



POLICY #6

Edmonton Combative Sports Policy:

Approving Dates for Combative Sports Events When More Than One Promoter is Requesting the Same Date

Description

The number of combative sports events the City of Edmonton licences has increased over the past few years. The ECSC prefers to sanction just one event per day to ensure quality officials are available to properly service the licensed event. This policy sets out a process that outlines an approval mechanism when more than one promoter requests a licence for the same date.

Rationale

The Executive Director has been able to arrange for qualified officials that have safely and successfully serviced ECSC sanctioned combative events to date. With the proliferation of event requests each year, the ECSC has adopted the approach of “one event for one evening” to ensure this qualified service can continue to be provided. The Executive Director will consider any date that has been requested by the promoter by filling in the date request form and submitting a one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollar certified cheque to the City. This payment and date reservation does not guarantee the date; it merely allows the Executive Director to consider the request.

Procedure

1. Normally, the Executive Director shall licence only one (1) event per date.
2. On an annual basis, the Executive Director asks promoters to submit their event requests for the following year, by October 1 (approximately ninety (90) days before the start of the new year) on the event date request forms. After that date and throughout the year, promoters requesting a date are to do so forty-five (45) days in advance of their proposed event to allow the Executive Director sufficient time to convene and consider the request.

3. In determining the priority of events seeking the same date, the Executive Director may use the following criteria from this non-exhaustive list:
 - a. Availability of qualified licensed officials (particularly physicians);
 - b. Whether the event has live television coverage that is only available on that date;
 - c. Whether the date is a traditional date from previous years for promoter;
 - d. Whether the promoter is proposing the event as one in a series of events to a potential television contract (not more than one (1) event per quarter);
 - e. Whether the event has a world, North American or Canadian title on the proposed card;
 - f. The expected live spectator audience; and
 - g. Whether the promoter had already held an event that quarter.
4. The Executive Director will make his decision and a response will be provided within two (2) weeks of the receipt of the request. The Executive Director has the right to rescind a non-televised date approval sixty (60) days in advance of that date, should a request be made by a major international event promoter for the same date.
5. Notwithstanding the ECSC's preference to sanction just one event per day, the Executive Director may, at his sole discretion, licence more than one event per day, should he determine that more than one event can be accommodated based on:
 - a. Whether the event has live television coverage that is only available on that date;
 - b. Whether the event has a world, North American or Canadian title on the proposed card; and
 - c. The availability of the qualified licensed officials.

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