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(S.2, Bylaw 17681, November 29, 2016)

(S.7(a), Bylaw 21424, March 17, 2026)

Edmonton City Council enacts:

PART I - PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

PURPOSE

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The purpose of this bylaw is to continue the Combative Sports Commission as the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission and to:

- (a) establish the Commission's terms of reference;
- (b) prescribe the Commission's powers, functions, duties, structure and procedures;
- (c) prescribe rules for the appointment of Commission Members;
- (d) establish the position of Executive Director as a designated officer serving the Commission and to prescribe the Executive Director's powers, duties and functions; and
- (e) give direction to the City Manager with respect to providing resources and assistance to the Commission.

DEFINITIONS

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In this bylaw:

- (a) “**City**” means the municipal corporation of the city of Edmonton;
- (b) “**City Manager**” means the City’s chief administrative officer or delegate;
- (c) “**Combative Sports**” means any professional boxing Contest or professional mixed martial arts Contest where opponents strike each other with hands, feet, knees, elbows, or other part of the body and includes, but is not limited to, wrestling, except sport entertainment wrestling with a predetermined outcome, full contact karate, kickboxing, martial arts, muaythai, or any combination of any of the above;
- (d) “**Combative Sports Bylaw**” means City Bylaw 15594, as amended;
- (e) “**Commission**” means the council committee known as the Combative Sports Commission continued under this bylaw;
- (f) “**Contest**” means a bout, match, or fight;
- (g) “**Contestant**” means an individual who participates in a Contest;
- (h) “**Council**” means the governing body of the City;
- (h.1) “**Council Procedures Bylaw**” means the City’s Council Procedures Bylaw, Bylaw 18155;
- (i) “**Event**” means a Combative Sports competition with one or more Contests, including weigh-ins, medical examinations and other Contest related activities;
- (j) “**Executive Director**” means the Commission’s chief executive officer or delegate;
- (k) **DELETED**
(S.7(b), Bylaw 21424, March 17, 2026)
- (l) **DELETED**
(S.7(b), Bylaw 21424, March 17, 2026)

- (m) “**Member**” means an individual appointed to the Commission;
- (n) “**Municipal Government Act**” means the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended;
- (o) “**Official**” means an individual who is authorised by the Commission to provide services at an Event, including but not limited to judges, timekeepers, dressing-room supervisors, referees, medical advisers, ringside physicians, timekeepers, scorekeepers, knockdown judges, paymasters, ring generals, technical advisors, corner supervisors and inspectors;
- (p) “**Person**” means an individual, partnership, association, corporation, organization, business, cooperative, trustee, executor, administrator or legal representative;
- (q) **DELETED**; (S4, Bylaw 18409, November 27, 2018)
- (r) “**Promoter**” means a Person engaged in the business of organizing, managing or facilitating Events, including all the officers, directors, employees, agents and contractors of the Promoter;
- (s) “**Regulation**” is a written rule of the Commission including a written Commission policy, procedure, or directive.

(S.3, 4, Bylaw 17681, November 29, 2016)
(S4, Bylaw 18409, November 27, 2018)

RULES FOR INTERPRETATION

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The marginal notes and headings in this bylaw are for reference purposes only.

PART II - ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT

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The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission is continued as the council committee named the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission.

MANDATE

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The mandate of the Commission is to control and regulate all aspects of Combative Sports and Events in the city including:

- (a) hearing appeals from the Executive Director’s licensing and permitting decisions;
- (b) approving Regulations governing the:
 - (i) licensing criteria and requirements for all aspects of Combative Sports and Events;
 - (ii) conduct of Promoters, Contestants, and other Persons participating in Combative Sports or attending Events;
 - (iii) credentials, qualifications and selection processes for Officials;
 - (iv) Contests;
 - (v) disciplinary proceedings and sanctions;
 - (vi) internal Commission procedures and governance; and
 - (vii) any other matter relating to the control or regulation of Combative Sports and Events in the city.

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The Commission may establish relationships with other bodies engaged in licensing or regulating Combative Sports.

SUB-COMMITTEES

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The Commission may create sub-committees to conduct research, provide review and commentary on existing or proposed Regulations, and otherwise assist the Commission to fulfill its mandate, but it may not delegate the Commission’s decision making power to a sub-committee.

REPORTING

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The Commission must at least annually provide a report on its activities to Council.

PART III - COMMISSION MEMBERS

- APPOINTMENT**
- 9 The Commission will be comprised of seven volunteer Members appointed at the pleasure of Council for two year terms.
- 10 Members may be re-appointed for successive terms totalling not more than six consecutive years.
- 11 If a Member ceases to serve the Commission before the Member's term ends, or misses more than three successive Commission meetings, Council may appoint a replacement Member.
- QUORUM**
- 12 The Commission may conduct its business with less than seven appointed Members.
- 13 Quorum is equal to a majority of the appointed Members.
- ELIGIBILITY**
- 14 Promoters, Contestants, or individuals involved in the business of Combative Sports are not eligible to serve on the Commission until two years have passed from the last date on which the applicant participated at an Event unless Council otherwise directs.
- 15 Prior to being considered for appointment, every applicant must certify in a form acceptable to the City Manager that the applicant:
- (a) is eligible for appointment; and
 - (b) is not aware of any actual or potential conflict of interest that could affect the applicant's ability to serve on the Commission in a fair and impartial manner.
- 16 The Mayor is not a Member of the Commission.
- TERM**
- 17 Notwithstanding any other provision in this bylaw, Council may make or extend any term of appointment, including the final term, for any length of time it deems appropriate.
- EXPENSES**
- 18 The Commission may reimburse its Members for out of pocket expenses reasonably incurred while conducting Commission business, provided that the cost of the expenses so incurred are within the limits approved by the Commission.

(S.8, Bylaw 16516, August 28, 2013)

PART IV - COMMISSION MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

- CHAIR**
- 19 Members will annually elect a chair and vice chair and establish the Commission's meeting schedule.
- 20 The chair will preside at meetings, and if the chair is absent, the vice chair will preside, but if neither is present, the Members attending the meeting may elect a chair from their number.
- PROCEDURES**
- 21 The Commission and any sub-committee created by the Commission will follow the meeting and other procedures prescribed for council committees by the Council Procedures Bylaw.
(S5, Bylaw 18409, November 27, 2018)
- 21.1 Members may participate in Commission meetings using the same procedures for remote participation for members of Council prescribed in the Council Procedures Bylaw, and Members participating by remote participation will count towards quorum.
(S.5, Bylaw 17681, November 29, 2016)
(S6, Bylaw 18409, November 27, 2018)
- 22 Commission meetings are open to the public unless the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, but the Commission must make all decisions in public.
(S.7(c), Bylaw 21424, March 17, 2026)
- 23 The Member chairing a meeting may expel a member of the public from a meeting if that Member determines that the individual is engaging in improper conduct.
- 23.1 Sections 5(3.1) and (3.2) of the Council Committees Bylaw, Bylaw 18156, do not apply to the Commission.
(S.15(a), Bylaw 20669, October 24, 2023)

PART V - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- OFFICE**
- 24 The designated officer position of Executive Director to the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission is established.
- 25 The Executive Director will be the City Manager. (S.6, Bylaw 17681, November 29, 2016)

**POWERS, DUTIES
AND FUNCTIONS**

- 26 The City Manager will be the head of the Commission for the purpose of the *Access to Information Act*, SA 2024 c A-1.4. (S7, Bylaw 18409, November 27, 2018) (S.7(d), Bylaw 21424, March 17, 2026)
- 27 The Executive Director will take direction from the Commission with respect to matters within its mandate, but will be accountable to and under the supervision of the City Manager.
- 28 The Executive Director has the following powers, duties and functions:
- (a) managing the Commission’s budget, records, information technology, finances, resources, and administrative matters in accordance with City policies, bylaws, and practices, adapting them where necessary to address Commission business requirements;
 - (b) in consultation with the Commission, preparing the Commission’s budget and requesting budget and other resources from the City;
 - (c) developing Regulations for Commission approval, including Regulations establishing licensing criteria, appeal and other procedures, and conduct requirements;
 - (d) approving forms for Commission use;
 - (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;
 - (f) providing written notice of permitting and licensing decisions made by the Executive Director or the Commission to applicants or appellants;
 - (g) recruiting and supervising Officials and establishing their remuneration, powers and duties;
 - (h) supervising all aspects of Events and making all Commission decisions during an Event;

- (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;
- (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;
- (k) receiving and receipting Commission revenues and making arrangements for payments to successful Contestants;
- (l) acting as a liaison between the City, Council and the Commission;
- (m) assisting the Commission with the preparation of the Commission's reports to Council and attending at Council when Commission reports are presented;
- (n) assisting the Commission to establish relationships with other Combative Sports regulatory bodies;
- (o) **DELETED**
(S.7(e), Bylaw 21424, March 17, 2026)
- (p) such other and further powers, duties or functions with respect to matters within the Commission's mandate as directed by the Commission or the City Manager.

**TEMPORARY
RESTRICTION**

28.1 **DELETED**

(S.2, Bylaw 18268, December 9, 2017)
(S.2, Bylaw 18310, January 23, 2018)
(S. 2, Bylaw 18351 February 27, 2018)

SUB-DELEGATION

- 29 (1) The Executive Director may in writing sub-delegate the Executive Director's powers, duties or functions under this bylaw, including the power to sub-delegate those powers, duties or functions to City employees.
- (2) **DELETED**
(S8, S9, Bylaw 18409, November 27, 2018)

REPORTING

- 30 The Executive Director will provide quarterly reports on the Executive Director's activities to both the Commission and the City Manager.

PART VI - COMMISSION RESOURCES

- 31 The City Manager will consult with the Executive Director and the Commission to determine the Commission's needs for administrative, financial, technical, professional, equipment, materials and other resources, and will allocate appropriate and sufficient City resources for the Commission's use within approved budgets.
- 32 Revenue earned by the Commission will be exclusively used to meet Commission expenses.
- 33 The Commission's budget requests will be submitted to Council during Council's annual budget process.

PART VII - GENERAL

REPEALS

- 34 Bylaw 14308, titled the Boxing, Wrestling, and Other Combative Sports Bylaw, is repealed.
- 35 **DELETED**
(S.7, Bylaw 17681, November 29, 2016)

(NOTE: Consolidation made under Section 69 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26 and Bylaw 16620 Section 16, and printed under the City Manager's authority)

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Amendments:

- Bylaw 16516, August 28, 2013
- Bylaw 17681, November 29, 2016
- Bylaw 18268, December 9, 2017
- Bylaw 18310, January 23, 2018,
- Bylaw 18351 February 27, 2018,
- Bylaw 18409, November 27, 2018

Bylaw 20669, October 24, 2023
Bylaw 21424, March 17, 2026