



**POLICY #4**  
**Edmonton Combative Sports Policy:**  
**Event Permits**

**Description**

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (ECSC) has the authority to sanction combative sports events through the issue of an Event Permit by the Executive Director should the event application meet all the requirements set forth by the City and the ECSC.

**Rationale**

To ensure combative sports events are staged in accordance with ECSC Policies and City of Edmonton Bylaw 15594.

**Procedure**

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 Executive Director following the Promoter's agreement that he/she will follow the Policies and Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.
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 Policies, Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC or City of Edmonton Bylaws while staging their combative sports event. (Bylaw 15594).
3. Should non-compliance occur, financial deductions will be subtracted from the Promoter's Performance Bond by the Executive Director, at his sole discretion (Bylaw 15594, s. 14).
4. The event Performance Bond fee is determined by the City of Edmonton Bylaws.

5. All conditions set out in section 13 of Bylaw 15594 must be complied with.
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;
  - 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 Executive Director. 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 Executive Director. The venue and/or the Promoter will arrange the contract with the EPS; however, if the EPS makes request, the Executive Director 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 City and paid for by the Promoter through the Executive Director. 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 City and the EMS.
  - c. the requirement to post a Performance Bond of a specified amount as determined by the Bylaw, 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 Policies, Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.
7. A Promoter shall not to 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.
8. Promoters must get the proposed fight card approved by the Executive Director.
9. Changes or substitutions of Contestants are not permitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the event.
10. Promoter's (or their announcers) are required to announce to the attending public that their event is sanctioned by the ECSC.