

Title 92 - Oklahoma State Athletic Commission

(OSAC)

Chapter 1 - General Agency Rules

Subchapter 5 - General Course and Method of Operations

92:1-5-1. Principal office

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Chapter 10 - Rules for Boxing and Other Activities

Subchapter 1 - General Provisions

92:10-1-2. Definitions

The definitions found at 3A O.S. § 602 shall apply to this Chapter. The following words or terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Act" means the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act, 3A O.S. §§ 601 et seq.

"Administrator" means the administrator of Oklahoma State Athletic Commission licensing representing the "Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.

"Amateur Mixed Martial Artist" means a person Eighteen (18) years of age or older who has never received or competed for any purse or other thing of value either for the expenses of training therefor or for participating in any combative sport contest or professional exhibition which exceeds in monies or other things of value a sum to be determined by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.

"Amateur Mixed Martial Arts" means any form of competitive pugilistic contest in which the participants have never been licensed as a professional in any combative sport and blows are delivered with any part of the hands, feet, or knees, and multiple combative disciplines are used to include grappling.

"Announcer" means a person responsible for announcing the names of the officials, the participants, their correct weight, the decisions of the referee and judges during an event.

"Combative sports practitioner" or "Practitioner" means a person who competes or spars in a combative sports event and includes boxers, kickboxers, mixed martial artists and wrestlers.

"Commission" means the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission or its designee, including the Administrator.

"Down" means when any part of a participant's body, except the participants' feet, touches the ring floor or when the participant is hanging helplessly over the ropes as a result of a legal blow as ruled by the referee.

"Drug" means a controlled substance.

"Elimination Tournament" means a bout in which the participants lack training in boxing skills. Such participants shall engage in the use of boxing techniques using fists only where the objective is to win by decision, knockout (KO) or technical knockout (TKO).

"Event" means "contest" or "exhibition" including a match, bout, contest, show, or tournament where sparring, boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, elimination tournaments and the mixed martial arts, takes place.

"Inspector" means a person who is employed by the Commission to assist the Administrator as directed by the Commission or the Administrator. The Inspector shall have the same powers as the Administrator in his/her absence.

"Judge" means an individual, other than a referee, who shall have a vote in determining the winner of an event.

"Mandatory 8 count" means a required count of eight (8) that is given by a referee to a participant who has been knocked down.

"Matchmaker" means an individual who brings together participants or arranges events.

"Mixed Martial Arts" means unarmed combat involving the use, subject to any applicable limitations set forth in this chapter, of combinations of techniques from different disciplines of boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, and the martial arts, including, without limitation, grappling, kicking and striking.

"No Decision" means boxing or sparring where a decision is not rendered.

"Official" means referees, judges, matchmakers, managers, second(s), announcers, timekeepers and physicians involved in events.

"OSAC" means Oklahoma State Athletic Commission

"Participant" means a person who takes part in an event.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, club, association, corporation or trust.

"Promoter" means any person who produces or stages events and shall include any officer, director, or employees as defined by the Commission.

"Referee" means the person in charge of enforcing these rules during an event.

"Ring Official" means any individual who performs an official function during the progress of an event including but not limited to timekeepers, judges, referees, and attending physicians.

"Second" means any person aiding, assisting, or advising a participant during a boxing, kickboxing, elimination tournament, or mixed martial arts event or exhibition.

"Timekeeper" means a person responsible for keeping accurate time during each event and also responsible for the knockdown count for boxing, kickboxing, elimination tournaments, and mixed martial arts event or exhibition.

"Vendor" means a person who participates in the conduct of an event by offering for sale food or merchandise, including but not limited to, wearing apparel, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, souvenirs and programs.

"Wrestling" means any form of fighting or combat between two or more participants where such participants deliver blows to an opponent's body, execute throws to an opponent's body, or apply holds to the opponent's body, except boxing and kickboxing.

92:10-1-5. Sanctioning permits

- (a) Every professional combative sports event and amateur mixed martial arts event must be sanctioned by the Commission.
- (b) The promoter shall obtain a separate sanctioning permit for each event from the Commission before each event. The request for the sanctioning permit, fee, and bout card must be received by the Commission no later than 4 working business days prior to the event. Event permits are not transferable to another date.
- (c) The Commission will not approve sanctioning permits between human participants and non-humans or between males and females. ~~A male participant is a person of the heterogametic sex born with XY chromosomes. A female participant is a person born of the homogametic sex with XX chromosomes.~~ The Commission shall determine any issue regarding the gender of a participant on a case-by-case basis and in a manner consistent with guidelines established by the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC), the ABC Medical Review Committee or other ABC committee.
- (d) ~~The fee for sanctioning an event for boxing, kickboxing, or wrestling shall be \$25.00.~~
- (e) No licensed promoter, official or participant shall serve in any capacity at events for which the Commission has denied a sanctioning permit.
- (f) The notice of sanction issued by the Commission shall comply with the requirements of the Act.

92:10-1-6. Promoters

- (a) No person shall promote any event without obtaining a license from the Commission.
- (b) A promoter shall:
 - (1) Provide the following proof of insurance a minimum of 24 hours prior to the event:
 - (A) Medical benefit policy in the amount of at least \$10,000 for each participant with the promoter being responsible for the deductible payments on insurance claims;
 - (B) Death benefit policy in the amount of at least \$10,000 for each participant;
 - (2) Provide surety bond, cash, certificate of deposit, or other forms of security acceptable to the Commission in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Commission may increase the security as circumstances warrant.
 - (3) Not hold a license as a second, referee, timekeeper, or judge.
- (c) Promoters shall have a contract with each participant and shall maintain copies for two years.
- (d) Each promoter shall supervise the conduct of the promoter's employees, and shall be directly responsible for them to the Commission for violations of the Act and of this chapter.
- (e) The Commission hereby deems any violations by any employee or representative of a promoter as a violation by the promoter.
- (f) Before the Commission issues a promoter's license, the promoter shall:

(1) Submit a completed application form with the required fee.

(2) Have reached the age of 18.

(3) Provide the Commission with evidence that the applicant possesses knowledge of the responsibilities involved in the promotion under the Act and this Chapter and has the ability and intent to comply therewith.

(g) Promoters shall be responsible to the Commission for all events held and for meeting all deadlines ~~for permit applications as directed by the Commission.~~

(h) Promoters are responsible for ensuring the maintenance of adequate public safety at all events. Failure to ensure adequate public safety may result in cancellation of an event, discipline against a promoter's license and denial of future permits for events. The promoter or venue shall provide evidence of a general liability insurance policy for the purposes of boxing, kickboxing, elimination tournaments, and mixed martial arts events.

(i) The promoter is responsible for ensuring that no bottled drinks unless poured into paper cups by vendors at the time of sale, or glass ashtrays are permitted in any facility where any event is being held. If the event is staged out-of-doors, paper cups also must be used on the site of the event.

(j) Promoters and all licensed individuals and organizations associated with the events shall be familiar with the Act and Chapter 1 and 10 of Title 92 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code. Any questions or interpretations should be referred to the Commission. If an immediate decision is required, it should be referred to the inspector present.

(k) No one shall interfere with the inspectors' duties, use foul language, or threaten physical harm.

(l) The promoter shall be responsible performance of requirements of the Act and of the rules in this chapter at each event.

(m) For the purposes of mixed martial arts, boxing, elimination tournaments, and kickboxing events, the promoter shall arrange for an ambulance to be on site at each event with emergency medical personnel and proper resuscitation equipment.

92:10-1-7. Denial of license or permit

(a) The Commission may deny any application for license that does not comply with the requirements of the Act or this chapter. Furthermore, the Commission shall deny a license to an applicant who has competed in an event not sanctioned by a state or tribal commission for a period of 60 days from the date of the event. Participants who are currently licensed by the Commission shall not be approved to compete until 60 days from the date of their last non-state or non-tribal commission sanctioned fight.

(b) The Commission may refuse to issue any sanctioning permit because of the unavailability of an inspector, because the location of the event is determined by the Commission to be inadequate or unsafe, because the application is incomplete, or for any other reason under the Act.

(c) The Commission may deny any type of new or renewal license or sanctioning permit to an applicant having an unpaid license fee, sanctioning permit fee, pending security forfeiture, or assessment due the Commission pursuant to the Act or this chapter.

(d) The Commission shall not allow a boxing event to be conducted without a minimum of four (4) bouts or a mixed martial arts event without a minimum of seven (7) bouts unless otherwise approved by the Commission. Promoters and matchmakers who do not have the number of bouts scheduled at the designated start time for the event are responsible for all costs for payments to officials and costs incurred by the Commission in preparation for the event.

92:10-1-8. Disciplinary action

(a) The Commission may take disciplinary action against:

- (1) any licensee who violates any provision of the Act or any rule or order of the Commission;
- (2) any licensee who fails to follow the instructions of a Commission representative at a sanctioned event;
- (3) any licensee who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct including but not limited to the use of foul and abusive language or mannerisms;
- (4) any participant in a contest who fails to strive earnestly in good faith to win or who commits flagrant or repeated fouls;
- (5) ~~any licensee~~ ~~licensees~~ who ~~engages~~ ~~engage~~ in conduct at any time or place or in any manner that is deemed by the Commission to reflect discredit to combative sports; or
- (6) ~~any licensee~~ ~~licensees~~ who ~~is~~ ~~are~~ convicted or ~~pleads~~ ~~plead~~ guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime of moral turpitude.

(b) Disciplinary action by the Commission may include immediate suspension pending a hearing, suspension for a definite term, conditional suspension, fines, and/or revocation. Disciplinary action shall be taken by the Commission as provided in Chapter 1 of this Title, and pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 et seq.

(c) The Commission, its Administrator or any other employee authorized by the Commission may order the promoter to withhold any part of a purse or other money belonging or payable to any contestant or second if, in the judgment of the Commission, Administrator or other employee:

1. The contestant is not competing honestly or to the best of the contestant's skill and ability or the contestant otherwise violates any rules or regulations adopted by the Commission or any provisions of the Act.

2. The second violates any rules or regulations adopted by the Commission or any provisions of the Act.

(d) Money ordered withheld pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Athletic Commission Revolving Fund Security Account. The Commission shall hold a hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting to dispose of the matter. If it is determined that the contestant or second is entitled to his or her share of the purse or other money, the funds shall be moved to the State Athletic Commission Revolving Fund and dispersed to the contestant or second. If it is determined that the contestant or second is not entitled to his or her share of the purse or other money, the funds shall be moved to the State Athletic Commission Revolving Fund and dispersed to the promoter.

92:10-1-10. Tickets

(a) Every person admitted to a sanctioned event shall:

- (1) Pay the retail price of and have a ticket,
- (2) Be issued a complimentary ticket or pass,
- (3) Have a valid license as an official, participant, or vendor for the event,
- (4) Be a designated representative of the Commission.

(b) Complimentary tickets may be issued to the general public. Such tickets shall be pre-printed with the word "COMP" or "Complimentary" on the face ticket. Original non-complimentary tickets shall not be stamped with the word "COMP" or "Complimentary" or otherwise altered. Complimentary passes may be issued to members of the media who are covering the event. Such passes shall be clearly marked "MEDIA" or "PRESS". The number of media passes issued shall not exceed the number of seats reserved in the media section. Complimentary passes may also be issued to officials of Oklahoma, designated representatives of the Commission and to those actual and necessary persons working at the event or for the arena or facility. Complimentary tickets and passes shall be free of state athletic assessment. A complimentary ticket is a ticket provided free of charge. Tickets issued in exchange for in-kind goods or services or as part of any group-admission, group-seating or group-purchase plan or sponsorship is not a complimentary ticket.

(c) The retail price of the tickets shall be printed in large type and displayed prominently above or near all ticket sellers or ticket windows. The promoter shall disclose the retail ticket prices to the Commission no later than the time the sanctioning permit for the event is issued, and shall not be changed. Tickets of different prices shall be printed in different colors, or state the retail price on the face of the ticket.

Subchapter 3 - Boxing and Kickboxing Participants

92:10-3-2. The Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 and the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act

(a) The Commission hereby adopts by reference the current rules and guidelines adopted by the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) for issuance of identification cards, suspension of licenses, and reporting event results required by the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 and the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act. Any amendment to the rules and guidelines of the ABC in the above stated areas shall be deemed adopted by the Commission by reference, unless the Commission takes affirmative action to the contrary within sixty (60) after notification thereof.

(b) The OSAC Shall be a member in good standing of The Association of Boxing Commissions. The OSAC shall use ABC prescribed data bases for reporting purposes.

92:10-3-5. Matchmakers

(a) In boxing, the promoter and matchmaker shall not be the same person.

(b) If the matchmaker is employed by the promoter, both the matchmaker and the promoter are jointly responsible for matches made and compliance with applicable state laws, including the Act, and the rules in this chapter.

(c) The duties of the matchmaker shall include arranging the event, matching the participants as to weight and experience and ensuring that all the required equipment is in its place. While the events are in progress, the matchmaker shall cooperate with the inspector and is responsible to the Commission for the actions of the promoter.

(d) The matchmaker shall provide to the Commission the legal name, federal id number or national mma id number for all participants. The matchmaker shall indicate on the tentative bout list submitted to the Commission whether the participant is a debut fighter. If the name of a debut fighter contained on the tentative bout list is not the same as the name on the fighter's picture ID, the fighter will not be approved to participate unless granted an exception by the Commission.

(e) Matches shall be finalized a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start time of the event and shall not be changed unless otherwise approved by the Commission.

92:10-3-13. Seconds

(a) No licensed second shall act as a second at any boxing, mixed martial arts, elimination tournaments, or kickboxing match in this State unless the match is held in accordance with the rules of this Chapter.

(b) Seconds must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(c) Each participant shall be allowed no more than four seconds, one of whom shall be designated the chief second. The chief second shall be in charge of the participant's corner and be responsible for the conduct of all seconds, and shall be held responsible for any violation committed by any second. All seconds shall adhere to direction given by the Commission. Seconds shall not interfere with the Commission Inspectors' duties, use foul language, or threaten physical harm.

(d) The chief second of any participant shall have at the ringside a stool, a pair of scissors, a towel, a clean water bucket, a container of drinking water and/or electrolyte drinks, and tape and bandages.

(e) First aid and other ring equipment of a second shall in all cases and at all times before, during, and after use, be available for inspection by the physician and the Commission whose decision shall be final as to the propriety of its use.

(f) Seconds shall not by word or action attempt to heckle or annoy his participant's opponent. Seconds shall not knock or pound on the ring floor.

(g) No second shall attempt to render aid to a participant who has been counted out during the course of a match before the physician has examined the participant.

(h) If any second enters the ring during any bout, the participant of that second shall lose the bout by disqualification. If a second mounts the ring apron during any bout, the participant of that second shall lose the bout by technical knockout (TKO).

(i) The excessive or undue spraying of water on any fighter between rounds is prohibited.

(j) Only one second shall be allowed in the ring. No second shall enter the ring until the bell indicates the end of a round. The second shall leave the ring at the sound of the timekeeper's whistle, which indicates ten (10) seconds remain before the start of the next round. Prior to the beginning of each round, the entire ring platform and ropes

shall be cleared of all obstructions, including buckets, stools, towels, and other articles; and none of these articles shall again be placed on the ring platform until the bell has sounded indicating the end of the round.

Subchapter 5 - Professional Boxing and Kickboxing Events

92:10-5-2. Weigh-in

(a) Within 36 hours before an event, or as otherwise determined by the Commission to benefit the safety and health of the participants, the Commission or an inspector shall weigh in each participant. The weigh-in shall occur in the presence of other participants to the extent practicable.

(b) Only those participants who have been approved for the event shall be permitted to weigh in.

(c) The location of the weigh-in shall be approved by the Commission. There shall be only one scheduled weigh-in per event. Participants who cannot be at the scheduled weigh-in will weigh in at the discretion of the Commission at a time and place directed by the Commission.

92:10-5-11. Pre-bout physicals for boxing, and kickboxing and mixed martial arts participants

(a) Within 36 hours before an event, each participant shall be given medical examination by a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO). The physician shall be appointed by Commission. The examination shall include the following:

- (1) Blood pressure,
- (2) Head,
- (3) Eyes,
- (4) Ears,
- (5) Nose,
- (6) Throat,
- (7) Lungs,
- (8) Chest,
- (9) Heart,
- (10) Abdomen, and
- (11) Orthopedic.

(b) If upon examination a participant is determined to be unfit for competition, the participant shall be prohibited from competing and the Commission or an inspector shall be notified.

(c) The physician shall certify, in writing, those participants who are in good physical condition to compete.

(d) An event shall not begin until a physician is present. The physician shall not leave until the decision in the final event has been announced and all injured boxers have been attended to.

(e) The physician shall sit near the steps into the ring and the event shall not begin until the physician is seated. The physician shall remain at that location for the entire event.

(f) Each participant shall remain at the event site until released by the physician.

92:10-5-14. Female participants

(a) Female participants shall not engage in combative sports events against male opponents ~~boxing or kickboxing with a male participant.~~

(b) In addition to requirements for male participants, female participants shall:

(1) Have hair secured, with soft and non-abrasive material, in a manner that does not interfere with vision or safety of either participant; and

(2) Use no facial cosmetics.

(c) A female participant must, before each professional boxing match, provide a negative pregnancy test which shall be verified by the ringside physician.

(d) The promoter of a contest between female participants shall provide adequate, separate dressing rooms.

(e) Rounds shall be of two (2) or three (3) minutes duration with a one (1) minute rest period between rounds. All bouts shall be scheduled for no more than ten (10) rounds.

(f) Female participants up to 147 pounds shall use at least (8) ounce gloves and female participants over 147 pounds shall use at least 10 ounce gloves.

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92:10-5-15. Championship and non-championship bouts

(a) Non-championship bout(s) shall not be less than four (4) scheduled rounds and shall not exceed ten (10) scheduled rounds. The number of rounds allowed in a non-championship bout shall be determined by each participant's number of bouts. Each round in a non-championship contest shall be three (3) minutes duration, and a one (1) minute rest period between each round. The one minute rest period may be extended as approved by the Commission but not to exceed seven (7) seconds.

(b) Each championship contest will be scheduled for twelve (12) rounds, of three (3) minute duration, and one (1) minute rest period between each round. The one minute rest period may be extended as approved by the Commission but not to exceed seven (7) seconds.

(c) For the purposes of kickboxing, participants shall execute kicks, which are attempts to land hard on a target area of the opponent's body with the intent to do damage. Non-championship kickboxing bouts shall not be less than

three (3) scheduled rounds and shall not exceed ten (10) scheduled rounds. Championship kickboxing bouts shall not exceed twelve (12) rounds.

(d) All of the following shall apply to championship and non-championship bouts:

(1) The referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and is the only individual authorized to stop a contest.

(2) All participants are required to wear a mouthpiece during the competition. The round cannot begin without the mouthpiece. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during the competition, the referee will call time and replace the mouthpiece at the first opportune moment, without interfering with the immediate action. Points may be deducted by the referee if her or she feels the mouthpiece is being purposely ejected from the participant's mouth.

(3) All bouts shall be scored by three judges.

(4) Mandatory eight count after knockdowns shall be standard procedure in all bouts.

(5) A participant shall receive a twenty (20) second count if he is knocked out of the ring and onto the floor. The participant is to be unassisted by his seconds.

(6) If a participant sustains an injury from a fair blow and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout, the injured participant will lose by TKO.

(7) Injuries sustained by accidental fouls:

(A) If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout will result in a no decision if stopped before four (4) completed rounds.

(B) If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, after four (4) completed rounds, the bout will result in a technical decision awarded to the participant who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped.

(8) A participant who is hit with an accidental low blow must continue after a reasonable amount of time but no more than five (5) minutes or the participant shall lose the bout.

(9) Injuries sustained by intentional fouls:

(A) If an intentional foul causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the participant causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.

(B) If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee will notify the authorities and deduct two (2) points from the participant who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls shall be mandatory.

(C) If an intentional foul causes an injury and the injury results in the bout being stopped in a later round, the injured participant shall win by a technical decision if he/she is ahead on the score cards or the bout shall result in a technical draw if the injured participant is behind or even on the score cards.

(10) If a participant injures himself/herself while attempting to intentionally foul his/her opponent, the referee shall not take any action in his/her favor, and this injury will be the same as one produced by a fair blow.

(11) If the referee feels that a participant has conducted himself/herself in an unsportsman-like manner, the referee may stop the bout and disqualify the offending participant.

(12) Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored. However, any point deduction(s) occurring during this partial round will be deducted from the final score of the completed rounds.

Subchapter 11 - Mixed Martial Arts

92:10-11-3. Mixed Marital Arts Participants

(a) An applicant for a Mixed Martial Arts License as a participant must be at least 18 years of age and shall complete an application as required in section 92:10-1-4.

(b) Participants must wear shorts.

(c) Participants may not wear shoes or any padding on the feet during a contest or exhibition.

(d) For contest or exhibitions, each participant must wear gloves that weigh not less than four (4) ounces and not more than eight (8) ounces unless otherwise approved by the Commission. Gloves shall be examined by the Commission before a contest by the referee and the inspector. The promoter shall provide gloves for all professional contests or exhibitions. If gloves are found to be broken or unclean or if the padding is found to be misplaced or lumpy, they shall be changed before the contest begins.

(e) Participants must possess and present their national MMA identification card to the Commission upon request. If the participant has not been issued a national MMA identification card, one will be issued. ~~free of charge.~~ Participants will not be allowed to compete without a national MMA identification card.