



Regulation #4

Edmonton Combative Sports Regulation #4:

Event Permits

Description

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (ECSC) has the authority to approve combative sports event licensing and permit issuance, should the event application meet all the requirements set forth by the ECSC.

Rationale

To ensure combative sports events are staged in accordance with ECSC Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures and City of Edmonton Bylaw 15594.

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) "Bylaw" means the City of Edmonton Bylaw 15594, as amended.
- (b) "Commission" or "ECSC" means the council committee known as the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission.
- (c) "Event Permit" means a permit issued to a Promoter pursuant to the Bylaw to hold a combative sports Event.
- (d) "Executive Director" means the Commission's chief executive officer or delegate.

- (e) "Performance Bond" or "Event Deposit" means the financial guarantee posted by a Promoter as required by the Bylaw to ensure compliance with ECSC rules and regulations.
- (f) "Promoter" means a Person engaged in the business of organizing, managing or facilitating Events, including all the officers, directors, employees, agents and contractors of the Promoter.

II. PROCEDURE

Event Permit Issuance and Promoter Agreement

- 2.1 An Event Permit/sanction follows approval of the specific DATE, TYPE of combative sports event and VENUE where the event is to be held. An Event Permit/sanction is then granted by the Promoter's agreement that he/she will follow the Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.

Performance Bond Requirement and Guarantee

- 2.2 As part of that agreement, the Promoter agrees to post a financial Performance Bond/ Event Deposit (Performance Bond) as a guarantee against the failure of the promoter, the promoter's associates, his/her designated staff, match maker, contractors, workers, assistants, affiliates, contestants, event representatives and any other individuals the promoter has involved with the event, to comply with the Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC or City of Edmonton Bylaws while staging their combative sports event. (Bylaw 15594).

Financial Deductions for Non-Compliance

- 2.3 Should non-compliance occur, financial deductions will be subtracted from the Promoter's Performance Bond by the ECSC, at its sole discretion (Bylaw 15594, s. 14).

Performance Bond Fee Determination (Referencing Bylaw)

- 2.4 The event Performance Bond requirement, including the fee, is determined by the ECSC and may vary on an event by event basis, even with the same promoter.

Compliance with Bylaw Section 13

- 2.5 All conditions set out in section 13 of Bylaw 15594 must be complied with.

Key Event Permit Conditions (Insurance, Security, Medical, Bond)

- 2.6 Each event licensed is numbered and contains the following key conditions:
 - a. the requirement to purchase personal and public liability insurance for their combative sports event, and include the City of Edmonton and the ECSC as being

covered by that insurance plan. The specific minimum insurance requirements are detailed in Bylaw 15594;

- b. at least five (5) days prior to the event date, the provision of:
 - i. a Security Plan which shall detail venue security, the cost of which is the responsibility of the Promoter. The exact number of security is to be finalized by the venue general manager and must be acceptable to the ECSC. The Security Plan may also require a contract with the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) to ensure their presence (in numbers arrived at by the EPS once they know the details of the event, the location, expected audience, degree of perceived risk, etc.) and this service is paid for by the Promoter who will make payment through the ECSC. The venue and/or the Promoter will arrange the contract with the EPS; however, if the EPS makes a request, the ECSC can be involved as the go-between the Promoter/Event and the EPS, in terms of contracting the EPS to work the event; and
 - ii. a Medical Emergency Plan which shall include ringside physicians contracted by the ECSC and paid for by the Promoter through the ECSC. The second part of the Medical Emergency Plan involves the Edmonton Medical Service (EMS) who must be contracted to attend the event with sufficient staff, up-to-date medical equipment and ambulance. This service is to be paid for by the Promoter through the ECSC. The contract will be between the ECSC and the EMS.
- c. the requirement to post a Performance Bond of a specified amount as determined by the ECSC, and an acknowledgement of typical violations that will result in specified financial deductions from that Performance Bond, should violations occur; and
- d. agreement to follow all Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.

Event Announcement and Ticket Sale Restriction

- 2.7 A Promoter shall not announce or sell tickets to a proposed event until he/she has been issued an Event Permit or has ECSC approval in writing in advance of such advertising or ticket sales.

Fight Card Approval

- 2.8 Promoters must get the proposed fight card approved by the ECSC.

Contestant Change/Substitution Restriction

- 2.9 Changes or substitutions of Contestants are not permitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the event.

Public Sanction Announcement Requirement

- 2.10 Promoters (or their announcers) are required to announce to the attending public that their event is sanctioned by the ECSC under the direction of the Chair and the Executive Director.

Event Permit Application Requirements

- 2.11 Applications for Event Permits must include:

- a. A copy of the Promoter's licence;
- b. An application or event form;
- c. Proof of compliance and necessary permits for the event in accordance with City of Edmonton Zoning Bylaw 12800;
- d. The Date Booking Fee as specified in Bylaw 15594, payable by certified cheque, bank draft or money order;
 - i. If the event is held on the date identified by the Event Permit, one half of the Date Booking Fee shall be returned to the Promoter
- e. Proof of liability insurance as specified in Bylaw 15594; and
- f. Any additional information or documentation as required by the Executive Director.

Post-Event Settlement of Outstanding Fees

- 2.12 The Event Permit requires that the Promoter meet with the Executive Director within thirty (30) days following the Event to settle outstanding fees (i.e. suture kits used, applicable percentage of gross ticket revenue, etc.).

Refusal, Suspension, or Revocation of Event Permit

- 2.13 The ECSC may refuse to issue an Event Permit, and may suspend or revoke an Event Permit that it has issued if, in the sole opinion of the ECSC the Promoter has failed to comply with the conditions of the Event Permit, any Bylaws of the City of Edmonton or any Policies or rules of the ECSC.

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