



## **POLICY #1**

### **Edmonton Combative Sports Policy: Licensing – Contestants and Seconds**

#### **Description**

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (ECSC) follows the rules and safety code set forth by Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC), as amended from time to time by the ECSC, and shall govern all combative sports contests licensed by the City conducted in the City of Edmonton. This Policy ensures that all contestants and seconds participating in an ECSC-sanctioned event will be licensed in accordance with the City of Edmonton Bylaw 15594.

#### **Rationale**

To ensure contestants licensed by the City are able to participate in combative sports events and ensure such licences are issued in accordance with the City of Edmonton Bylaws and ECSC Policies , with the safety of the contestant being paramount. The following procedures outline the ECSC policy for licensing Contestants and Seconds.

#### **Procedure**

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, MMA and Muaythai contests, licensed by the City, 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.
7. To apply for a licence, a Contestant must submit to the Executive Director the following:
  - a. A licence application form;
  - b. Valid identification establishing Contestant's full name, date of birth and current address;
  - c. A declaration respecting any suspension currently imposed on the contestant by any licensing body and the contestant's health status;
  - d. Proof of medical fitness as follows (this documentation may be submitted to either the Executive Director or the Chief Medical Officer:
    - i. Baseline CT Scan of the head or MRI of the head;
    - ii. Recent baseline ECG (EKG), (actual tracing not just a report);
    - iii. Bloodwork within three (3) months of the fight date: negative results for HIV, Hep B, Hep C, Syphilis;
    - iv. Dilated Fundoscopy eye exam completed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within one (1) year of the fight date;
    - v. General physical exam by primary care physician within one (1) year of the fight;
    - vi. Female Fighters: must have a pregnancy test within fourteen (14) days prior to the fight;
    - vii. Results of any additional tests that the Chief Medical Officer or physician requires, particularly at the weigh-in (physical tests, plus heart rate and blood pressure check).

**Fighters age 40 and above:**

- i. All of the tests outlined above for professional fighters above, and in addition:
  - a. An MRI Head, dated within one (1) year prior to the event (the "MRI Head" is to be repeated on an annual basis if the fighter continues to fight);
  - b. ECG within three (3) months of the fight in addition to the baseline

- ECG;
- c. Physical exam within two (2) weeks of the event by an approved ECSC physician with possible additional tests as needed on an individual needs basis of the fighter, as dictated by the physician.
  - e. Written consent to permit the collection and use of medical records and related personal information; and
  - f. Any additional information requested by the Executive Director.
8. If a Contestant applies for a licence after more than one (1) year of retirement or other inactivity, the Executive Director 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 Executive Director may refuse to issue a licence, and may suspend or revoke a licence that it has issued, if, in the sole opinion of the Executive Director, 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 shall take part in more than one bout within any seven (7) day period.

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