



## **POLICY #3**

### **Edmonton Combative Sports Policy: Licensing – Event Officials**

#### **Description**

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (ECSC) governs all combative sports contests conducted in the City of Edmonton. This Policy ensures that all officials working an ECSC-sanctioned event will be licensed in accordance with City of Edmonton Bylaw 15594.

#### **Rationale**

To ensure personnel authorized by the ECSC are able to officiate combative sports events and ensure such events are in accordance with the ECSC Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures.

Officials are independent contractors. Officials are expected to pursue training to continually update their officiating credentials. Qualified officials are invited by the ECSC to provide an officiating service at each combative sports event in Edmonton, in return for an honorarium that includes their expenses.

Because officials selected to work ECSC events are an extension of the ECSC during their time licensed to officiate events in Edmonton, these same officials are required to abide by the ECSC's Code of Conduct for Officials. In terms of personal conduct, all officials associated with the ECSC are required to avoid conduct detrimental to the integrity of, and public confidence in, the ECSC.

Failure to abide by the ECSC's Code of Conduct for Officials will result in either the official in question being removed from consideration for future officiating opportunities in Edmonton for a period of time or actual revocation of the individual's officiating licence, with no refund for its original purchase.

## **Procedure**

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.
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.

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