medical examination, where possible.
- Contestants should not have the option of refusing medical care after a fight.

**MOST STRINGENT PRACTICES**

**POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ECSC POLICIES**

**POLICY # 2 – LICENSING - PROMOTERS**

**Policy Objective – to ensure promoters hosting events in the City of Edmonton are duly licensed by the ECSC and licenses are issued in accordance with Bylaw 15594.**

Promoters are required to submit an application for an annual license to stage combative sports events. Information that must be included with the application include:

- An application
- License fee
- Identify of applicant and, if a corporation, the corporation’s most recent annual return, registered office address, names and addresses of the officers, directors and shareholders and recent police information check for all directors of the corporation
- Resume including background, experience and any suspensions or hearings in any jurisdictions in the previous 5 years
- Recent police information check for individual applicants
- Declaration of any financial interest the applicant has in a professional athlete or in a business entity or individual involved in the sport to which the application relates (BC)
- Declaration the applicant has of any relationship, whether by blood, adoption or marriage the applicant has with a professional athlete or official involved in the sport to which the application relates including name and relationship (BC).

Conditions of the license include:

- Ensuring Commission rules, policies and procedures are followed before, during and after the event
- Licenses cannot be transferred
- Ensuring no unlicensed contestant participates in a combative sports event
- Ensuring any person under suspension does not take part in the event
- Licences are valid for a limited time (i.e. usually one year)
- License can be suspended or revoked by the Commission for failure to comply with bylaws, policies, rules of the Commission.

Promoters are required to declare:

- financial interest in a professional athlete or business entity or individual involved in the sport to which the application relates
- the applicant having any relationship, whether by blood, adoption or marriage with a professional athlete or official involved in the sport to which the application relates.

MOST STRINGENT PRACTICES	POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ECSC POLICIES
<b>POLICY # 3 – LICENSING – EVENT OFFICIALS</b>	
<b>Policy Objective – to ensure personnel authorized by the ECSC are able to officiate combative sports events and ensure events comply with ECSC rules, regulations and operating procedures.</b>	
<p>All event officials must apply for an annual license to work combative sports events including referees, judges, inspectors, ring generals, timekeepers, knockdown judges, scorekeepers, paymasters and matchmakers. An applicant for a license must provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The class of official license the applicant is requesting</li> <li>• Evidence satisfactory to the Commission that the applicant is qualified to act as the applicable official which may include, but is not limited to completion of applicable training</li> <li>• If the applicant has ever been investigated for wrongdoing in respect of an official's license, they must provide details of the investigation, results and consequences (BC)</li> <li>• The applicant's experience in the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of application, including locations and dates of the events (BC)</li> <li>• Acknowledgement that the applicant will comply with all Commission policies and procedures.</li> </ul>	Licensing requirements of officials are defined.
Judges and referees are required to undergo annual medical examinations, including eye exams, by a physician approved by the Commission.	Medical examinations of judges and referees are required as part of the annual licensing process.
Referees are required to attend a minimum of two medical training seminars each year. These medical training seminars must be conducted or approved by the Commission or any recognized boxing organization, such as a sanctioning body (NJ).	Referees are required to undertake basic medical training to assist in identifying possible injuries.
Each potential official must sign an Official's Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its requirement.	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with practices of other organizations in this area.
<p>Ringside physicians must be licensed annually (NV). In determining whether to issue or renew a license as a ringside physician, the Commission will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant's past performance as a ringside physician</li> <li>• The applicant's capabilities as a physician</li> <li>• The status of the applicant's license with the applicable medical licensing authority including, without limitation, any resolved or pending malpractice claims and any civil or criminal actions filed against the applicant</li> </ul>	Ringside physicians undergo an annual licensing process.



MOST STRINGENT PRACTICES	POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ECSC POLICIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The general and professional reputation of the applicant.</li> </ul>	
<p>Selection of the event officials is the prerogative of the Commission and the Commissioner shall select officials for an event.</p>	<p>Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.</p>
<p><b>POLICY # 4 – EVENT PERMITS</b></p>	
<p><b>Policy Objective – to ensure combative sports events are staged in accordance with ECSC rules regulations and operating procedures, and Bylaw 15594.</b></p>	
<p>Event permits are required for each event and it is a deemed condition that the holder of the permit will comply with all policies and procedures of the Commission and not falsify any medical or fitness documentation provided to the Commission for the event.</p>	<p>Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.</p>
<p>Event permits are valid only for the approved date and are not transferable.</p>	<p>Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practice in this area.</p>
<p>A promoter shall ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No unlicensed contestant participates in a combative sports event</li> <li>An event does not include a contestant who is unfit, whether physically, mentally or otherwise</li> <li>No suspended contestant participates in a combative sports event, regardless of the reason for the suspension.</li> </ul>	<p>Promoters are required to ensure that unlicensed, unfit or suspended contestants do not participate in a combative sports events.</p>
<p>Prior to the event, promoters are required to provide the Commission with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of the proposed matches, including the names of the proposed Contestants and the number of rounds proposed for each match</li> <li>The amount of the purse for each proposed match</li> <li>A declaration signed by a matchmaker that the contestants proposed for the match are suitably matched competitors (BC)</li> <li>Confirmation of medical services at the event</li> <li>Confirmation of security at the event</li> <li>Contracts of all contestants (e.g. bout agreements).</li> </ul>	<p>Matchmakers are required to provide a signed declaration that the contestants are suitably matched.</p>

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Promoters must get the fight card approved by the Commission. Before approving any boxing bout or match, the Commission will inquire into the relative merits of the contestants, their past records, and whether they are suitable opponents. The Commission shall have the right to disapprove any match or bout on the grounds that it is not in the best interest of boxing or of the health of either of the contestants.	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.
A contestant may not substitute for another contestant in an event unless the promoter notifies the Commission within a prescribed amount of time and the Commission approves the substitution.	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.
<b>POLICY # 5 – CONTESTANTS AND OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN UNSANCTIONED EVENTS</b>	
<b>Policy Objective – to ensure contestants who participate in unsanctioned events are suspended appropriately for potential injuries received in those events, and to discourage officials licensed to officiate in Edmonton, and any fighters currently licensed or wishing to be licensed to fight in Edmonton, from attending such unsanctioned events</b>	
The ECSC will consider every fighter/contestant who has competed in an unsanctioned event outside of the Edmonton jurisdiction, as being under an automatic ninety (90) day “medical risk” suspension, before they can be licensed to compete in a subsequent professional combative sports event in the Edmonton jurisdiction.	Not applicable - ECSC policy appears to be the most stringent in this area.
The contestant/fighter may be required to re-do his/her medical tests effective from the date of the day following the participation in an unsanctioned competition.	
Any official or fighter/contestant who participates in an unsanctioned event in the jurisdiction, risks having his or her jurisdictional officiating license or fighter’s license revoked for a minimum of twelve (12) months.	
<b>POLICY # 8 - MEDICAL</b>	
<b>Policy Objective – to promote fighter safety by providing contestants with basic medical care and assessment before, during and after each event.</b>	
An ambulance shall be present at all professional boxing events, from the commencement of the first bout, throughout the duration of the event, and until the last fighter leaves the arena. No boxing event	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.



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<p>shall be allowed to continue if an ambulance is utilized to transport a previous boxer to a medical facility, until another ambulance is available and present at the event.</p>	
<p>There shall be at least two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) present at all professional boxing events, from the commencement of the first bout, throughout the duration of the event, and until the last fighter leaves the arena. No boxing event shall be allowed to continue if an EMT leaves the arena to transport a previous boxer to a medical facility, until an EMT replacement is available and present at the event.</p>	<p>Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.</p>
<p>The majority of commissions included in the other practices review require promoters / contestants to provide the results of a CT/MRI brain scan, ECG, blood serology and eye exam for each contestant to the Commission prior to participating in an event. The information is usually required prior to the weigh in. The Commission, in consultation with a legally qualified medical practitioner, will then review the information to determine if the contestant is fit to take part in the event.</p> <p>In addition, to providing the required medical information, contestants are also required to submit themselves for a medical examination at the weigh-in by the ring-side physician that will be in attendance at the event.</p>	<p>The ringside physician conducts the pre-weigh in medical examination of the contestants.</p>
<p>The New Jersey State Athletic Control Board medical examination practices are more rigorous than those of the ECSC and are as follows (N.J.A.C. 13:46-12A.4 (2017)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-fight weigh-in examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All boxers in all bouts shall be given a medical examination by a physician appointed by the Commission prior to the start of the bout, both at the weighing-in and in the evening, a short while before the boxing program commences.</li> <li>○ All such examinations shall be conducted privately with no other persons present besides the physician and the boxer.</li> <li>○ This physical examination shall include as many of the procedures as the examining physician may decide are necessary.</li> <li>○ In all cases, the examination shall include the administration of a thorough ophthalmological and neurological examination and a urinalysis. In all cases, the boxer shall present to the physician the results of a test for the HIV virus.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contestants undergo a complete medical examination by a commission physician before being approved to fight.</li> <li>• Contestants are examined on the evening of the bout.</li> <li>• A contestant's complete medical records are provided to the ringside physician prior to the event.</li> </ul>



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- No boxer shall be permitted to enter the ring unless the physician appointed by the Commissioner has certified his or her fitness to engage in a boxing contest. The physician's decision that a boxer is not fit to engage in a boxing contest shall not be subject to change by any other official. A boxer may be disqualified for any medical reason.
- Any boxer who fails to appear for the official weigh-in, within the time stipulated on the club contract, shall be subject to fine or suspension or both.
- Medical Reports
  - The physician appointed by the Commissioner shall make a detailed written record of each and every medical examination performed by him or her under the authority of the New Jersey Administrative Code, on forms provided by the Commissioner or on such other forms as may be necessary. The original of all such records shall be filed with the Commissioner within 24 hours of each such examination.
  - The Commissioner shall provide copies of all medical records pertaining to an individual boxer to the physician appointed by the Commissioner who is assigned to that boxer's next bout, at least one day in advance of said bout. No boxer shall be permitted to engage in a boxing contest unless the physician appointed by the Commissioner who is assigned to that contest has in his or her possession the boxer's complete medical history prior to the pre-fight examination.
  - Physicians appointed by the Commissioner shall fill out and return to the Commissioner immediately after a boxing show a printed injury insurance form, reporting serious injuries.
- Duties of a Ringside Physician
  - Ringside physicians shall be appointed by the Commissioner.
  - No boxing bout may commence or proceed unless the ringside physician is present and seated at ringside.
  - The ringside physician shall terminate any boxing bout if in the opinion of such physician any contestant has received severe punishment or is in danger of serious physical injury.
  - The Commissioner shall assign a minimum of two ringside physicians to each boxing program.
- Post-fight Medical Examination
  - All boxers in all bouts shall be given a physical examination by a physician appointed by the Commissioner immediately following the bout. In all cases, the examination shall include the administration of a thorough ophthalmological and neurological examination.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any boxer refusing to submit to a post-fight medical examination shall be immediately suspended for an indefinite period.</li> </ul>	
Physicians will report medical suspensions to the Commission official recording the results for the event.	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.
The Commission will report medical suspensions to the governing body of the contestant's sport that retains records of all medically suspended contestants.	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.
<b>POLICY # 9 – SUSPENSION AND REST PERIODS FOR COMBATIVE SPORT CONTESTANTS</b>	
<b>Policy Objective – to determine the amount of time to medically suspend a contestant after a particular match to ensure the contestant has time to heal before participating in training and before competing in a subsequent match.</b>	
Ringside physicians impose medical suspensions or a mandatory rest and recovery period on each contestant/fighter after a bout. The suspensions are commensurate with the severity and type of injury (e.g. knockout)	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.
A contestant shall not take part in a bout/contest during a period of medical suspension or a mandatory rest period ordered by the Commission.	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.
The penalty for taking part in a contest during a medical suspension is a prohibition of up to a one (1) year prohibiting that individual from applying for and receiving a combative sports license from the Commission (ECSC).	Not applicable - ECSC policies are aligned with the most stringent practices in this area.
<p>Specific policies from the Ontario Sports Commission (R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 52):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a participant loses a bout by knock-out or by a technical knock-out or, in the opinion of the referee, ringside medical practitioner or Commissioner, may have suffered an injury during a bout in either a winning or losing cause, the ringside medical practitioner or Commissioner shall inform the participant that the participant shall, (a) attend at an examination by a legally qualified medical practitioner satisfactory to the Commissioner and undergo any tests that the practitioner orders; and (b) provide copies or reports of the results of the tests to the ringside medical practitioner or Commissioner.</li> <li>If the ringside medical practitioner or Commissioner, as the case may be, considers that the participant may have suffered a blow to the head, the examination shall include, subject to an order made by the medical practitioner who performs the examination, (a) an electroencephalogram examination; (b) a computerized axial tomography examination, known as a Catscan; (c) magnetic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission policies do not differentiate between types of combative sports when imposing medical suspensions for knock-out or technical knock-outs due to head blows.</li> <li>Contestants are required to undergo specific medical tests in relation to head injuries.</li> </ul>



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<p>resonance imaging, known as an MRI; or (d) other tests that are appropriate in accordance with current medical practice in Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Commissioner is of the opinion that the results of the testing described above are inconclusive, the Commissioner may order the participant to undergo a psychometric evaluation by a legally qualified practitioner.</li> <li>• If a participant loses a bout by knock-out or by a technical knock-out or, in the opinion of the referee, ringside medical practitioner or Commissioner, may have suffered an injury during a bout in either a winning or losing cause, the Commissioner shall suspend the licence of the participant until the later of, (a) the expiry of 60 days; and (b) the time at which the participant provides, to the ringside medical practitioner or Commissioner who required the participant to undergo the examination above, a certificate of medical fitness to participate in a professional contest or exhibition signed by the legally qualified medical practitioner who conducted the examination.</li> <li>• A participant in a professional contest or exhibition who is required to undergo a medical examination in order to get a licence or who is required to undergo a medical examination as outlined above, shall provide the legally qualified medical practitioner conducting the examination with a complete history of the participant's fight record and any injuries sustained during a fight.</li> <li>• In addition to the requirements of section 20, where a participant, (a) loses a contest or exhibition by a knock-out or by a technical knock-out; or (b) in the opinion of either the referee or the ringside medical practitioner, suffers a serious beating in either a winning or losing cause, the participant shall forthwith be suspended from participating for sixty days and the Commissioner shall notify the participant forthwith in writing of the suspension.</li> <li>• Where a participant is declared the loser in four consecutive bouts, the Commissioner shall suspend his or her licence to participate in contests or exhibitions. Where the Commissioner suspends a licence, he or she may reinstate the licence where the participant satisfies the Commissioner that, (a) the participant is medically fit to participate in a further contest or exhibition; and (b) the participant has sufficient skills to participate in future contests or exhibitions without being exposed to undue risk or injury.</li> </ul>	
<p>Specific policies from the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board ((13:46-12B.7 (2017)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commissioner shall maintain a current listing of all boxers who are under suspension in this State and in any other boxing jurisdiction. The Commissioner shall provide a copy of the suspension list to each attending physician at each boxing contest conducted in this State and shall promptly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials (e.g. seconds, managers) and promoters are sanctioned for allowing a suspended fighter to participate in an event.</li> </ul>



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- transmit a current copy of the suspension list to every other boxing jurisdiction. Under no circumstances shall a boxer on the suspension list participate in a boxing contest.
- The Commissioner, upon placing a boxer on the suspension list, shall immediately mail a written suspension notice to the boxer and his or her licensed manager at their last known addresses, specifying the nature of the suspension, the reason therefore, and the length of the suspension, where known.
  - Any boxer who participates in a boxing contest during the period of his or her suspension shall have his or her license revoked. Any licensed manager of a boxer on the suspension list who participates in a boxing contest shall have his or her license revoked. Any licensed promoter of a boxing show in which a boxer on the suspension list participates shall have his or her license revoked.
  - Any boxer who is knocked out in a boxing match shall be suspended from boxing for a minimum 60-day period. The knocked-out boxer shall not be permitted to participate in a bout until a thorough medical examination is completed and submitted, as prescribed by the ringside physician.
  - Any boxer who is technically knocked out in a boxing match shall be suspended for a minimum 30-day period. At the time of the knockout, a Commission physician shall make a determination of whether or not any additional testing is required to enter the ring again. The knocked-out boxer shall not be permitted to participate in a bout until he or she has completed and submitted any such medical examinations prescribed by a Commission physician.
  - Any boxer who is knocked out or technically knocked out in a boxing match must complete and submit the results of a thorough neurological examination.
  - Any contestant who has lost six consecutive fights shall be automatically suspended from boxing. The boxer shall not be reinstated until he or she has submitted to a medical examination conducted by a physician appointed by the Commissioner.
  - Matchmakers shall take notice of the suspension bulletins sent out by the Commissioner and shall not permit any person under suspension to take any part whatsoever in any match or in the planning of any match.

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- Contestants are required to undergo specific medical tests in relation to head injuries.

#### 4.0 EFFECTIVENESS OF ECSC POLICIES

The following table summarizes the effectiveness of ECSC Policies in relation to the June Event. Only those Policies directly related to the June Event and summarized in section 2.0 have been included in the assessment. References to detailed observations and recommendations contained in Volume 1 of this report have been included where applicable.

Policy Section	Description	Responsibility	Observation
<b>ECSC Policy #1: Licensing – Contestants and Seconds</b>			
1.	Any Contestant who lives outside of Edmonton who wishes to obtain a licence to fight in the Edmonton jurisdiction must be a member in good standing in their own province, municipality, tribal or state Commission, and must not be under suspension by any international, national, provincial/state, municipal or tribal sanctioning body at the time of licensing.	ECSC, Contestant	Hague was not under suspension at the time of the June 16 event according to abc.boxrec.com, abc.mixedmartialarts.com, and fightfax.com.
2.	The rules and safety code of the ABC, as amended from time to time, shall govern all professional boxing, MMA and Muaythai contests, licensed by the ECSC, conducted in the City of Edmonton. However, the ECSC reserves the right to utilize local ECSC rules for combative sports events sanctioned and licensed in the City of Edmonton, where such rules are warranted.	ECSC	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
3.	For boxing events, the ECSC recognizes ABC rules. For MMA events, the ECSC recognizes the unified rules for MMA and for Muaythai events, the ECSC recognizes the Muaythai World Council rules.	ECSC	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
4.	Any licence issued to a Contestant is deemed to be a licence for the fighter and up to three (3) Seconds for that event (or up to four (4) Seconds in the case of a championship event).	ECSC	Hague named and used three cornermen for the June event. All three were identified in the Statutory Declaration signed by Hague at the weigh-in.

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5.	Licences are valid only for the event date specified in the licence.	ECSC	Fighters' license and permit fee submitted by promoter on June 16/17. Fees are deducted from a fighter's purse and would only cover one event.
6.	The licence fee of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars covers the fighter and seconds' licences and will be subtracted from the Contestant's payout from the event.	Executive Director	License fee was deducted from Hague's purse after the bout.
7.	<p>To apply for a licence, a Contestant must submit to the Executive Director of the ECSC the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A licence application form;</li> <li>b. Valid identification establishing Contestant's full name, date of birth and current address;</li> <li>c. A declaration respecting any suspension currently imposed on the contestant by any licensing body and the contestant's health status;</li> <li>d. Proof of medical fitness as follows (this documentation may be submitted to either the ECSC Executive Director or the Chief Medical Officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Baseline CT Scan of the head or MRI of the head;</li> <li>ii. Recent baseline ECG (EKG), (actual tracing not just a report);</li> <li>iii. Bloodwork within three (3) months of the fight date: negative results for HIV, Hep B, Hep C, Syphilis;</li> <li>iv. Dilated Fundoscopy eye exam completed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within one (1) year of the fight date;</li> <li>v. General physical exam by primary care physician within one (1) year of the fight;</li> <li>vi. Results of any additional tests that the ECSC's Chief Medical Officer or physician requires, particularly at the weigh-in (physical tests, plus heart rate and blood pressure check).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Executive Director, Contestant	<p>17(1)</p> <p>(Volume 1, Section 7.2)</p>



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9.	The ECSC may refuse to issue a licence, and may suspend or revoke a licence that it has issued, if, in the sole opinion of the ECSC, the Contestant is not qualified to engage in the licensed activity.	Executive Director	Not applicable to the June Event.
10.	No licensed, professional combative Contestant shall compete in the Edmonton jurisdiction where the contest is not sanctioned by the ECSC.	ECSC, Contestant	Not applicable – the June event was sanctioned by the ECSC.
11.	No Contestant/fighter shall take part in more than one bout within any seven (7) day period.	ECSC, Contestant	Hague's most recent fight was April 7, 2017 per the official MMA database.
<b>ECSC Policy #2: Licensing - Promoters</b>			
1.	<p>An applicant for a Promoter's licence for any combative sport, except professional wrestling, must provide the following to the Executive Director no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the proposed event:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An application for a Promoter's licence;</li> <li>The Licence fee (as set out in Schedule A of Bylaw 15594);</li> <li>Applicant's full name and address, and, if the applicant is a corporation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The corporation's most recent annual return;</li> <li>The corporation's registered office address;</li> <li>The names and addresses of the officers, directors and shareholders; and</li> <li>A recent police information check for all directors of the corporation;</li> </ol> </li> <li>Resume including background, experience and any suspensions or hearings in any jurisdiction in the previous five (5) years;</li> <li>For individual applicants, a recent police information check; and</li> <li>Any additional information required by the Executive Director.</li> </ol>	Executive Director, Promoter	<p>17(1)</p> <p>(Volume 1, Section 7.1)</p>
2.	Promoter's licences expire on December 31st of the year that they are issued.	ECSC	A written license was not issued by ECSC.

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			(Volume 1, Section 7.1)
3.	The ECSC may refuse to issue a Promoter's licence, and may suspend or revoke a Promoter's licence that it has issued if, in the sole opinion of the ECSC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Promoter is not qualified to host an ECSC-sanctioned event;</li> <li>b. the Promoter has failed to comply with any Bylaws, Policies or rules of the ECSC or the City of Edmonton; or</li> <li>c. the Promoter has not paid any fees or amounts owing to the ECSC (including Performance Bond).</li> </ul>	Executive Director	Not applicable to the June Event.
<b>ECSC Policy #3: Licensing – Event Officials</b>			
1.	All event officials working professional combative sports events in Edmonton must be licensed by the ECSC. Although not exhaustive, this list includes referees, judges, inspectors, ring generals, timekeepers, knockdown judges, scorekeepers, paymaster, etc.	ECSC, Officials	Based on information provided by the City, the Ring General was not licensed for the June event; however, all other officials were licensed for the June Event. (Volume 1, Section 8.3)
2.	Certified and qualified officials may contact the Executive Director of the ECSC to express interest in being added to the list of available officials from which individuals will be selected for certain combative sports events.	Executive Director, Officials	Not applicable to our assessment of the June Event.
3.	The ECSC may, when issuing a licence or by written notice at any time, impose on the licence any terms and conditions the ECSC considers appropriate.	ECSC	Not applicable to the June Event.
4.	The holder of a licence shall comply with all City of Edmonton Bylaws and the Policies, Procedures and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and with any terms and conditions that are imposed on the licence.	Officials	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.

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5.	When the ECSC refuses to issue a licence, it shall notify the applicant in writing and provide reasons for its decision (Bylaw 15594, s. 22).	Executive Director	Not applicable for the June Event.
6.	Each potential official must sign the Official's Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its requirements.	Executive Director, Officials	The Executive Director advised the last signing of the Official's Code of Conduct took place in 2015. (Volume 1, Section 8.3)
7.	The purchase of an officiating licence does not guarantee the licensed individual will be automatically selected to officiate any event. Selection of event officials is the prerogative of the ECSC.	Executive Director	Selection of officials for the June event was made by the Executive Director.
8.	Selection of officials for an ECSC event shall be conducted by the Executive Director and will be based on a number of factors including, but not limited to: attendance at an ECSC Officials' Seminar, event team cohesion, experience, cooperation, attitude, etc.	Executive Director	Selection of officials for the June event was made by the Executive Director.
9.	Officials must apply annually for an officiating licence to officiate at ECSC events. The cost of a licence, as set out in Schedule A of Bylaw 15594, shall be borne by the official.	Officials	The Ring General was not licensed for the June event. However, all other officials were licensed for the June Event. (Volume 1, Section 8.3)
<b>ECSC Policy #4: Event Permits</b>			
1.	An Event Permit/sanction follows approval of the specific DATE, TYPE of combative sports event and VENUE where the event is to be held. An Event Permit/sanction is then granted by the ECSC following the Promoter's agreement that he/she will follow the Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.	ECSC	17(1)  (Volume 1, Section 7.1)



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2.	As part of that agreement, the Promoter agrees to post a financial Performance Bond/ Event Deposit (Performance Bond) as a guarantee against the failure of the promoter, the promoter's associates, his/her designated staff, match maker, contractors, workers, assistants, affiliates, contestants, event representatives and any other individuals the promoter has involved with the event, to comply with the Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC or City of Edmonton Bylaws while staging their combative sports event. (Bylaw 15594).	Promoter	Performance bonds are normally reserved for new promoters. KO Boxing has been a promoter in Edmonton for a number of years.
3.	Should non-compliance occur, financial deductions will be subtracted from the Promoter's Performance Bond by the ECSC, at its sole discretion (Bylaw 15594, s. 14).	Executive Director	Performance bonds are normally reserved for new promoters. KO Boxing has been a promoter in Edmonton for a number of years.
4.	The event Performance Bond fee is determined by the ECSC and may vary on an event by event basis, even with the same promoter.	Executive Director	Performance bonds are normally reserved for new promoters. KO Boxing has been a promoter in Edmonton for a number of years.
5.	All conditions set out in section 13 of Bylaw 15594 must be complied with.  Section 13 of Bylaw 15594: It is a deemed condition of every Event Permit that the holder of the Event Permit will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. comply with the approved security plan;</li> <li>b. comply with the approved medical plan;</li> <li>c. ensure that liability insurance for the Event remains in full force and effect;</li> <li>d. comply with all policies and procedures approved by the Commission;</li> <li>e. not falsify any medical or fitness documentation provided to the Commission or the Executive Director for the Event;</li> <li>f. not conduct the weigh in for the Event in any place where alcohol is being served or sold;</li> </ul>	Permit Holder	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g. conduct the weigh in for the Event in a place accessible to the public within the city of Edmonton;</li> <li>h. only hold the Event on the days and at the times specified in the Event Permit; and</li> <li>i. comply with the maximum attendance requirements specified in the Event Permit.</li> </ul>		
6.	<p>Each event licensed is numbered and contains the following key conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the requirement to purchase personal and public liability insurance for their combative sports event, and include the City of Edmonton and the ECSC as being covered by that insurance plan;</li> <li>b. at least five (5) days prior to the event date, the provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Security Plan which shall detail venue security, the cost of which is the responsibility of the Promoter. The exact number of security is to be finalized by the venue general manager and must be acceptable to the ECSC. The Security Plan may also require a contract with the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) to ensure their presence (in numbers arrived at by the EPS once they know the details of the event, the location, expected audience, degree of perceived risk, etc.) and this service is paid for by the Promoter who will make payment through the ECSC. The venue and/or the Promoter will arrange the contract with the EPS; however, if the EPS makes request, the ECSC can be involved as the go-between the Promoter/Event and the EPS, in terms of contracting the EPS to work the event; and</li> <li>ii. Medical Emergency Plan which shall include ringside physicians contracted by the ECSC and paid for by the Promoter through the ECSC. The second part of the Medical Emergency Plan involves the Edmonton Medical Service (EMS) who must be contracted to attend the event with sufficient staff, up-to-date medical equipment and ambulance. This service is to be paid for by the Promoter through the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Executive Director, Permit Holder	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">17(1)</div>  (Volume 1, Section 7.1)

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	<p>ECSC. The contract will be between the ECSC and the EMS.</p> <p>c. the requirement to post a Performance Bond of a specified amount as determined by the ECSC, and an acknowledgement of typical violations that will result in specified financial deductions from that Performance Bond, should violations occur; and</p> <p>d. agreement to follow all Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.</p>		
7.	A Promoter shall not announce or sell tickets to a proposed event until he/she has been issued an Event Permit or has ECSC approval in writing in advance of such advertising or ticket sales.	Promoter	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
8.	Promoters must get the proposed fight card approved by the ECSC.	Promoter, Executive Director	Fight card was approved by the Executive Director.
9.	Changes or substitutions of Contestants are not permitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the event.	Promoter, Executive Director	Hague was on the fight card at least three days before the event and signed a contract with the promoter over two weeks before the event.
10.	Promoter's (or their announcers) are required to announce to the attending public that their event is sanctioned by the ECSC under the direction of the Chair and the Executive Director.	Promoter	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
11.	<p>Applications for Event Permits must include:</p> <p>a. A copy of the Promoter's licence;</p> <p>b. An application or event form;</p>	Permit Holder, Executive Director	17(1)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Proof of compliance and necessary permits for the event in accordance with City of Edmonton Zoning Bylaw 12800;</li> <li>d. The Date Booking Fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) payable by certified cheque, bank draft or money order; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If the event is held on the date identified by the Event Permit, one half of the Date Booking Fee shall be returned to the Promoter</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Liability insurance; and</li> <li>f. Any additional information or documentation as required by the Executive Director.</li> </ul>		<p>insurance information was provided as required.</p> <p>(Volume 1, Section 7.1)</p>
12.	The Event Permit requires that the Promoter meet with the Executive Director within thirty (30) days following the Event to settle outstanding fees (i.e. suture kits used, five percent (5%) of gross ticket revenue, etc.).	Promoter, Executive Director	Not applicable for the June Event.
13.	The ECSC may refuse to issue an Event Permit, and may suspend or revoke an Event Permit that it has issued if, in the sole opinion of the ECSC the Promoter has failed to comply with the conditions of the Event Permit, any Bylaws of the City of Edmonton or any Policies or rules of the ECSC.	Executive Director	June Event proceeded as scheduled.
<b>ECSC Policy #5: Contestants and Officials Involved in Unsanctioned Events</b>			
N/A	Since each combative sport jurisdiction is responsible to decide, on their own, their own policies, rules, regulations and operating procedures, this decision or position of the ECSC, is an internal finding for the purpose of regulating the sport within the Edmonton jurisdiction only and is not to be determinative as to other jurisdictions outside of Edmonton.	Executive Director	Not applicable to the June Event.

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N/A	<p>If the ECSC is made aware that a fighter/contestant has competed in a combative sports event outside of the Edmonton jurisdiction that has not been duly sanctioned by one of the three recognized government legislative bodies (provincial government, municipal government or Band Council), the fighter/contestant will not be allowed to be licensed to compete in a professional combative sports event in the Edmonton jurisdiction for a period of ninety (90) days from the day of the unsanctioned event, the suspension being assigned as a medical risk precaution protecting event officials working combative sports events within the Edmonton jurisdiction.</p> <p>Furthermore, the fighter/contestant in question may have to repeat all of his or her pre-fight medical tests, since all medical tests conducted prior to the unsanctioned event may no longer be considered valid. This could include repeating any or all tests required by the ECSC Medical Policy. In order to be licensed to fight in Edmonton, the contestant/ fighter would also have to pass the physical examination conducted at the weigh-in of the Edmonton combative sports event.</p> <p>(Medical information collected from contestants is collected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25. That information will be retained and disclosed in accordance with the Act.)</p> <p>The ECSC may, at its discretion, refuse to utilize any official, licensed to work combative sports events in the Edmonton jurisdiction, who participates in such an unsanctioned event.</p> <p>Any fighter/contestant who fights in an unsanctioned event in the Edmonton jurisdiction, risks having his/her license to fight in Edmonton, revoked for a minimum time period of twelve (12) months and may be required to repeat all of the ECSC pre-fight medical requirements.</p>	Executive Director	Not applicable to the June Event.

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<b>ECSC Policy #8: Medical</b>			
N/A	The ECSC will, at its discretion, retain the services of CMO and a CMA to provide the ECSC with medical advice and to locate and schedule physicians to provide pre-event, during event, and post-event medical services. The CMO and CMA may also attend as physicians during events.	ECSC	ECSC retains the services of both a CMO and CMA.
1.1.	The ECSC will retain the services of physicians to provide pre-event, post-event and during event medical services.	Executive Director	ECSC physicians attended the weigh-in and the June Event.
1.2.	The ECSC will retain the services of EMS personnel to provide paramedical emergency services during events.	Promoter	EMS personnel attended the weigh-in and the June Event.
1.3.	Promoters will pay for all costs for physicians and EMS personnel providing medical services during events.	Promoter	Promoter included payment for all officials in a payment made on June 16, 2017.
1.4.	Promoters will provide the Executive Director of the ECSC the name of each contestant the promoter proposes to have compete at an event <u>preferably</u> not later than five (5) days prior to the date of the contestant's weigh-in.	Executive Director, Promoter	The Executive Director received the event card from the Promoter by email on June 13, 2017.
1.5.	Promoters or contestants will provide, the contestant's medical information to the Executive Director of the ECSC preferably not later than five (5) days prior to the date of the contestant's weigh-in. The contestant's medical information must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.5.1. A CT Scan or MRI taken once by each competitor (no date is required as to when the CT Scan or MRI is taken);</li> <li>1.5.2. 12 Lead tracing or tape for ECG taken within twelve (12) months prior to the date of the event;</li> <li>1.5.3. Blood serology taken within three (3) months prior to the date of the contestant's weigh-in showing a negative result for the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.5.3.1. Hepatitis B - Surface Antigen – (NOT just HbsAB);</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Promoter, Contestant	ECSC CMO and weigh-in physician confirmed Hague provided the medical information as required.



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	<p>1.5.3.2. Hepatitis C;  1.5.3.3. HIV; and  1.5.3.4. Syphilis.</p> <p>1.5.4. Indirect Fundoscopy – indirect eye exam – conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within twelve (12) months prior to the date of the event.</p> <p>1.5.5. the name and contact information of an emergency medical contact person.</p>		
1.6.	The ECSC may request medical information from any contestant in addition to the information specified in 1.5 and it is the contestant's responsibility to ensure that the requested information is provided in a timely manner.	ECSC Physician	Not applicable to the June Event.
1.7.	The ECSC will not permit a contestant to compete if the contestant has not provided the medical information specified in 1.5 or if the contestant has failed to sign and return to the ECSC the contestant's Acknowledgment and Release and Waiver forms attached to this policy.	ECSC Physician, Executive Director	Hague provided all required medical information and signed the Acknowledgment and Release and Waiver forms at the weigh-in.
1.8.	If a contestant does not provide the medical information in 1.5 or any additional medical information requested by the ECSC in accordance with this policy, in time for ECSC's physicians to review the information prior to weigh-in, or at all, the ECSC retains the discretion to deny that contestant permission to compete at the event.	ECSC Physician, Executive Director	Not applicable to the June Event.
1.9.	<p>1.9.1. The ECSC will advise contestants of the level of medical care provided by the ECSC prior to or on the date of the contestant's weigh-in in order to allow the contestant to make an informed decision about whether or not to participate given the level of medical care provided.</p> <p>1.9.2. Contestants will be provided the following pre-event medical services from ECSC Physicians:  1.9.2.1. Physicians will review the medical information provided by each contestant;</p>	Executive Director, Promoter, ECSC Physician	Physicians attended the weigh-in and the June event and provided medical care as outlined in the policy.

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	<p>1.9.2.2. Physicians will measure each contestant's blood pressure and heart rate and will undertake any additional tests they feel essential to ensure fighter safety;</p> <p>1.9.2.3. Physicians will require the contestant to participate in physical testing to determine fitness of the contestant's hands, knuckles, wrists, knees, or ankles.</p> <p>1.9.3. Contestants will be provided the following medical services by ECSC Physicians during the event:</p> <p>1.9.3.1. Medical examination to determine the nature and seriousness of injuries sustained during the contest;</p> <p>1.9.3.2. Determination of whether the contestant is fit to continue the contest;</p> <p>1.9.3.3. Determination of whether the contest must be stopped entirely or temporarily if a contestant is injured;</p> <p>1.9.3.4. Basic medical care for less serious injuries;</p> <p>1.9.3.5. Referral to hospital or other medical treatment facilities if the physician determines that the contestant's injuries warrant more than basic medical care such that treatment at a medical facility would be medically required;</p> <p>1.9.3.6. Arrangements for EMS transport of contestants who require medical treatment at a medical facility;</p> <p>1.9.4. Contestants will be provided the following post-event medical services by ECSC Physicians:</p> <p>1.9.4.1. Post-event medical assessment;</p> <p>1.9.4.2. Recommendations for rehabilitation prior to competing at another event;</p> <p>1.9.4.3. Physicians may issue a medical suspension with respect to a contestant, who in the opinion of the assessing physician, is not fit to compete for a specified period of time.</p>		
1.10.	<p>Conscious contestants may decline medical care or referral to a hospital or other medical facility, and bear the risks associated with that decision. Such a contestant must sign a waiver confirming his/her decision not to go to a hospital even though</p>	<p>Contestant, ECSC Physician</p>	<p>Hague was transported to the hospital by EMS personnel.</p>

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	advised to do so by the attending physician. Unconscious contestants will be transported to a hospital or other medical facility for further examination.		
1.11.	Physicians may disclose a contestant's medical information to medical personnel providing medical services to the contestant.	ECSC Physician	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
1.12.	Physicians will report medical suspensions to the ECSC official recording the results for the event.	ECSC Physician	Hague's medical suspensions were reported as required for the June Event per the post-bout medical evaluation form.
1.13.	The Executive Director will report medical suspensions to the governing body of the contestant's sport that retains records of all medically suspended contestants	Executive Director	Hague's medical suspensions reported as required for the June event.
2.	The contestant's Acknowledgment and Release and Waiver forms attached to this policy form part of this policy. All contestants must complete them prior to weigh-in	Executive Director, Contestant	Hague provided all required medical information and signed the Acknowledgment and Release and Waiver forms at the weigh-in.
3.	Medical information collected from contestants is collected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25. That information will be retained and disclosed in accordance with the Act.	ECSC	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.
4.	All records created by physicians while providing services to the ECSC are the ECSC's records and may not be used by the physician or anyone else without the ECSC's permission.	ECSC Physician, ECSC	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.



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<b>ECSC Policy #9: Suspensions and Rest Periods for Combative Sports Contestants</b>			
1.	The ECSC's ringside physician shall impose a "medical suspension" or a mandatory rest and recovery period on each contestant/fighter after a bout.	ECSC Ringside Physician	ECSC ringside physician imposed a medical suspension for Hague after the June Event.
2.	<p>The ECSC's ringside physician shall impose medical suspensions for BOXERS for at least the following minimum periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Thirty (30) day medical suspension, for boxers who have actually completed a contest of ten (10) rounds or more.</li> <li>b. Twenty-one (21) day medical suspension, for boxers who have actually completed a contest of six (6) to nine (9) rounds.</li> <li>c. Fourteen (14) day medical suspension, or less if decided by the designated event medical advisor or ringside physician, for boxers who have actually completed a contest of one (1) to five (5) rounds.</li> <li>d. If a boxer has been knocked out or has incurred a technical knockout from blows to the head, a medical suspension for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.</li> <li>e. If a boxer has suffered two (2) knockouts or technical knockouts from blows to the head within a six (6) month period, a medical suspension for a period of not less than one hundred and eighty (180) days.</li> <li>f. If a boxer has suffered three (3) knockouts or technical knockouts from blows to the head within a one (1) year period, a medical suspension for a period of not less than one (1) year.</li> <li>g. If a boxer has suffered a technical knockout due to cuts, a medical suspension for a period of not less than thirty (30) days.</li> </ul>	ECSC Ringside Physician, ECSC CMO	<p>17(1)</p> <p>(Volume 1, Section 7.4)</p>
3.	The ECSC's ringside physician shall impose medical suspensions or mandatory rest periods of any duration, for Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) or MUAYTHAI contestants, based on post-fight medical evaluations and the following considerations:	ECSC Ringside Physician, ECSC CMO	Not applicable to the June Event.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Seven (7) day medical suspension for an MMA or Muaythai contestant who has not suffered any noticeable physical injury and increasing time for additional damage or suspected injury, depending on the post-fight medical evaluation of the fighter by the ringside physician.</li> <li>b. If a contestant has been knocked out or has incurred a technical knockout from blows to the head, a medical suspension for a period of not less than thirty (30) days.</li> <li>c. If an MMA or Muaythai contestant has been knocked out a two (2) consecutive times or has incurred two (2) successive technical knockouts from blows to the head, after the second knockout, a medical suspension for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.</li> <li>d. If an MMA or Muaythai contestant has been knocked out three (3) times or has incurred three (3) technical knockouts from blows to the head, after the third knockout, a medical suspension for a period of not less than ninety (90) days.</li> </ul>		
4.	The ECSC's ringside physician may impose an indefinite medical suspension which will be removed only at the satisfaction of the imposing physician upon subsequent medical examination.	Ringside Physician	ECSC ringside physician imposed an indefinite medical suspension for Hague after the June Event.
5.	A contestant (boxer, MMA or Muaythai) shall not take part in a bout/contest during a period of medical suspension or a mandatory rest period ordered by the ECSC.	Contestant	Hague was not under suspension at the time of the June Event according to abc.boxrec.com, abc.mixedmartialarts.com, and fightfax.com.
6.	The penalty for taking part in a contest during a medical suspension is a prohibition of up to a one (1) year prohibiting that individual from applying for and receiving a combative sports license from the ECSC.	ECSC	Hague was not under suspension at the time of the June Event according to abc.boxrec.com,

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<b>ECSC Policy #10: Ringside Privileges</b>			
1.	The Technical Zone is controlled solely by the ECSC;	ECSC	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
2.	Admission to the Technical Zone is controlled at events by the Ring General and the Executive Director;	Ring General, Executive Director	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
3.	The Technical Zone must be clear for contestants and their seconds to access the ring/cage and cannot be encumbered;	All individuals inside the Technical Zone	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
4.	The Technical Zone varies in width depending on the venue used. It can range from a narrow zone of 7 ft. in diameter to 11 ft. in diameter on all sides of the ring/cage	ECSC	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
5.	The medical ringside physicians are normally located in a neutral corner (so a referee can confer with them if need be during an event without corner staff listening in) and these ringside physicians need an uncontested path to ringside when a contestant is down; hence the most important requirement for keeping a minimum of seated individuals in the path of physicians on that side of the ring/cage	ECSC	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
6.	Guest Commission members from other jurisdictions may be invited into the Technical Zone or just outside the Technical Zone when visiting an ECSC event.	ECSC	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
7.	On occasion, the ECSC and/or the Executive Director may invite a special guest to sit in the Technical Zone for a specific event. Such a request has to be discussed and approved by the Ring General assigned that evening and is only possible if there is sufficient space on the one side where contestants or physicians do not pass in accessing the ring/cage.	ECSC, Executive Director	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.



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8.	There is no alcohol permitted in the Technical Zone.	ECSC	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
9.	The Executive Director selects the working officials for each combative event. The Executive Director and Ring General work together on the seating arrangement in the Technical Zone. Requests from promoters or their guests for media to sit ringside will be decided by the Ring General and the Executive Director. Sitting ringside is a privilege, not a right. Approval for anyone, other than event working officials, ECSC members, contestants and their seconds, is left to the discretion of the Executive Director in consultation with the Ring General on an event by event basis.	ECSC, Executive Director, Ring General	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
10.	The privilege to sit ringside will be removed should an individual violate the privilege by interfering with the workings of the ECSC or any of its officials. The Executive Director or the Ring General may remove the privilege to sit ringside for an indefinite period. It is left to the discretion of the ECSC to decide when a privilege that has been withdrawn is returned.	ECSC, Executive Director, Ring General	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.
11.	All Seconds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Must remain seated during the fight;</li> <li>b. Must towel off water/sweat/excess Vaseline from their competitor;</li> <li>c. Must keep cheering/yelling/providing verbal instruction respectful and without swearing or addressing the other fighter or his/her corner staff;</li> <li>d. Must obey assigned Inspectors at all times.</li> </ul>	Seconds	Unable to assess as MNP did not attend the June Event.

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<b>Bylaw 15638: Edmonton Combative Sports Commission Bylaw</b>			
28.	<p>The Executive Director has the following powers, duties and functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(e) making all licensing and permitting decisions for the Commission, including requiring the payment of deposits and imposition of such other conditions as the Executive Director deems appropriate;</li> <li>(f) providing written notice of permitting and licensing decisions made by the Executive Director or the Commission to applicants or appellants;</li> <li>(g) recruiting and supervising Officials and establishing their remuneration, powers and duties;</li> <li>(h) supervising all aspects of Events and making all Commission decisions during an Event;</li> <li>(i) making appropriate investigations and taking necessary steps to ensure compliance with, and enforcement of, the provisions of this bylaw and the Combative Sports Bylaw;</li> <li>(j) executing agreements, cheques and other negotiable instruments within approved budget allocations for Commission business, and in accordance with City policies, practices, and procedures adapted as necessary for Commission business requirements.</li> </ul>	Executive Director	Applicable policy sections noted above
<b>Bylaw 15594: Combative Sports Bylaw <sup>6</sup></b>			
4.	(1) No Person shall take part as a Promoter, Second, or Official at any Event unless the Person holds a valid and subsisting Licence.	ECSC	<p>Policy #1 – Licensing – Contestants and Seconds</p> <p>Policy #2 – Licensing – Promoters</p> <p>Policy #3 – Licensing – Event Officials</p>

<sup>6</sup> Since Bylaw 15594 is very similar to the ECSC Policies, we have referenced the respective Policy to which each Bylaw requirement pertains. We refer the reader to our assessment conducted on previous pages relative to each Policy noted.

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4.	<p>(2) No Person shall take part as a Contestant at any Event unless the Person holds a valid and subsisting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Annual Contestant Licence; and</li> <li>(b) Per Event Contestant Licence.</li> </ul>	ECSC	Policy #1 – Licensing – Contestants and Seconds
5.	<p>(1) An Applicant for a Licence to act as a Promoter must submit to the Executive Director no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(b) the Licence Fee;</li> <li>(c) the full name and current address of the Applicant;</li> <li>(d) a resume describing both the background and experience of the Applicant as it relates to the promotion of Events, including a list of any suspensions or hearings in other jurisdictions that took place within the five years preceding the date on which the application is submitted to the Executive Director;</li> <li>(e) if the Applicant is a corporation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a copy of the corporation's most recent annual return;</li> <li>(ii) the address of the registered office of the corporation;</li> <li>(iii) the names and addresses of the officers, directors and shareholders of the corporation; and</li> <li>(iv) a recent police information check for the directors of the corporation from the Edmonton Police Service;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(f) if the Applicant is an individual, a recent police information check for the Applicant from the Edmonton Police Service; and</li> <li>(g) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</li> </ul> <p>(2) A Licence issued to a Promoter expires on December 31 of the year in which the Licence is issued.</p>	Promoter, Executive Director	Policy #2 – Licensing – Promoters
6.	<p>(1) An Applicant for a Per Event Contestant Licence must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(b) the Licence Fee;</li> </ul>	Contestant, Executive Director	Policy #1 – Licensing – Contestants and Seconds



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	<p>(c) proof in a form satisfactory to the Executive Director establishing the full name, date of birth and current address of the Applicant;</p> <p>(d) a completed declaration as to the Applicant's suspension and health status in a form approved by the Executive Director;</p> <p>(e) proof in a form satisfactory to the Executive Director that the Applicant meets or exceeds the medical fitness and health standards approved by the Commission;</p> <p>(f) a written consent to permit the collection and use of the Applicant's medical records and related information in a form approved by the Executive Director; and</p> <p>(g) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</p> <p>(2) A Per Event Contestant Licence is only valid only for the Event specified in the Licence.</p> <p>(3) A Per Event Contestant Licence is deemed to be a Licence for any Second assisting the Contestant at an Event if the full name of the Second is provided to the Executive Director prior to the commencement of the Event.</p> <p>(4) A Per Event Contestant Licence is deemed to contain the following conditions:</p> <p>(a) the Contestant may have no more than three (3) Seconds at an Event, unless the Event is a championship Event;</p> <p>(b) the Contestant may have no more than four (4) Seconds at a championship Event;</p> <p>(c) the Officials providing medical services at an Event:</p> <p>(i) may, at any time, intervene in any Contest or Event to examine a Contestant, and after consultation with the referee, in the medical personnel's discretion, may instruct the referee to stop the contest;</p> <p>(ii) must examine a Contestant if the Contestant is injured, including being knocked out, during an Event;</p> <p>(iii) must examine a Contestant:</p> <p>(A) prior to an Event; and</p> <p>(B) immediately after a Contest;</p> <p>(iv) may examine a Contestant before the Contestant leaves the venue where the Event is being held;</p>		

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	<p>(v) may impose a medical suspension to a Contestant of a length determined by the Official providing medical service, taking into account the nature of any injuries and any health risks posed to the Contestant; and</p> <p>(d) the Contestant consents to the Commission notifying the Contestant's governing bodies and other commissions regulating Combative Sports that a medical suspension was issued and the duration of the medical suspension.</p> <p>(5) An Applicant for an Annual Contestant Licence must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(b) the Licence Fee; and</li> <li>(c) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</li> </ul> <p>(6) An Annual Contestant Licence expires on December 31 of the year in which the Licence is issued.</p>		
7.	<p>(1) An Applicant for a Licence to act as an Official must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(b) the Licence Fee;</li> <li>(c) proof in a form satisfactory to the Executive Director establishing the full name, date of birth, and current address of the Applicant; and</li> <li>(d) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</li> </ul> <p>(2) A Licence issued to an Official expires on December 31 of the year in which the Licence is issued.</p> <p>(3) Issuance of a Licence to act as an Official does not guarantee that the Official will provide services at an Event during the term of the Licence.</p>	Officials, Executive Director	Policy #3 – Licensing – Event Officials
8.	Prior to issuing a Licence the Executive Director may, with the consent of the Applicant, consult with and obtain relevant and material information from the Edmonton Police Service, Alberta Health Services, the Sustainable Development	Executive Director, Applicant	Not applicable to the June event.

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	Department of the City, the Community Standards Branch of the City and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services.		
9.	Any information obtained by the Executive Director must be provided to the Applicant who must be given an opportunity to make written representations on that material to the Executive Director.	Executive Director	Not applicable to the June event.
10.	<p>(1) A Promoter who proposes to organize, manage, facilitate, produce or promote an Event must apply to the Executive Director no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Event for an Event Permit.</p> <p>(2) Each application for an Event Permit must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a copy of the Applicant's Promoter Licence;</li> <li>(b) an application in a form approved by the Executive Director;</li> <li>(c) proof in a form satisfactory to the Executive Director that the Applicant holds all of the necessary permits for the Event in accordance with Bylaw 12800, the City of Edmonton Zoning Bylaw;</li> <li>(d) the Date Booking Fee; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(d.1) the Event Administration Fee;</li> <li>(d.2) the Weigh In Fee;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(e) liability insurance for the Event issued by a licensed Alberta insurer that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) provides a minimum of \$5,000,000 per occurrence of general liability insurance;</li> <li>(ii) names the City as an additional insured and all Officials for the Event as named insureds; and</li> <li>(iii) includes the following liability clause: This policy, subject to the limits of liability stated herein, shall apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy has been issued to each. Any act or omission on the part of one or another of the Insured under this policy shall not prejudice the right or interests of any other Insured.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(f) any other information reasonably required by the Executive Director to review and process the application.</li> </ul>	Promoter, Executive Director	Policy #4 – Event Permits



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	<p>(3) At least five (5) days prior to the date of the Event the holder of an Event Permit must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the security plans for the Event, as approved by the Executive Director, including the number of personnel and their qualifications; and</li> <li>(b) the medical and safety plans for the Event, as approved by the Executive Director, including the number of personnel and their qualifications;</li> <li>(c) Deleted</li> <li>(d) Deleted</li> </ul> <p>(4) At least three (3) days prior to the date of the Event the holder of an Event Permit must submit to the Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a certified cheque in the amount necessary to pay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the cost of all Officials required for the Event;</li> <li>(ii) the maximum amount of prize money that could be awarded to Contestants at the Event; and</li> <li>(iii) the total Licence Fees for all Per Event Contestant Licences for Contestants that will take part in the Event; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) a certified cheque in the amount set by the Executive Director for the Event Deposit.</li> </ul>		
11.	If the Event is held on the date specified in the Event Permit then one-half of the Date Booking Fee must be returned to the holder of the Event Permit within 30 days of the date specified in the Event Permit.	Executive Director	Yes – Executive Director returned \$500 to KO Boxing on August 16, 2016 (Cheque # 01544)
12.	<p>(1) The Event Permit holder must pay to the Executive Director, not more than fourteen (14) days after the Event, an Event Fee as set out in Schedule “B”.</p> <p>(2) If an Event Fee is payable pursuant to this section the holder of the Event Permit will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) ensure the Executive Director has access at all times to receipt records for the Event including access to ticket distribution company records for the Event; and</li> <li>(b) provide a record of ticket sales and gate fees and pay-per-view revenues for the Event to the Executive Director not more than fourteen (14) days after the Event.</li> </ul>	Promoter	Policy #4 – Event Permits

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13.	<p>It is a deemed condition of every Event Permit that the holder of the Event Permit will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) comply with the approved security plan;</li> <li>(b) comply with the approved medical plan;</li> <li>(c) ensure that liability insurance for the Event remains in full force and effect;</li> <li>(d) comply with all policies and procedures approved by the Commission;</li> <li>(e) not falsify any medical or fitness documentation provided to the Commission or the Executive Director for the Event;</li> <li>(f) not conduct the weigh in for the Event in any place where alcohol is being served or sold;</li> <li>(g) conduct the weigh in for the Event in a place accessible to the public within the city of Edmonton;</li> <li>(h) only hold the Event on the days and at the times specified in the Event Permit; and</li> <li>(i) comply with the maximum attendance requirements specified in the Event Permit.</li> </ul>		Policy #4 – Event Permits
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Event Deposit must be returned to the Event Permit holder within thirty (30) days of the Event if no conditions of the Event Permit are breached.</li> <li>(2) In the event there is a breach or suspected breach of a condition of the Event Permit, all or a portion of the Event Deposit may be withheld by the Executive Director.</li> <li>(3) In the event any portion of the Event Deposit is withheld for a breach of a condition of the Event Permit, the Event Permit holder may appeal the decision to withhold all or a portion of the Event Deposit to the Commission under the provisions of this bylaw.</li> </ul>	Executive Director, Event Permit Holder	Executive Director returned \$500 to KO Boxing on August 16, 2016 (Cheque # 01544)
15.	The Executive Director must forward the results of an Event, including all medical suspensions issued to Contestants, to the relevant governing bodies and other commissions regulating Combative Sports not more than two business days after the Event.	Executive Director	Hague's medical suspensions were reported as required for the June event per the post-bout medical evaluation form.
16.	The Executive Director may revoke, suspend, refuse to issue or renew, or imposition of conditions on any Licence or Event Permit if, in the opinion of the Executive Director, it is in the public interest to do so.	Executive Director	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.

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17.	The Executive Director must serve reasons for any decision respecting a Licence or Event Permit in writing to the Applicant or Licensee: (a) in person on the Applicant or Licensee or any of its officers or employees; (b) by ordinary mail to the address in the application or in the records of the Commission for the Licensee; or (c) by electronic mail where the Applicant or Licensee has provided an electronic mail address to the Executive	Executive Director	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.
18.	(1) A Person may appeal the decision of the Executive Director respecting a Licence or Event Permit by filing with the Commission a written notice of appeal in a form approved by the Executive Director no later than fourteen (14) days after receiving notice of the decision of the Executive Director. (2) All appeals must comply with the appeal procedure established by the Commission. (3) A Person may not appeal the decision of the Executive Director regarding a Licence or Event Permit if the reason for the refusal is the failure to pay a prescribed fee or the failure to provide any information required for the Licence or Event Permit.	License or Permit Applicant	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.
19.	If the Commission receives a notice of appeal it will: (a) schedule a hearing for the appeal within a reasonable time of receiving the notice of appeal; and (b) notify the appellant of the date, time and location of the hearing at least thirty (30) days before the hearing.	ECSC	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.
20.	The Commission is not bound by the rules of evidence and may receive any evidence or hear from any witnesses who may, in the Commission's opinion, provide relevant and material information on the appeal.	ECSC	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.
21.	The Commission may confirm, cancel, vary, or substitute the decision being appealed.	ECSC	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.



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22.	The Commission will provide reasons for its decision in writing to the appellant.	ECSC	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.
23.	No appeal lies from the decision of the Commission.	ECSC	Unable to assess - not within the scope of our review.
<b>Criminal Code, RSC 1985, c C-46</b>			
83.	<p>Engaging in prize fight</p> <p>83 (1) Every one who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) engages as a principal in a prize fight,</li> <li>(b) advises, encourages or promotes a prize fight, or</li> <li>(c) is present at a prize fight as an aid, second, surgeon, umpire, backer or reporter, is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.</li> </ul> <p>Definition of prize fight</p> <p>(2) In this section, prize fight means an encounter or fight with fists, hands or feet between two persons who have met for that purpose by previous arrangement made by or for them, but does not include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province if the sport is on the programme of the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee and, in the case where the province's lieutenant governor in council or any other person or body specified by him or her requires it, the contest is held with their permission;</li> <li>(b) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province if the sport has been designated by the province's lieutenant governor in council or by any other person or body specified by him or her and, in the case where the lieutenant governor in council or other specified person or body requires it, the contest is held with their permission;</li> <li>(c) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province with the permission of the province's lieutenant governor in council or any other person or body specified by him or her; and</li> </ul>	Individuals defined in 83 (1)	June event was sanctioned by the ECSC.

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	(d) a boxing contest or mixed martial arts contest held in a province with the permission or under the authority of an athletic board, commission or similar body established by or under the authority of the province's legislature for the control of sport within the province.		



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