

**IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES IDAHO ATHLETIC  
COMMISSION**

**24.02.01 – Rules of the State Athletic Commission**

**Who does this rule apply to?**

*This rule applies to applicants, and license holders for:*

- Amateur Sanctioning Organizations
- Permit Holders
- Promoters
- Matchmakers
- Managers
- Ring Officials
- Amateur and Professional Boxers, Mixed Martial Artists, Kickboxers, and Wrestlers
- Seconds or Cornermen

**What is the purpose of this rule?**

*This rule governs the practice of amateur sanctioning organizations, permit holders, promoters, matchmakers, managers, ring officials, amateur and professional unarmed combatants, and seconds in Idaho to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. This rule establishes:*

- Minimum standards of competency and qualifications for applicants;
- Fees related to licensure;
- Certain medical requirements;
- Contractual and permitted obligations; and
- Codes of ethics and standards of practice

**What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?**

*This rule implements the following statute passed by the Idaho Legislature:*

Professions, Vocations, and Businesses -

- [54-401 through 54-422 Idaho Code](#) – State Athletic Commission

**Who do I contact for more information on this rule?** Idaho Athletic

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## 24.02.01 – RULES OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

### 00. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to Title 54, Chapter 4, Idaho Code.

(3-31-22)T

### 01. SCOPE.

These rules are intended to provide clarification on the methods and restrictions of unarmed combat in Idaho.

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### 02. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

Pursuant to Section 67-5229, Idaho Code, this chapter incorporates by reference the following documents available on the Commission's website:

(3-31-22)T

**01. Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports Unified Rules of Boxing Amended 2016.** This document can be accessed online at: <https://www.abcboxing.com/unified-rules-boxing/>.

(3-31-22)T

**02. Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts as of 2022.** This document can be accessed online at: <https://www.abcboxing.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/unified-rules-mma-july-2022.pdf>

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**03. Athlete Guide to the 2024 Prohibited List.** Published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Copyright date 2024. This document can be accessed online at: [https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/2024list\\_en\\_final\\_22\\_september\\_2023.pdf](https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/2024list_en_final_22_september_2023.pdf)

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### 03. – 009. (RESERVED)

### 10. DEFINITIONS.

**01. Event.** A program of one (1) or more unarmed combat contests or exhibitions. (3-31-22)T

**a.** An “amateur event” is an event in which the only combatants are amateur combatants. (3-31-22)T

**b.** A “professional event” is an event in which the only combatants are professional combatants. (3-31-22)T

**c.** A “pro-am” is an event in which combatants include professional combatants and amateur combatants. Professional combatants may not compete against amateur combatants in “pro-am” events. (3-31-22)T

**02. Main Event.** The headline or marquee contest or exhibition scheduled to occur at an event. (3-31-22)T

### 11. – 099. (RESERVED)

### 100. LICENSING.

**01. Application for License.** Applicants will submit a complete, application to the Division for each of the following licenses: (3-31-22)T

**a.** Combatant; (3-31-22)T

**b.** Promoter; (3-31-22)T

- c. Matchmaker; (3-31-22)T
- d. Manager; (3-31-22)T
- e. Second, including a trainer; (3-31-22)T
- f. Ring Official; or (3-31-22)T
- g. Sanctioning permit for an event. (3-31-22)T

**101. COMBATANT.**

**01. Age of Combatant.** The Commission will review all complete applications for a combatant license so that the applicant's experience and fitness may be considered before a license is issued, if the applicant has: (3-31-22)T

- a. Not reached eighteen (18) years of age; or (3-31-22)T
- b. Reached thirty-six (36) years of age. (3-31-22)
- c. Poor Vision. The Commission will not issue a license to engage in unarmed combat to any applicant who is found to be blind in one (1) eye or whose vision in one (1) eye is so poor that a physician recommends that no license be granted. No exceptions will be made. (3-31-22)T
- d. Cerebral Hemorrhage. Any person who has suffered a cerebral hemorrhage will not be issued a license. (3-31-22)T
- e. Serious Head Injuries. The Commission will review the application of any person who has suffered a serious head injury before a license is issued to that person. (3-31-22)T

**02. Additional Examination.** Any licensed combatant who participates in an unsanctioned event, as determined by the Commission, will need to submit to a new physical or produce proof of medical clearance acceptable to the Commission. ()T

**03. Blood Testing.** The Commission will not issue a license to or allow an athlete to compete in an event, if the athlete, within the six (6) months immediately preceding the application for licensure or the event at which the licensee wishes to compete, has tested positive for the HIV virus, Hepatitis B Surface Antigen and Hepatitis C Antibody, or illegal drugs or other substances. Upon application for a license, the athlete will submit with the application a blood test report from a blood test conducted within the six (6) months preceding the application date. The blood test must have tested the athlete for HIV virus, Hepatitis B Surface Antigen, Hepatitis C Antibody, and illegal drugs and substances. Additionally, each combatant who is to compete in an event will, at the start of the event, provide the Commission with a blood test report from a blood test conducted within the six (6) months immediately preceding the event. The Commission may, in its discretion, request addition blood tests. (3-31-22)T

**04. Drug Abuse.** The Commission will not issue a license to an athlete who has a recent history of drug abuse, without proof of participation in a recognized drug rehabilitation program and/or submission to urinalysis. (3-31-22)T

**05. Blood Testing and Five Panel Drug Test Results.** Results must show blood concentrate percentages. (3-31-22)T

**102. ABILITY OF COMBATANT.**

**01. Ability to Compete.** Before the Commission issues a combatant license to any person, the Commission must be satisfied of the person's

ability to compete. (3-31-22)T

**02. Questioned Ability.** If a combatant's ability to perform is questioned for any reason, the Commission may take action per Sections 54-406(2) or 67-2614, Idaho Code, regarding revocation of license and due process to determine: (3-31-22)T

**a.** Whether the person's license should be revoked; or (3-31-22)T

**b.** Whether the person should be granted a license. (3-31-22)T

**103. SUSPENSION**

**01. Medical Safety.** Ringside physicians may suspend a licensee for medical safety, as set forth in this chart. A ringside physician may additionally require proof of medical clearance for release of suspension:

Technical Knockout (TKO) Occurrence	Loss of Consciousness	Suspension
1	None	30 Days
1	Less than one minute	90 Days
1	Greater than one minute	180 Days
2 in 90 days	None	90 Days
2 in 90 days	Less than one minute	180 Days
2 in 90 days	Greater than one minute	360 Days
3 in 365 days	None	12 Months
3 in 365 days	Regardless of time	18 Months

**02. Violation of Laws or Rules.** A violation of another state's laws or rules governing boxing, wrestling, martial arts, or any other sport which also exists in this state, shall be grounds for suspension of a combatant.

**03. Honoring Actions of Agencies in Other Jurisdictions.** The Commission may honor the suspension actions of agencies in other jurisdictions which regulate boxing, wrestling, martial arts, or any other sport may suspend a combatant's license in Idaho as determined by the Commission.

**04. Other.** The Commission may also suspend for any other conduct which discredits boxing, wrestling, martial arts, or any other sport as determined by the Commission.

**104. FEMALE COMBATANTS.**

**01. Limitation.** A female combatant will not engage in a contest with a male combatant. (3-31-22)T

**02. General Requirements.** In addition to meeting such requirements of this chapter as are applicable to combatants generally, a female applicant will submit to pregnancy test prior to the contest.. (3-31-22)T

**03. Addendum Requirement.** A female combatant will, in addition to signing the contract, sign an addendum certifying that the combatant is not pregnant. (3-31-22)T

**105. HEALTH INSURANCE.**

The promoter may not require a participant to pay a deductible associated with care provided under Idaho Code 54-

408(5). If a participant injured during a contest or exhibition pays for medical, surgical or hospital care, the insurance proceeds must be paid to the participant or the participant's beneficiaries for reimbursement for the payment. (3-31-22)T

**106. SURETY BOND OR OTHER SECURITY.**

**01. Requirement.** Every promoter who applies for a sanctioning permit shall furnish a surety bond or other form of financial security to the Commission consistent with Section 54-408, Idaho Code.

**02. Various Locations.** The promoter may apply one (1) bond or other form of financial security to multiple locations if only one (1) of the covered locations is scheduled for an event on any given calendar date. (3-31-22)T

**03. Total Sum.** Each bond or other form of financial security must be conditioned for the payment to the Commission of a sum equivalent to the total sale of tickets if the main event is neither held on the original date advertised nor on a subsequent date fixed by the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**04. Sum Due.** The sum is due within fifteen (15) days after default, to ensure reimbursement to the purchasers of tickets for the event, if the reimbursement of ticket holders is ordered by the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**107. APPROVAL OF SANCTIONED EVENT PERMITS.**

**01. Prior Approval.** A sanctioning permit to hold an event on a specific date, and a permit must be issued by the Commission before the event may be announced or advertised. ()T

**02. Deadline.** A complete application together with application fees, applicable bond amount, proof of insurance, and information regarding the combatants named in the main and semi-main contest must be received by the Commission no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date requested for the event named in the application. Combatants named in contests may be changed at the discretion of the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**03. Cancellation.** The failure of the promoter to notify the Commission of a cancellation at least seven (7) calendar days before the date for the program will result in the forfeiture of all fees and will be grounds for disciplinary action. (3-31-22)T

**108. ARRANGEMENT OF CONTEST FOR PROMOTER.**

A Contest may not be arranged on behalf of a promoter except by a licensed matchmaker. (3-31-22)T

**109. LICENSEES RETAINED**

No person will be retained by a promoter unless currently licensed by the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**110. MANAGER ACTING AS SECOND.**

A manager licensed by the Commission may act as a second without having a second's license. (3-31-22)T

**111. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE AS A RING OFFICIAL.**

**01.** To qualify for a license as a ring official of contests, an applicant will: (3-31-22)T

**a.** Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. The Commission may, for good cause shown, lower the minimum age limit for a particular applicant to eighteen (18) years of age; (3-31-22)T

**b.** Submit a record of conviction of a crime for Commission review in compliance with Section 67-9411, Idaho Code; (3-31-22)T

**c.** Have had at least one (1) year experience in amateur or professional contest as a ring official, or other experience as approved by the Commission; (3-31-22)T

**d.** Submit verifications from two (2) persons of proficiency as a ring official; and (3-31-22)T



e. Each referee licensed by the Commission will be required to undergo an eye examination conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. The Commission may request the licensee to produce all records of the examination. The Commission may require each referee license by the Commission to submit to a pre-fight physical. (3-31-22)T

f. In lieu of the above qualifications, the Commission may accept satisfactory evidence of equivalent qualifications possessed by an applicant who is currently licensed in another state or country. (3-31-22)T

## **112. OFFICIALS OF EVENTS.**

**01. Officials Described.** The officials of events are the referee, judges, timekeeper, physician, and the Commission's agents. (3-31-22)T

**02. Commission Involvement.** The Commission will have final approval of all the officials. The promoter may select the announcer, subject to the Commission's approval. (3-31-22)T

## **113. REFEREES.**

**01. Protests.** If any licensee of the Commission protests the assignment of a referee, the protesting licensee will be given a hearing by the Commission if time permits. If time does not permit, the matter will be heard by two (2) Commissioners in order to make such disposition of the protest as the facts may justify. Protests not made in a timely manner may be summarily rejected.

**02. Physical Examination.** Each referee licensed by the Commission may be required to submit to or provide proof of a complete physical examination, including an eye examination. (3-31-22)T

## **114. JUDGES.**

**01. Selection.** The Commission will approve the judges for the main event in championship events and for any other events which the Commission considers to be special events. (3-31-22)T

**02. Protests.** If any licensee of the Commission protests the assignment of a judge, the protesting licensee will be given a hearing by the Commission if time permits. If time does not permit, the matter will be heard by two (2) Commissioners in order to make such disposition of the protest as the facts may justify. Protests not made in a timely manner may be summarily rejected. (3-31-22)T

**03. Station of Judges.** Judges will be stationed ringside at places approved by the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**04. Physical Examination.** Each judge licensed by the Commission may be required to submit to or provide proof of a complete physical examination, including an eye examination. (3-31-22)T

## **115. DISCIPLINE.**

**01. Grounds for Discipline.** The Commission may take disciplinary action, including denial, suspension, or revocation of a license, or other appropriate action, against an applicant or licensee for: (3-31-22)T

- a. Violation of the laws or rules of the Commission.(3-31-22)T
- b. A felony conviction relevant to licensure with the Commission; (3-31-22)T
- c. Engaging in illegal bookmaking; (3-31-22)T
- d. Engaging in any illegal gambling activity; (3-31-22)T
- e. Engaging in any fraud or misrepresentation in the application process; (3-31-22)T
- f. A recent history of drug abuse or failing a drug test or refuses to submit to a drug test; (3-31-22)T

- g. Being under suspension from any other commission; (T)
- or h. Failure to report to the Commission a request or suggestion that a contest not be conducted honestly; (3-31-22)T
- i. Engaging in any activity or practice which is detrimental to the best interests of a contest regulated by the Commission. (3-31-22)T
- j. Failing to appear to an agreed-upon event without written good cause from the physician designated by the Commission prior to weigh in.
- k. Allowing any person under suspension to take part as a participant or in arranging or conducting matches or exhibitions.

02. Suspension and Revocations. Licensees with suspended or revoked licenses of this state or another state may not:

- a. Participate in contests;
- b. Participate in matchmaking or holding contests;
- c. Enter dressing rooms at the premises where any program is held;
- d. Sit within six (6) rows of seats from the ring platform;
- e. Approach within six (6) rows of seats from the ring platform;
- f. Communicate in the arena or near the dressing rooms with any of the principals in the contests, their managers, their seconds, or the referee, whether directly or by a messenger, during any program;

**03. Removal from Premises.** Persons who violate the above rule may be ejected from the arena or building where the program is being held, and thereafter, are barred entirely from all premises used for contests or exhibitions while programs are being held.

**04. Disciplinary Action for Use of Dishonest Methods.** Any license revoked for dishonesty, influencing the outcome of any contest, or for conduct reflecting serious discredit upon the sport, will not be eligible to be reinstated for six (6) months for the first offense and permanently in the event of a second violation.

**05. Temporary Suspension.** A manager under temporary suspension forfeits all managerial rights related to any licensed combatant during any sanctioned event. A combatant, matchmaker, or promoter who engages with a suspended manager may be indefinitely suspended.

**06. Continuation.** A combatant whose manager is suspended may compete independently and sign match contracts. Promoters may not pay a suspended manager or their agent but must pay the combatant in full.

**116. AMATEUR ATHLETIC SANCTIONING ORGANIZATIONS.** The Commission, in its sole discretion, may approve an entity as an officially recognized amateur athletic sanctioning organization that may sanction amateur events which:

01. Submits an application on a Commission approved form,
02. Can demonstrate that its officers or principals have a minimum of three (3) years total combined amateur or professional experience in at least three (3) of the following areas:
  - a. Referee,
  - b. Promotor,
  - c. Judge,
  - d. Inspector, or
  - e. Training and instruction at an established business.
03. Is duly registered with the Idaho Secretary of State as a business authorized to work in Idaho, including a current tax registration through the Department of Revenue.

**116. FEES.** The following annual fees may be aggregated for biennial licensure.

FEE TYPE	AMOUNT	RENEWAL
Professional Combatant	<del>\$150</del> 100	<del>\$150</del> 100
Amateur Combatant	<del>\$100</del> 50	<del>\$100</del> 50
Non-combatant	<del>\$150</del> 50	<del>\$150</del> 50
Matchmaker	\$250	\$250
Promoter	\$1,000	\$750
Sanction Permit	\$200	\$250
Ring Official	\$150	\$150

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**117. – 199. (RESERVED)**

**200. PHYSICIAN QUALIFICATIONS.**

A physician is an individual licensed under the laws of this state to engage in the general practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine. A physician will also have training or experience in combative sports. (3-31-22)T

**201. PHYSICIAN'S DETERMINATION OF FITNESS OF COMBATANTS AND REFEREE – CERTIFICATION – REPORT.**

**01. Determination of Physician.** The physician who examines any combatant or referee who has contracted to participate in an event will determine that a combatant or referee will not participate in the event and must immediately report such finding to the promoter and the Commission if the combatant is unfit for competition or the referee is unfit for officiating. (3-31-22)T

**02. Written Certification.** If the examining physician finds that the combatants and referees are in good physical condition, the physician will, one (1) hour before the start of the event, give written certification of those findings to the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**03. Physician's Written Report.** Within twenty-four (24) hours after the event ends, the physician will mail or deliver to the Commission his written report on every licensee he examined. The report will be on a form furnished by the Commission.

**04. Non-Certification.** In the event a licensee is determined to be unfit to compete or officiate, they shall be suspended until a physician certifies that they are fit for further competition or officiating. (3-31-22)T

**202. COMBATANT'S REPORT OF OWN ILLNESS OR INJURY – EXAMINATION – FEE.**

**01. Combatant's Report of Non-Participation to Commission.** When a licensed combatant is unable to take part in a contest for which they are under contract because of injury or illness, they will immediately report the fact to the Commission and submit to an examination by a physician designated by the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**02. Payment of Fees to Physician.** The fee for the physician's examination will be paid by the promoter if they have requested the examination, otherwise the fee will be paid by the combatant. (3-31-22)T

**203. PREPARATIONS TO STOP HEMORRHAGING.**

The Commission will periodically review the preparations available to stop hemorrhaging. Avetine and Thrombin are the only Commission approved preparations to stop hemorrhaging. (3-31-22)T

**204. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES.**

The Prohibited substances as set forth in Rule 02.03 are regulated by Commission in the following manner ()T

**01. Urinalysis.** A combatant will submit to a urinalysis or chemical test before or after a contest if the

Commission directs him to do so.

(3-31-22)T

**02. Suspension.** A Combatant who tests positive for a prohibited substance in quantities prohibited by the incorporated document will forfeit purse. (3-31-22)T

**03. Procedure for Testing for Prohibited Substance(s).** (3-31-22)T

**a.** The Commission reserves the right to conduct random drug testing. Combatants may be tested by urine specimen or blood test at the discretion of the Commission. Such drug testing may be overseen by a Commission approved Physician, including all collection of samples, at the Commission's discretion.

**b.** From the time a test is requested to the time a sample is collected, only water may be consumed.

**c.** The physician or agent of the Commission will transport the sample to the testing laboratory while maintaining the chain of custody.

**205. PERCENTAGE OF GATE RECEIPTS TO COMBATANT.**

Each combatant working on a percentage basis will be paid on the basis of the net receipts of each exhibition after state and federal taxes, ring expenses, and the value of complimentary tickets, have been deducted. (3-31-22)T

**206. FINANCIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**01. Sureties.** A combatant may not have a promoter or any of its members, stockholders, officials, matchmakers or assistant matchmakers act directly or indirectly as manager, or hold any financial interest in the management of the combatant's earnings.

**02. Advances.** A promoter licensed by the Commission will not directly or indirectly make any loan or advance to any combatant or manager, unless the promoter has the express written permission of the Commission for that action. (3-31-22)T

**207. PAYMENTS**

**01. Generally.** All payments must be made in legal tender, including bank checks and transfers, unless specified by contract with approval of the Commission.

**02. Combatants.** Consistent with Section 54-402, Idaho Code, promoters may not compensate amateurs for participating in or being associated with events, including paying and amateurs to sell tickets or merchandise or provide services related to an event.

**03. Promoters.** Promoters may withhold from a combatant's purse money if agreed upon in writing and approved by the Commission, up to ten percent (10%) of the purse. Reconciliation of these expenses and payment of the remaining purse shall be made to the Commission within seven (7) working days after the contest, and written approval of the combatant. The Commissioner may grant an extension of up to thirty (30) days for good cause shown.

**04. Manager's Share.** A manager's share of the purse may be deducted and paid directly to the manager if the contract so specifies. (3-31-22)T

**05. Timing.** Checks or cash shall be released to entitled persons immediately after the contest or exhibition, or after the combatant's percentage of net receipts is determined, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

(3-31-22)T

**06. Alternative Payment.** The Commission may permit alternative forms of payment, subject to a written request from the promoter at least thirty (30) days before the contest, detailing the proposed method of payment

and showing good cause for a waiver of the Commission's provisions. The promoter shall comply with all Commission requirements and procedural directives if the request is granted. (3-31-22)T

**208. – 298. (RESERVED)**

**299. CHANGES TO MAIN AND SEMI-MAIN EVENTS.**

**01. Notice.** The promoter must request Commission approval of any change, including substitutions, in an announced or advertised program for the main and semi-main events at least one (1) week before the event. Notice of any change or substitution must also be conspicuously posted at the box office of the premises where the program is to be held and announced from the ring before the opening contest. (3-31-22)T

**02. Refunds.** If such change to the main or semi-main events occur and any patron desires a refund of the ticket price, the promoter will provide a refund upon presentation of the ticket or the ticket stub at the box office before the event is scheduled to begin. The box office must remain open a reasonable length of time to redeem such tickets. (3-31-22)T

**300. PROGRAM FOR CHARITY.**

**01. Application.** A promoter may present an event for charity upon application to the Board. The Board will review any application that includes the name of the benefiting charity and EIN establishing 501(c)(3) or (6) status before issuing a sanctioning permit for the contest or exhibition at the Commission's sole discretion. The Commission may waive any rules within this chapter, including fees, for charity events.

**02. Certified, Itemized Statement.** Within five (5) business days after such a program is held, the promoter will furnish to the Commission a certified itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the program and the net amount paid to the charitable fund or organization. If the promoter fails to file the statement within the prescribed time, the Commission: (3-31-22)T

- a. May suspend or revoke the promoter's license; and (3-31-22)T
- b. May prohibit the promoter from holding any program for charitable purposes. (3-31-22)T

**301. BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.**

All drinks at an event will be dispensed in paper or plastic cups. (3-31-22)T

**302. – 399. (RESERVED)**

**400. TICKETS**

**01.** Promoters may not sell tickets beyond the seating capacity of a venue; no standing-room sections are allowed. All attendees must present a ticket, except:

- a. A Commission designee or Commission member;
- b. Persons designated by the Commission for official duty;
- c. Officials attending under provisions of state law or these rules;
- d. The principals, managers, and corners involved in the contest;
- e. The emergency personnel on duty for the contest;
- f. Press; and
- g. Persons arranged by the promoter or employed by the venue for other duties.

**02. Complimentary Tickets.** Pursuant to Section 54-411(2), Idaho Code, complimentary tickets are limited to two percent (2%) of the seats.

**03.** All revenues from the contest and must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of the contest. The state fee on those gross receipts will be delivered to the commission with this report. To comply with this section:

- a. Licensees can not resell or enter into a contract to resell tickets;
- b. A promoter may not issue a ticket to any person for the purpose of readmission due to leaving the arena and later reentering the arena without the Commission's written permission.
- c. Requests for changes in ticket prices or dates of programs will be made in writing to the Commission for approval.

**04.** Promoters must prepare an inventory of all tickets and send that inventory to the Commission within thirty (30) days of any contest.

**05.** The promoter must maintain records related to tickets and revenues for at least six (6) months.

401. – 499. (RESERVED)

**500. POSTPONEMENT OF PROGRAM.**

**01. Prior Approval.** A promoter may only postpone a sanctioned event with approval from the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**02. No Fault Postponement.** If a postponement of a sanctioned event becomes necessary through no fault of the promoter, the Commission will grant an extension of the contracts and set a new date. (3-31-22)T

**03. Limitations on Postponement.** A promoter may not call off a sanctioned event without one (1) week prior written approval of the Commission. A small advance sale is not a legitimate reason for postponement. Indoor boxing and wrestling programs may not be called off or canceled on account of storms or for any other reason not expressed in this chapter except as approved by the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**501. MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS.** A promotor must contact the local fire department prior to any event to ensure adequate medical readiness coverage is present for the event.

**502. SANITATION.**

Each promoter is responsible for and must correct any violation of the regulations of the Commission or the public health district regarding the sanitary condition of dressing rooms, showers, water bottles, towels or other equipment, including prior to, during, and after conclusion of an event. (3-31-22)T

**503. AUTHORIZED PERSONS IN DRESSING ROOMS.**

**01. Authorized Persons to Enter.** On the day of a contest only the following people are allowed in the dressing room of a combatant: (3-31-22)T

- a.** The combatant's manager; (3-31-22)T
- b.** The combatant's seconds; (3-31-22)T
- c.** Any authorized agent of the promoter; and (3-31-22)T

- d. Members of the Commission or its agent. (3-31-22)T

**02. Other Persons.** The promoter will furnish a doorman or doormen at the entrance to the dressing rooms to enforce this section. (3-31-22)T

**504. EQUIPMENT OF THE CHIEF SECOND.**

- 01. Equipment.** The chief second will be equipped with: (3-31-22)T

a. A clear plastic water bottle; (3-31-22)T

b. A bucket containing ice; (3-31-22)T

c. A solution of a kind approved by the Commission for stopping hemorrhaging; (3-31-22)T

d. Adhesive tape; (3-31-22)T

e. Gauze; (3-31-22)T

f. Scissors; and (3-31-22)T

g. One (1) extra mouthpiece. (3-31-22)T

- 02. Ammonia.** No ammonia may be used in the ring. (3-31-22)T

**03. Inspection.** The ring physician or the Commission may at any time inspect the contents of the chief second's first-aid kit. (3-31-22)T

**505. – 599. (RESERVED)**

**600. WEIGHING IN OF COMBATANTS.**

**01. Attendees and Scales Used at Weigh-In.** Each combatant will be weighed in the presence of the public, the other combatant, the Commission and an official representing the promoter, on scales approved by the Commission at any place designated by the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**02. Attire.** The combatant will have all weights stripped from his body before they are weighed in, but they may wear shorts. (3-31-22)T



**03. Press Attendance.** Press who provide official identification will be admitted to each final weighing in of a combatant. (3-31-22)T

**04. Security.** The owner or operator of the premises in which the weighing in is held will provide adequate security for all those present. (3-31-22)T

**601. COMBATANTS MUST REPORT.**

Each combatant will report to the Commission in the dressing rooms at least one (1) hour before their scheduled time of the first match. (3-31-22)T

**602. COSTUME AND EQUIPMENT.**

**01. Costume.** Each combatant on a program will provide the Commission approved ring costume. (3-31-22)T

**02. Fit.** The trunks must be loose fitting and made of a lightweight cloth. The belt of the trunks must not extend above the waist line. (3-31-22)T

**03. Other Equipment.** Each combatant will wear: (3-31-22)T

**a.** A mouthpiece which has been individually fitted; and (3-31-22)T

**b.** An abdominal cup (3-31-22)T

**603. COMBATANT'S PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.**

**01. Grease or Foreign Substances.** The excessive use of grease or any other foreign substance may not be used on the face of a combatant. The referees or the Commission will cause any excessive grease or foreign substance to be removed. (3-31-22)T

**02. Hair.** The Commission will determine whether head or facial hair presents any hazard to the safety of the combatant or their opponent or will interfere with the supervision and conduct of the contest. (3-31-22)T

**604. PHYSICIAN – SUITABLE PLACE TO EXAMINE COMBATANT – FEE – EMERGENCY TREATMENT.**

**01. Suitable Examination Place.** The promoter will provide the physician designated by the Commission a suitable place to examine each combatant. (3-31-22)T

**02. Fees.** The physician is entitled to receive a fee for their services at a bout. (3-31-22)T

**03. Emergency Treatment.** The physician will give any injured combatant temporary or emergency treatment in the arena or dressing room and no additional fee may be charged. (3-31-22)T

**605. CONTINUOUS PRESENCE OF PHYSICIAN AT RINGSIDE.**

**01. Presence of Physician at Ringside.** The physician designated by the Commission will sit at the immediate ringside at every event. A contest may not proceed unless the physician is seated at ringside. The physician must not leave until released by the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**02. Injury to Combatant During Round.** When a combatant appears to have been injured during the course of a round, their manager or second cannot attempt to render aid before the physician has had an opportunity to examine them. (3-31-22)T

**606. PROCEDURE FOR USE OF SCORECARDS.**

**01. Scorecards.** The Commission will give scorecards to each judge before the start of the contest. (3-31-22)T

**02. Scoring by Judges.** The judges will score each round of the contest on an individual scorecard and sign it. The scorekeeper will pick up the scorecard from each judge and turn in the scorecards at the Commission's desk at the end of the contest. (3-31-22)T

**607. REFEREE'S INSTRUCTIONS TO COMBATANTS.**

Before a contest, the referee will ask the combatant the name of their chief second, who will be in charge of any assistant seconds during the contest. The referee will call combatants together before each contest for final instructions, accompanied only by their chief second. (3-31-22)T

**608. LIMITATIONS ON SECONDS.**

**01. Number of Seconds.** No combatant will have more than three (3) seconds except that in a contest for a world title the Commission may authorize four (4) seconds. (3-31-22)T

**02. Excessive Use of Water.** Any excessive or undue spraying or throwing of water on any combatant by a second between rounds is prohibited. (3-31-22)T

**609. PERSONS ALLOWED IN RING.**

No persons other than the combatants and the referee may be in the ring during the progress of a round. (3-31-22)T

**610. UNFAIR PRACTICES – DUTIES OF REFEREES.**

**01. Enforcing the Rules.** A referee is responsible for enforcing the rules of the contest and cannot permit unfair practices that may cause injury to a combatant. (3-31-22)T

**02. Warnings.** Referees will warn the combatants whenever they are committing fouls. (3-31-22)T

**03. Deducting Points.** If a combatant persists in committing fouls after a warning, the referee may deduct points from or disqualify them. (3-31-22)T

**611. STOPPING OF CONTEST – ONE-SIDED CONTEST – RISK OF INJURY – EXAMINATION BY PHYSICIAN.**

**01. One-Sided Contested.** The referee may stop a contest at any stage if they consider it too one-sided or if either combatant is in such a condition that to continue might subject him to serious injury. (3-31-22)T

**02. Risk of Injury and Examination by Physician.** If a combatant sustains any injury concerning to the referee, the referee will call the physician into the ring to examine the combatant. The physician will give their opinion to the referee before the referee renders a decision in the matter. (3-31-22)T

**612. STOPPING OF CONTEST – COMBATANT NOT HONESTLY COMPETING.**

If the referee decides a combatant is not intelligently defending themselves, they may stop the contest before its scheduled completion, disqualify the combatant and recommend the purse of that combatant be held pending investigation by the Commission. The announcer will then inform the audience that no decision has been rendered. (3-31-22)T

**613. FAILURE OF COMBATANT TO RESUME.**

A combatant may not leave the ring during any one (1) minute rest period between rounds. If any combatant fails or refuses to resume the contest when the bell sounds signaling the commencement of the next round, the referee will

award a decision of technical knockout to their opponent as of the round which has last been finished, unless the circumstances indicate to the referee the need for investigation or punitive action, in which event the referee will not give a decision and will recommend the purse or purses of either or both combatants to be withheld. (3-31-22)T

**614. PROCEDURE WHEN COMBATANT IS KNOCKED OUT.**

A combatant who has been knocked out will be kept in a prone position until they have recovered. Except for the referee or chief second who may remove the mouthpiece, no one may touch them until the ring physician enters the ring and attends to them. (3-31-22)T

**615. CHANGE OF DECISION IN CONTEST.**

The Commission will not change a decision rendered at the end of any contest unless the combatant files a appeal with the Commission providing documentation that demonstrates:

- 01. Collusion.** Collusion affecting the result of the contest,

(3-31-22)T

- 02. Error in Scoring.** The compilation of scorecards of the judges showing an error which shows that the decision was given to the wrong combatant,

(3-31-22)T

- 03. Error in Interpretation of Rules.** As a result of an error in interpreting a provision of this chapter, the referee has rendered an incorrect decision, or

(3-31-22)T

- 04. Failure of Drug Test.** The Commission determines that there was a violation of Section 205.

(3-31-22)T

**616. PHYSICIAN'S REPORT TO COMMISSION AFTER CONTEST.**

On the report which the Commission-designated physician files after a contest, they shall list each case in which a combatant was injured during the contest, or applied for medical aid after the contest. (3-31-22)T

**617. – 699. (RESERVED)**

**700. GENERAL RULES NOT INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.**

- 01. Use of Official Rules for Art.** Any rules not incorporated by reference must be submitted to the Commission for approval before the Commission will issue a sanctioning permit for the contest or exhibition at the Commission's sole discretion. (3-31-22)T

- 02. Gloves.** For main and semi-main events, gloves will be in new condition and substantially similar for each combatant. (3-31-22)T

**701. SUSPENSION OF MMA CONTEST FOR UNFORESEEN REASONS**

- 01. Unforeseen Reasons.** If a contest has to be suspended for any reason other than the actions of the combatants, the referee will have the clock stopped and attend to the issue. The referee, Commission or Commission's representative will decide the length of time allotted to address the issue. All reasonable efforts are made to resume the contest as soon as possible. It is expected that the responsible party or parties make a true effort to resolve the issue. (3-31-22)T

- 02. Suspicious Circumstances.** If the contest is unexpectedly stopped under suspicious circumstances, all or part of the following actions may take place: (3-31-22)T

- a.** If a combatant or his corner is involved, the offending combatant may be disqualified. (3-31-22)T
- b.** The combatant may be subject to investigation and discipline in the event of a violation of these rules. (3-31-22)T
- c.** In certain circumstances the matter may be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency or

the courts, or both.

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**703. – 799. (RESERVED)**

**800. BOXING – RULES.**

A licensed combatant in a boxing contest must adhere to the Unified Rules of the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports Unified Boxing Rules. (3-31-22)T

**01. The Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports.** The Commission adopts the Unified Boxing Rules of the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports as the official Rules of the Idaho Athletic Commission for boxing. (3-31-22)T

**02. Weights and Classes of Boxing Combatants.** The classes and weights for each class are shown in the following schedule: (3-31-22)T

- a. Strawweight – up to one hundred five (105) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- b. Light-Flyweight – over one hundred five (105) to one hundred eight (108) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- c. Flyweight – over one hundred eight (108) to one hundred twelve (112) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- d. Super Flyweight – over one hundred twelve (112) to one hundred fifteen (115) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- e. Bantamweight – over one hundred fifteen (115) to one hundred eighteen (118) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- f. Super Bantamweight – over one hundred eighteen (118) to one hundred twenty-two (122) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- g. Featherweight – over one hundred twenty-two (122) to one hundred twenty-six (126) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- h. Super Featherweight – over one hundred twenty-six (126) to one hundred thirty (130) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- i. Lightweight – over one hundred thirty (130) to one hundred thirty-five (135) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- j. Super Lightweight – over one hundred thirty-five (135) to one hundred forty (140) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- k. Welterweight – over one hundred forty (140) to one hundred forty-seven (147) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- l. Super Welterweight – over one hundred forty-seven (147) to one hundred fifty-four (154) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- m. Middleweight – over one hundred fifty-four (154) to one hundred sixty (160) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- n. Super Middleweight – over one hundred sixty (160) to one hundred sixty-eight (168) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- o. Light-Heavyweight – over one hundred sixty-eight (168) to one hundred seventy-five (175) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- p. Cruiserweight – over one hundred seventy-five (175) to two hundred (200) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- q. Heavyweight – all over two hundred (200) pounds. (3-31-22)T

**03. Exceeding Weight Allowances.** No contest may be scheduled and no combatant may engage in a

boxing contest without the approval of the Commission if the difference in weight between combatants exceeds the allowance shown in the following schedule: (3-31-22)T

- a. Up to one hundred eighteen (118) pounds – not more than three (3) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- b. One hundred eighteen (118) to one hundred twenty-six (126) pounds – not more than five (5) pounds.  
(3-31-22)T
- c. One hundred twenty-six (126) to one hundred thirty-five (135) pounds – not more than seven (7) pounds.  
(3-31-22)T
- d. One hundred thirty-five (135) to one hundred forty-seven (147) pounds – not more than nine (9) pounds.  
(3-31-22)T
- e. One hundred forty-seven (147) to one hundred sixty (160) pounds – not more than eleven (11) pounds.  
(3-31-22)T
- f. One hundred sixty (160) to one hundred seventy-five (175) – not more than twelve (12) pounds.  
(3-31-22)T
- g. One hundred seventy-five (175) to one hundred ninety-five (195) pounds – not more than twenty  
(20) pounds. (3-31-22)T
- h. One hundred ninety-five (195) pounds and over – no limit. (3-31-22)T

**04. Licensing Exemption.** Amateur Boxing Organizations that meet the conditions set forth within Section 54-406(3)(b), Idaho Code, are considered exempt from the licensing requirements set forth in these rules. (3-31-22)T

**05. Boxing Gloves.** The gloves used in a boxing contest must meet the following requirements: (3-31-22)T

a. All gloves will be examined by the Commission and the referee. The Commission or referee may require the examined gloves to be discarded and replaced with gloves acceptable to the Commission. The gloves for every main event will be new, of the same brand for both combatants, furnished by the promoter, and of the size specified by the Commission. (3-31-22)T  
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b. Each combatant will wear gloves that are not less than eight (8) ounces and not more than ten (10) ounces in weight except that the Commission will set the weight of gloves to be used in a championship fight. Eight (8) ounce gloves will be used for all weight classes through welterweight (one hundred forty-seven (147) lbs). Super welterweight (above one hundred forty-seven (147) lbs) and above must use ten (10) ounce gloves. (3-31-22)T

**06. Bandaging of Combatant's Hands.** Bandages may not exceed one (1) winding of surgeon's adhesive tape, not over one and one-half (1 1/2) inches wide, placed directly on the hand to protect the part of the hand near the wrists. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice but may not extend within three-fourths (3/4) inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist. (3-31-22)T

a. Each combatant will use soft surgical bandage not over two (2) inches wide, held in place by not more than six (6) feet of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. Up to one (1) fifteen (15) yard roll of bandage may be

used to complete the wrappings for each hand. Strips of tape may be used between the fingers to hold down the bandages. (3-31-22)T

b. Bandages must be adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of the Commission and both combatants. Either combatant may waive this privilege.

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**801. BOXING RING.**

A boxing ring will meet the following requirements:

(3-31-22)T

**01. Ring Dimensions.** The ring will be not less than sixteen (16) feet square not more than twenty-four (24) feet square within the ropes. The ring floor will extend at least eighteen (18) inches beyond the ropes. The ring floor will be padded with ensolite or another similar closed-cell foam. Padding will extend beyond the ring ropes and over the edge of the platform, with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform. Material that tends to gather in lumps or ridges must not be used. (3-31-22)T

**02. Ring Platform.** The ring platform will not be more than four (4) feet above the floor of the building, and will be provided with suitable steps for use of combatants. Ring posts will be of metal, not more than three (3) inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a height of fifty-eight (58) inches above the ring floor. Rings posts will be at least eighteen (18) inches away from the ropes. (3-31-22)T

**03. Ropes.** There will be four (4) padded ring ropes, not less than one (1) inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material. The lower rope will be eighteen (18) inches above the ring floor and offset four (4) inches to the outside of the ring from the ropes above. (3-31-22)T

**802. KNOCKDOWN OF BOXING COMBATANT – PROCEDURE FOR COUNTING.**

**01. Knockdown.** When a combatant is knocked down, the referee will order the opponent to retire to the farthest neutral corner of the ring, and immediately begin the count over the combatant who is down. If the opponent fails to stay in the farthest neutral corner, the referee will cease counting until he has returned to his corner and will then go on with the count from the point at which it was interrupted. The referee will indicate the passing of the seconds. When a combatant is knocked down, no combatant may be allowed to resume boxing until the referee has finished counting to eight (8) and is assured that the combatant just arisen is in condition to continue.

**02. Knock-Out.** When a combatant is knocked out, the referee will perform a full ten (10) second count unless, in the judgment of the referee, the safety for the combatant would be jeopardized by such a count. If the combatant is still down when the referee calls the count of ten (10), the referee will indicate there has been a knockout. (3-31-22)T

**03. Both Combatants Down.** If both combatants go down at the same time, the count will be continued as long as one (1) is still down. If both combatants remain down until the count of ten (10), the contest is stopped and the decision is a technical draw. (3-31-22)T

**803. RESUMING COUNT ON BOXING COMBATANT.**

If a knockdown occurs before the normal termination of a round and the boxer who is down stands up before the count of ten (10) is reached and then falls down immediately without being struck, the referee will resume the count where it was left off. If the combatant is on the ring platform outside the ropes, he must enter the ring immediately where he may resume the contest or take a count. The referee will start the count as soon as the combatant who had fallen is back in the ring. (3-31-22)T

**01. Stalling Outside Ropes.** If the combatant stalls for time outside the ropes, the referee will start the count without waiting for him to reenter the ring. (3-31-22)T

**02. Combatant to Neutral Corner.** When one (1) combatant has fallen through the ropes, the other combatant will retire to the farthest corner and stay there until ordered to continue the contest by the referee. (3-31-22)T

**03. Penalty.** A combatant who deliberately wrestles or throws an opponent from the ring, or who hits when he is partly out of the ring and is prevented by the ropes from assuming a position of defense, may be penalized. (3-31-22)T

**804. BOXING COMBATANT DEEMED DOWN.**

A boxer is deemed to be down when any part of his body other than his feet is on the floor or when he is prevented from falling to the floor by the ropes. (3-31-22)T

**805. – 899. (RESERVED)**

**900. WRESTLING – SPECIAL LICENSE FOR A CONTEST.**

Unless a special license has been obtained, all professional wrestling programs under the supervision and authority of the Commission are only exhibitions and not contests, and those exhibitions cannot be advertised or announced as contests. (3-31-22)T

**901. WRESTLING – DISQUALIFICATION FOR DANGEROUS TACTICS.**

**01. Restrictions.** The referee will not permit physically dangerous conduct or tactics. Any wrestler who fails to discontinue those tactics, after being warned by the referee, will be disqualified and have their purse held up and paid to the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**02. Professionalism.** A referee cannot participate in an exhibition to the extent that the Commission or the referee is made to look ridiculous. (3-31-22)T

**902. LICENSEE'S DUTIES AT WRESTLING EXHIBITION.**

**01. Conduct.** The referee, promoter and their agents, attaches and employees, and participants in any wrestling exhibition will maintain peace, order and decency in the conduct of the exhibition. (3-31-22)T

**02. No Abusive Behavior.** A person involved in such exhibition will not abuse the referee or an official of the Commission. (3-31-22)T

**03. Decision and Appeal.** The Commission will hear any complaint about a referee or an official. (3-31-22)T

**903. WRESTLERS – PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.**

Any person applying for or renewing a license as a wrestler will first be examined by a physician approved by the Commission to establish physical and mental fitness. A wrestler will be furnished a list of approved examining physicians by the Commission. The Commission may order the examination of any wrestler for the purpose of determining whether the wrestler is fit and qualified to engage in further exhibitions. (3-31-22)T

**904. – 999. (RESERVED)**