



## **Regulation #1**

### **Edmonton Combative Sports Regulation #1:**

#### **Licensing – Contestants and Seconds**

##### **Description**

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (the Commission) governs all combative sports contests licensed by the City of Edmonton and conducted in the City.

This Regulation ensures that all Contestants and Seconds participating in a Commission-sanctioned event are licensed in accordance with City of Edmonton Bylaw 15594.

##### **Rationale**

To oversee Contestant safety by ensuring that Contestants and Seconds who are licensed by the City can participate in combative sports events, and that the licences are issued in accordance with the City of Edmonton Bylaws and Commission Regulations and Policies.

This Regulation is to be used in conjunction with Bylaw 15594. Terms not defined here have the same meaning as in the Bylaw. Defined terms begin with an upper-case letter. Headings are for clarity.

In a dispute between the contents of Bylaw 15594 and this Regulation, the Bylaw supersedes this Regulation.

## **I. DEFINITIONS**

### **1.1 In this Regulation:**

- a) “Coach” means a licensed person who is engaged in the training or preparation of a Contestant for a Contest or Event, and who may be present in the ring or cage, as per Bylaw 15594 Section 6(a) and (b).
- b) “Contestant” means a person who takes part in a Contest.

- c) "Corner" means a licensed person who is designated to assist a Contestant and who may be present in the ring or cage, as per Bylaw 15594 Section 6(a) and (b).
- d) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Commission;
- e) "Licence" means a licence issued by the Commission for a Contestant, Second, Corner, Coach, or other such participant;
- f) "Medical Fitness" means the criteria a Contestant must meet which are established by the Commission and set out in Regulation 8: Medical;
- g) "Medical Suspension" means a medical condition, determined by a Physician, that temporarily or indefinitely prevents a Contestant from competing;
- h) "Per Event Contestant Licence" means a Licence issued to a Contestant for an Event sanctioned by the Commission;
- i) "Qualified Gym" means a gym that meets standards that are at the discretion of the Executive Director;
- j) "Qualified Coach" means a Coach who meets standards that are at the discretion of the Executive Director;
- k) "Sanctioning Body" means a government-authorized body that licenses Contestants and that is outside of the City of Edmonton and may include provincial, municipal, first nations, tribal, state, or federal Commissions and bodies;
- l) "Second" means a licensed person who is engaged in the training or preparation of a Contestant for a Contest or Event, and who may be present in the ring or cage, as per Bylaw 15594 Section 6(a) and (b).
- m) "Signs of Incomplete Concussion Recovery" means observable or reported symptoms and/or signs indicating a Contestant has not fully recovered from a Concussion, which may include, but are not limited to, persistent headaches, dizziness, sensitivity to light/noise, and balance problems;
- n) "Statutory Declaration" means a written statement of facts or circumstances that is signed by the declarant and witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths or other person authorized by law to administer oaths.

## **II. GENERAL RULES**

### **Residency Requirement**

2.1 A Contestant who lives outside the City and who wishes to obtain a Licence to fight in the City must be In Good Standing with their own Sanctioning Body at the time of licensing. If no Sanctioning Body exists in the Contestant's place of residence or the Contestant has no history with the Sanctioning Body, the Executive Director may require the Contestant to provide documentation, verifying their full amateur and professional fight history, disciplinary history, and health status, to determine eligibility.

## **Extent of Licence and Fee**

2.2 A Licence issued to a Contestant covers the Contestant and the number of Seconds described in Bylaw 15594 Section (6) Article (4).

2.3 Licences are valid only for the Event date specified in the Licence.

## **General Rules**

2.4 No Licensed Contestant shall compete in the City where the Contest is not sanctioned by the Commission, and violation of this rule may result in discipline pursuant to Regulation #5: Discipline for Unsanctioned Contests.

## **III. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Contestant Licensing**

#### **Per Event Contestant Licence**

3.1 Per Event Contestant Licence An Applicant for a Per Event Contestant Licence must submit to the Executive Director all documentation required to meet the requirements of Bylaw 15594 Section (6) Contestant Licence, including:

- a) a completed Statutory Declaration as to the Applicant's suspension and health status in a form approved by the Executive Director, and as required by Bylaw 15594;
- b) proof that the Applicant has met the Medical Fitness requirements of Regulation 8: Medical; and
- c) any additional information or documentation requested by the Executive Director.

#### **Annual Contestant Licence**

3.2 An Applicant for an Annual Contestant Licence must submit to the Executive Director: (a) a completed application in a form approved by the Executive Director, verifying the Contestant's identity; and (b) any additional information or documentation requested by the Executive Director.

### **Contestants Making Their Professional Debut**

3.3 For approval of a professional debut, the Contestant's Coach(es) must submit the following information to the Executive Director:

- a) Contestant Training History
  - i) The Contestant's age, home town, and amateur fight record (if one exists, including dates, locations, opponents, and outcomes for the most recent five (5) amateur fights).

- ii) The name and address of the gym where the Contestant has been training.
- iii) The contact information (address, phone, fax, e-mail address) of the Coach(es).
- iv) For Contestants who do not have an amateur record in their discipline, the Coach(es) must also include proof that the Contestant has been training regularly for a minimum of six (6) months (minimum three (3) days a week) with a qualified Coach in the discipline in which they wish to compete.

b) Competition Results

- i) Official results posted by a recognized Commission or Sanctioning Body on a global online registry (e.g., BoxRec, Combat Registry, or equivalent approved by the Executive Director).
- ii) If publicly posted results are not available, official documentation detailing the results must be provided by the Sanctioning Body of the events.
- iii) Video footage of at least 2 recent combative competitions.

c) Coach Verification Confirming Fitness, Skills, and Readiness

- i) A statement from the qualified Coach stating his/her own Coach qualifications.
- ii) The Coach must be recognized as a qualified Coach by the Executive Director before the recommendation of the Coach will be considered.
- iii) A statement from the qualified Coach stating that he/she considers the Contestant to be in sufficiently good cardiovascular shape, with both offensive and defensive skills in their fight discipline, to fight professionally in that discipline.
- iv) Coach Accountability: Coaches who provide inaccurate fight records or training information for Contestants may face denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses.

All licensing decisions are at the discretion of the Executive Director.

### **Contestants Age 40 and Above**

3.5 To ensure Contestant safety, Contestants age forty (40) and above require additional proof of medical fitness in accordance with Regulation 8: Medical.

### **Application for Licence After A Period of Inactivity**

3.6 If a Contestant applies for a Licence one (1) year or more since the date of their last professional fight, the Contestant must also comply with the medical requirements set out in Regulation 8: Medical. In addition, the Contestant must meet the following training requirements:

- a) The Contestant must show proof of training in a Qualified Gym, with a Qualified Coach, for at least three (3) months, three (3) times a week; and

- b) The Contestant's first fight after the retirement or inactivity will not be longer than eight (8) rounds.

## **B. Seconds, Corners, and Coaches Licensing**

### **Requirements**

3.7 An Applicant for a Second's, Corner's, or Coach's Licence must submit to the Executive Director, in addition to the requirements of Bylaw 15594 Section (6):

- a) completed application in a form approved by the Executive Director;
- b) proof of minimum age of eighteen (18) years;
- c) any additional information or documentation requested by the Executive Director.

### **Mandatory Condition**

3.8 By submitting an application for a Second's, Corner's, or Coach's Licence, the Applicant agrees to adhere to all terms and conditions of the Licence and all ECSC Regulations, including the following mandatory condition:

- a) The Second, Corner, or Coach must report to the Executive Director or a Commission Official any signs known to them that a Contestant they are supporting has suffered an injury, or is displaying any Signs of Incomplete Concussion Recovery, prior to the Contest.

### **Refusing, Suspending, or Revoking a Licence**

3.9 If the Executive Director believes that the Contestant is not qualified to engage in the Contest, the Executive Director may refuse to issue a Licence or suspend or revoke a Licence that has been issued.

3.10 The Executive Director will provide written reasons to the Contestant for any refusal, suspension, or revocation of a Licence.

3.11 No Contestant will receive a Licence if they have not met the suspension requirements as set out in Policy 9: Suspensions and Rest Periods for Combative Sports Contestants.

### **Appealing a Decision**

3.12 A Contestant whose application for a Licence has been refused, suspended, or revoked may appeal the decision in accordance with the Appeals Regulation.

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