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State of Connecticut

REGULATION

of the

NAME OF AGENCY:
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Concerning

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION:
BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Section 1: The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding sections 29-143j-1a to 29-143j-81a, inclusive, as follows:

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-1a. Definitions

As used in sections 29-143j-1a to 29-143j-81a, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:
(1) "Association of Boxing Commissions" means the organization comprised of state and tribal boxing commissions from the United States and Canada and recognized by the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, 15 U.S.C. 89, as amended by the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000, as having the authority for the oversight and establishment of regulatory guidelines to promote, through its membership, the improvement of the sports of boxing and mixed martial arts.
(2) "Amateur boxer" means a boxer who has not engaged in boxing contests as a professional or for a money prize, purse or as a means of livelihood. An amateur boxer may receive a trophy or other non-monetary award that does not exceed one hundred dollars in value;
(3) "Amateur mixed martial arts competitor" means a mixed martial arts competitor who has not engaged in mixed martial arts contests as a professional or for a money prize, purse or as a means of livelihood. An amateur mixed martial arts competitor may receive a trophy or other non-monetary award that does not exceed one hundred dollars in value;
(4) "Bout" means a single match of unarmed combat between two boxers or two mixed martial arts competitors for a set number of scheduled rounds;
(5) "Boxer" means any person in the sport or skill of fighting solely with the gloved fist;
(6) "Boxer-Federal Identification Card" means a federal identification card issued to any boxer for the purpose of registration and identification pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth by the Association of Boxing Commissions to any boxer.
(7) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection;
(8) "Combat area" means that area where a boxing or mixed martial arts bout takes place;
(9) "Consultant" means a person, other than an attorney at law, that a boxer or mixed martial arts competitor refers to for expert or professional advice;
(10) "Contest" means a series of bouts that consists of at least twenty-four scheduled rounds where boxers or mixed martial arts competitors strive in good faith to win;
(11) "Contestant" means a boxer or mixed martial arts competitor;
(12) "Department" means the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

(13) "Dressing room" means the area or room where contestants put on boxing or mixed martial arts attire and equipment;
(14) "Exhibition" means a bout between two boxers or two mixed martial arts competitors where a winner or loser shall not be determined, but where the boxers or mixed martial arts competitors may display their skills;
(15) "Illness" means any affliction of the body including the common cold, which deprives the body temporarily of the power to fulfill its usual functions;
(16) "Inspector" means any person designated by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative to represent the commissioner at all boxing or mixed martial arts sparring matches, contests or exhibitions pursuant to section 29-143j of the Connecticut General Statutes;
(17) "Manager" means any person, partnership, corporation or other business entity that performs at least one of the following functions:
(A) By contract, agreement or other arrangement with any person, undertakes or has undertaken to represent in any way the interest of any other person in procuring, arranging or conducting a boxing or mixed martial arts bout, contest or exhibition in which such person is to participate as a boxer or mixed martial arts competitor;
(B) Directs or controls the activities of any boxer or mixed martial arts competitor;
(C) Receives or is entitled to receive more than ten percent of the gross earnings of any professional boxer or mixed martial arts competitor for any services relating to such contestant's participation in a professional contest or exhibition;
(D) Is an officer, director or stockholder of any corporation which receives or is entitled to receive more than ten percent of the gross earnings of any professional boxer or mixed martial arts competitor for services relating to such contestant's participation in a professional contest or exhibition; or
(E) Acts as a consultant or an advisor relating to a professional or amateur's participation in a contest or exhibition.
(18) "Matchmaker" means any person, partnership, corporation or other business entity that arranges the separate bouts for a contest or exhibition;
(19) "Mixed martial arts" means the sport or skill of unarmed combat involving the use of a combination of techniques from different disciplines of the martial arts and includes grappling, kicking, jujitsu and striking;
(20) "Mixed martial arts competitor" means any person in the sport or skill of unarmed combat involving the use of a combination of techniques from different disciplines of the martial arts and includes grappling, kicking, jujitsu and striking;
(21) "Mixed Martial Arts- National Mixed Martial Arts Identification Card" means a national mixed martial arts identification card issued to any competitor for the purpose of registration and identification pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth by the Association of Boxing Commissions.
(22) "Official" means any timekeeper, announcer, physician, referee, judge or other person authorized by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative to perform a specific required regulatory function during a particular contest or exhibition.
(23) "Professional boxer" means any person who competes for a money prize or purse in any boxing contest or exhibition;
(24) "Professional mixed martial arts competitor" means any person who competes for a money prize or purse in any mixed martial arts contest or exhibition;
(25) "Promoter" means any person, partnership, corporation or other business entity that produces, stages, arranges or furthers a contest or exhibition;
(26) "Ringside" means the seating immediately abutting the combat area where the officials, the commissioner and such commissioner's authorized representatives and the press sit during a contest or exhibition;
(27) "Round" means the timed period during which two boxers box or two mixed martial arts competitors engage in unarmed combat within the combat area;
(28) "Second" means a trainer or coach authorized to assist a contestant within the dressing room or alongside the combat area in preparation for, during the course of, or after the conclusion of such contestant's bout.

(29) "School, college or university" means every school, college or university whether or not supported in whole or in part from public funds, which is determined by the State Board of Education to be maintained primarily for the giving of general academic instruction;
(30) "Sparring" means all training conducted by a boxer or mixed martial arts competitor in preparation for a bout, contest or exhibition and includes physical contact in the combat area;
(31) "Technical knockout" means the ending of a bout by a referee for any reason other than a count out or disqualification; and
(32) "The regulations" shall refer to sections 29-143j-1a to 29-143j-81a, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-2a. Professional Boxing Safety Act and the Unified Rules of Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts

The Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, 15 U.S.C. 89, as amended by the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000 and the regulatory guidelines certified and published by the Association of Boxing Commissions, including, but not limited to, the Unified Rules of Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts, are adopted by reference and apply to sections 29-143j-2a to 29--143j-81a, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

APPROVAL OF CONTEST OR EXHIBITION

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-3a. When a contest or exhibition may be announced

No individual may announce that a contest or exhibition shall take place unless the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative has approved such contest or exhibition. The promoter shall notify the commissioner in writing of any proposed contest or exhibition, and shall include in such notice the name and location of the proposed facility and the number of proposed bouts at least thirty days prior to the proposed date of the contest or exhibition.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-4a. Number of rounds per contest

There shall be at least twenty-four scheduled rounds in any one scheduled boxing or mixed martial arts contest.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-5a. Approval by commissioner

(a) Before approving any contest or exhibition the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall inquire into the relative merits of the contestants, such contestants' past records and whether or not they are suitable opponents. The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall have the discretion to disapprove any bout, contest or exhibition on the ground that is not in the best interest of boxing, mixed martial arts or the health of either of the contestants.
(b) The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall have the discretion to disapprove any combined professional and amateur bout, contest or exhibition on the ground that the bout, contest or exhibition it is not in the best interest of boxing, mixed martial arts or the health of the contestants.
(c) The promoter shall submit a certified letter from the owner or manager of a facility registered under section 29-143j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agenciesstating that the promoter is approved to use the facility for a bout, contest or exhibition.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-6a. Contest or exhibition in connection with a charitable organization

No promoter shall conduct any contest or exhibition under the auspices of or in conjunction with any charitable organization unless the promoter first submits to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative the agreement between the promoter and the charitable organization setting forth the terms and conditions of the proposed contest or exhibition and receives the commissioner's or such commissioner's authorized representative's approval.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-7a. Changes of contestant in contest or exhibition

(a) A notice of any change in the announced or advertised contestant or contestants in a contest or exhibition shall be approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative prior to the change being made and announced.

(b) Notice of such an approved change shall be announced and advertised as soon as possible after the change has been approved.

(c) The notice of such an approved change shall also be announced from the combat area prior to the opening bout.

(d) Any ticket holder may obtain a full refund due to such a change by presenting such ticket holder's ticket at the box office before the conclusion of the opening bout.

(e) The promoter shall be responsible for ticket refunds to ticket holders in the event of any change in the contestant or contestants or cancellation of a contest or an exhibition.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-8a. Contracts

All contracts between a boxer's or mixed martial arts competitor's managers, matchmakers and promoters shall be filed with the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative at least seventy-two hours prior to the scheduled contest or exhibition, unless otherwise authorized by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative. Contract forms may be obtained from the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-9a. Minimum Compensation

(a) Boxing

The minimum compensation paid to any professional boxer who competes in at least a four-round bout shall be one hundred dollars.

(b) Mixed martial arts

The minimum compensation paid to any professional mixed martial arts competitor who competes in at least a three-round bout shall be one hundred dollars or such other sum as the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall approve.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-10a. Disclosure of financial dealings or family relationships

The promoter producing a contest or exhibition shall have no financial dealings, directly or indirectly, with a manager, boxer or mixed martial arts competitor who is engaged in a bout produced by the promoter, nor shall the promoter produce a contest or exhibition in which the manager, boxer or mixed martial arts competitor is a member of the promoter's immediate family, unless the financial dealings or relationship is disclosed to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative prior to the time that the contest or exhibition is approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-11a. Papers filed with the commissioner

All applications, records and other papers or documents filed with or submitted to the commissioner become the property of the department.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-12a. Records

All records and other documents of any person licensed under chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes that pertain to the licensed activity shall, during regular business hours, be subject to the inspection of the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

DUTIES OF THE PROMOTER

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-13a. Duties of the promoter

(a) All promoters shall make such arrangements to safeguard the premises where contests or exhibitions are conducted so as to ensure to the commissioner's or such commissioner's authorized representative's satisfaction that adequate protection against injury, disorderly conduct or other

unlawful act has been provided.

(b) All promoters shall provide, in each registered facility where contests or exhibitions are conducted, a private room for the referees and a second private room for the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(c) All promoters shall be responsible for payment of all officials.

(d) All promoters, in distributing the receipts of any contest or exhibition, shall first deduct all taxes due to the state pursuant to section 29-143m of the Connecticut General Statutes and then deduct all sums due for payments to the officials and insurance premiums. Thereafter, the contestants shall be compensated.

(e) The promoter's license shall be available for inspection by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative at any time.

(f) All promoters shall supply suitable seating alongside the combat area for the following officials and the commissioner and the commissioner's authorized representatives. The seating shall be as follows:

(1) Three high chairs for the judges:
  (A) Boxing judges' chairs shall be placed in the center of three of the four ringside rows; and
  (B) Mixed martial arts judges' chairs shall be in a position that allows each judge a good vantage point to view the match.
(2) One seat for the announcer;
(3) One seat for the timekeepers;
(4) One seat in each contestant's corner for the commissioner's representative;
(5) One seat in each contestant's corner for each combat area physician; and
(6) Such other seats as required by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

The seating of the officials, commissioner and the commissioner's authorized representative shall take precedence over anyone else sitting alongside the combat area. Tickets shall not be sold for these seats.

(g) The promoter is responsible for and shall maintain proper sanitary conditions with respect to the combat area, dressing rooms, toilets, showers, water bottles, towels and other athletic equipment.

(h) The promoter shall arrange to have an ambulance with at least one advanced emergency medical technician or certified paramedic and all necessary emergency medical equipment continually available at the facility throughout the entire contest or exhibition for injured contestants who may need immediate medical attention or transportation to the nearest hospital.

(i) The promoter shall be responsible for ticket refunds to ticket holders in the event of any change in or cancellation of a contest or an exhibition.

BONDING OF PROMOTERS

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-14a. Performance bond

(a) The commissioner may require any promoter to furnish a surety bond to the commissioner in an amount deemed by the commissioner to be adequate to ensure reimbursement to the ticket holders and payment of services rendered by the boxers or mixed martial arts competitors, timekeepers, the announcer, physicians, referees, judges and other officials, as well as the payment of taxes.

(b) In the event a promoter guarantees a money prize, purse or monetary compensation to the contestants, the commissioner may require the promoter to furnish a surety bond in the amount of the guaranteed amount of the money prize, purse or monetary compensation.

(c) Every surety bond allowed by this section or otherwise required to be furnished to the commissioner shall be approved by the commissioner. The bond shall be received by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative at least five days prior to the contest or exhibition, unless otherwise authorized by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(d) The commissioner may accept a certified check either in whole or in part, in lieu of a surety

bond.

(e) Every surety bond allowed by this section or otherwise required to be furnished to the commissioner shall be released when the commissioner has reason to believe that the obligations secured by such bond have been honored. In no event shall the bond be released until at least sixty days after the contest or exhibition has been held.

INSURANCE

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-15a. Insurance

(a) All promoters shall continuously provide insurance for the protection of boxers participating in contests or exhibitions produced by the promoter. Such insurance coverage shall provide for at least twenty thousand dollars to the boxer for medical, dental, surgical and hospital care for all injuries sustained while participating in any sparring match, bout, contest or exhibition conducted under the control of such promoter.

(b) Said insurance shall also contain a death benefit payment of at least fifty thousand dollars to the estate of the deceased boxer if such death is occasioned by injuries received during the course of sparring or during the course of a bout, contest or exhibition conducted under the control of such promoter.

(c) A boxer may be required to pay for the deductible amounts of said insurance, provided that the boxer shall not be required to pay more than the boxer received or would have received as a money, prize or purse.

(d) The promoter shall furnish to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative, at least five days prior to the scheduled date of the contest or exhibition, a copy of the insurance policy or binder required in subsection (a) of this section.

LIABILITY

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-16a. Liability

Any person, firm or corporation that employs or contracts with a person to be a contestant in a mixed martial arts bout, contest or exhibition conducted pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be liable for any health care costs incurred by such contestant pursuant to section 29-143aa of the Connecticut General Statutes.

LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-17a. Who shall be licensed and registered

(a) All boxing and mixed martial arts promoters, referees, judges, matchmakers, assistant matchmakers, timekeepers, announcers, professional and amateur boxers, professional and amateur mixed martial arts competitors, managers and seconds shall be licensed by the commissioner and no person, corporation or other business entity shall be permitted to participate, either directly or indirectly, in any contest or exhibition or the holding thereof, unless such person, corporation or other business entity has first obtained the appropriate license or registration from the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. All licenses shall be valid for the current calendar year, January 1- December 31.

(b) All amateur boxers shall be licensed or registered by an amateur athletic association approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative before the amateur boxers participate in any contest or exhibition.

(c) All facilities shall be registered before holding a contest or exhibition in accordance with section 29-143j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-18a. Application for licensure or registration

All applications for licensure or registration shall be made on forms provided by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-19a. Payment for license or registration

Payment for each license or registration shall accompany the application. Payment may be

made by cash, check or money order. Checks and money orders should be made payable to, "TREASURER, STATE OF CONNECTICUT."

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-20a. Promoter

(a) In order to be licensed as a promoter, a business entity shall provide to the commissioner a certificate of good standing from the Connecticut Office of the Secretary of the State, a photocopy of the last annual report filed with the Secretary of the State and a listing of all current officers and directors. The fee for the promoter's license shall be three hundred fifteen dollars.

(b) In order to be licensed as a promoter, an individual shall provide an affidavit to the commissioner attesting to the fact that the individual is over the age of eighteen and shall fully disclose any conviction history. The fee for the promoter's license shall be three hundred fifteen dollars.

(c) The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall not issue any license to any promoter unless the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is the real party in interest and intends to conduct a contest or exhibition.

(d) The promoter shall furnish to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative a listing of all of the promoter's employees or designated contacts that will be participating in the contest or exhibition.

(e) In order to be issued or renew a promoter's license, the promoter shall furnish to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative a copy of such promoter's worker's compensation policy or binder in accordance with section 31-286a (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(f) In order to be licensed as a promoter, each individual or business entity shall comply with the provisions of this section and provide such other proof regarding the individual's qualifications as the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may require.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-21a. Matchmaker and Assistant Matchmaker

The fee for a matchmaker or assistant matchmaker's license shall be one hundred thirty dollars.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-22a. Facility Registration

(a) In order to be registered, the facility shall provide the following to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative:

(1) Name and address of facility;
(2) The name of the owner of the facility;
(3) The name of the manager of the facility;
(4) Certification from the local building official attesting to the suitability of the facility for a contest or an exhibition;
(5) Certification from the local fire marshal attesting to the fact that the facility is in compliance with the fire safety and fire prevention codes; and
(6) A full description of the facility's sanitary facilities and emergency medical facilities.

(b) Any facility registered under this section shall dispense any beverages to patrons in plastic or paper cups during any bout, contest or exhibition.

(c) The registration fee shall be one hundred dollars.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-23a. Announcers

The fee for an announcer's license shall be thirty dollars.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-24a. Timekeepers

The fee for a timekeeper's license shall be thirty dollars.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-25a. Judges

Prior to obtaining a license to judge, the applicant shall undergo an annual ophthalmological examination showing the applicant's vision is at least 20/40 with or without correction. The fee for a

judge's license shall be one hundred thirty dollars.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-26a. Referees

Prior to obtaining a license to referee, the applicant shall annually undergo a complete physical examination, an ophthalmological examination showing the applicant's vision is at least 20/40 with or without correction and any other test or examination the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative deems appropriate. The fee for a referee's license shall be one hundred thirty dollars.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-27a. Manager

(a) All applications for a manager's license shall contain a true statement of all persons associated with the manager including family members, employees, stockholders, partners and independent contractors. On the application, the manager shall include the name and address of each contestant that the manager represents and shall designate if the contestant is an amateur or professional. During the course of a bout, a licensed manager may act as a second for such manager's contestant without the need for licensure as a second. Managers shall keep accurate records of the receipts and expenses of the contestants under the manager's management and control.

(b) No manager shall contract for the services of a contestant under the manager's management for a bout scheduled after the expiration date of the contract between the manager and the manager's contestant unless such bout has been approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(c) The commissioner shall not recognize any contract between a manager and a boxer or mixed martial arts competitor unless a copy of the contract is filed with the commissioner at the time that either become licensed in this state or no later than thirty days of the signing of the contract if the contract was entered into after the boxer, mixed martial arts competitor or the manager became licensed in this state.

(d) The fee for a manager's license shall be one hundred thirty dollars.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-28a. Boxers and mixed martial arts competitors

(a) Identification Cards

(1) Boxer-Federal Identification Card

The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may issue a Federal Identification Card for the purpose of registration and identification pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth by the Association of Boxing Commissions to any boxer residing in this state who applies and provides all information requested by the commissioner or commissioner's authorized representative. Such Identification Card shall be renewed at least once every four years.

(2) Mixed Martial Arts- National Mixed Martial Arts Identification Card

The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may issue a National Mixed Martial Arts Identification Card for the purpose of registration and identification pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth by the Association of Boxing Commissions to any mixed martial arts competitor residing in this state who applies and provides all information requested by the commissioner or commissioner's authorized representative.

(3) Such identification cards shall not be substituted for any department license issued by the commissioner pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or the regulations.

(b) License

(1) An applicant for a boxer's or mixed martial arts competitor's license shall submit proof to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative that the applicant is qualified to compete. Such proof may include the issuance of a similar license by another state or licensing authority or the applicant's amateur or professional experience.

(2) No contestant shall be licensed or allowed to compete in any contest or exhibition if

the contestant has not satisfied requirements pursuant to Sec. 29-143j-41a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies or if such contestant is under active suspension imposed by any state or other licensing authority recognized by the Association of Boxing Commissions.

(3) The fee for a professional license shall be thirty dollars.

(4) The fee for an amateur license shall be fifteen dollars.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-29a. Seconds

An applicant for a second's license may be required to submit a recommendation from a licensed manager, matchmaker, promoter or such other proof regarding the individual's qualifications, as the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may require. The fee for a second's license shall be thirty dollars.

DENIAL, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION OF A LICENSE OR REGISTRATION

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-30a. Grounds

(a) The following are grounds for the denial, suspension or revocation of a contestant's license:

(1) Receiving payment prior to the conclusion of the contest, absent full disclosure pursuant to section 29-143j-8a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(2) Testing positive for a controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes in any urine or blood analysis.

(3) Any suspension imposed by any state or other licensing authority recognized by the Association of Boxing Commissions.

(b) The following are grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of the license or registration of anyone licensed or registered pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or the regulations, including contestants:

(1) Engaging in conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive or defraud the public or the commissioner.

(2) Participating in any disorderly act, assault or breach of decorum.

(3) Failing to report a suspected or actual injury or illness of a contestant to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(4) Informing the media of an illness or injury to a contestant before notifying the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(5) Violating any of the provisions of chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or any regulation adopted pursuant to any such provisions.

(6) Participating in any bout, contest or exhibition that has not been approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(c) The following are grounds for the immediate suspension of a contestant's license:

(1) Sustaining a severe injury or a knockout in any bout or in any jurisdiction; and

(2) Testing positive for a controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes, in any urine or blood analysis.

(d) The period of suspension shall be determined by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative and shall take effect upon the oral or written notification to the contestant or such contestant's manager.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-31a. Appeal

(a) Any party adversely affected by a decision issued under the regulations may file a written appeal with the commissioner. The appeal shall contain a detailed statement of the reasons why the party believes the decision is erroneous.

(b) The written appeal shall be filed in the office of the commissioner no later than ten calendar days after the decision.

(c) The commissioner shall issue a written decision and the decision shall be a final decision. .

DUTIES OF COMBAT AREA OFFICIALS

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-32a. Official

(a) The payment of all officials shall be the responsibility of the promoter. The promoter shall only furnish such payment directly to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative who shall then distribute such payment to all officials. No official shall receive any payment directly from the promoter or the promoter's representative.
(b) The promoter may use any properly licensed person to work as an announcer.
(c) The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall select the referees, judges and officials that shall work at a contest or exhibition.
(d) No official may work in any contest or exhibition that has not been approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.
(e) No officer, director, matchmaker or stockholder of any promoter shall officiate, in any capacity, any contest or exhibition conducted by such promoter or interfere in any way with the contestants participating in such contest or exhibition.
(f) Each official shall wear appropriate attire approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.
(g) No official may eat or drink, except water, alongside the combat area.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-33a. Announcer
(a) The announcer shall not be in the direct and regular employ of the promoter, except for the function of announcing the contest or exhibition.
(b) The announcer shall announce the name of the contestants, the contestants' correct weights and any other matters the announcer is directed to announce by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-34a. Timekeeper
(a) The timekeeper shall sit outside the combat area and next to the audio signal.
(b) Each timekeeper shall have an audio signal and a stopwatch, all of which shall be submitted for approval to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.
(c) In the event that a bout is stopped by knockout, technical knockout, technical decision or disqualification during any round, the timekeeper shall inform the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative alongside the combat area of the exact duration of such round.
(d) The timekeeper shall signal the following:
    (1) The beginning of each round in boxing only;
    (2) That ten seconds remain in the round;
    (3) That ten seconds remain before the start of the next round; and
    (4) The end of each round.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-35a. Judge
(a) Three judges shall be assigned to each bout.
(b) Each judge shall sit outside the combat area.
(c) At the conclusion of each round, each judge shall score each contestant's performance.
(d) At the conclusion of the round, each judge shall tally the total amount of points awarded each contestant, indicate the round scores, sign his or her score card and submit the score card to the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-36a. Referee
(a) The referee shall inspect each contestant's body and gloves to make sure that no foreign substances have been applied and ensure compliance with sections 29-143j-54a to 29-143j-58a, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
(b) The referee may direct the combat area physician to approach or enter the combat area to examine a cut or other injury which may incapacitate a contestant. A call for a time-out shall be called during this examination.
(c) The referee shall be the sole arbitrator of the bout and is the only official that may stop a bout

at any stage, disqualify a contestant or award the decision to one contestant under the following circumstances:

(1) The bout is too one-sided;
(2) A contestant is not in a condition to continue;
(3) One or both contestants are not competing in earnest;
(4) A major foul has been committed; or
(5) The combat area physician has determined after examination that the bout be stopped.

(d) The referee shall give instructions to the contestants and chief seconds in the contestants' dressing rooms.
(e) Before the start of each bout, the referee shall call the contestants and, if necessary, an interpreter, together for final instructions.
(f) The referee shall wear appropriate attire approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.
(g) The referee shall decide all questions arising during the conduct of a bout.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-37a. Inspector

(a) The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall assign sufficient inspectors to ensure the proper enforcement of chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes and regulations adopted thereunder.
(b) An inspector shall not hold any license or registration issued pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or the regulations, nor may such inspector hold a direct or indirect financial interest in any licensee or registrant licensed or registered pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or the regulations.
(c) An inspector shall perform such inspector's duties under the direction of the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.
(d) No inspector may eat or drink in or alongside the combat area.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-38a. Persons prohibited from holding a financial interest in a boxer, mixed martial arts competitor, promoter or manager

No official or employee of the commissioner, referee, judge or timekeeper may directly or indirectly have any financial interest in any boxer, mixed martial arts competitor, promoter or manager.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-39a. Physicians

(a) Chief Physician
(1) The physician shall be licensed for at least two years to practice medicine in this state.
(2) The physician shall conduct a physical examination of a contestant prior to the department issuing a license to such contestant.
(3) The physician shall review a contestant's complete medical history prior to the department issuing a license to such contestant.
(4) The physician shall order any additional clinical testing that may be required.
(5) The physician shall review the results of any such additional testing.
(6) The physician shall be available to travel within the state as needed to attend contests in order to perform the physical examinations and review.
(7) The physician whose services are used pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-143t of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be paid as provided by said subsection.

(b) Physician alongside the combat area
(1) The physician shall be licensed to practice medicine in this state for at least two years.
(2) The physician may conduct any examination required by subsection (a) of section 29-143t of the Connecticut General Statutes.
(3) The physician may examine the contestant during any intermission between rounds

in order to determine the extent of any injury.

(4) The physician may approach or enter the combat area during the progress of a bout in order to determine the extent of any injury when directed by and time has been called by the referee.

(5) The physician may consult with the referee in order to stop any bout to prevent serious physical injury and ensure the health and safety of either contestant.

(6) In the event of any injury or after the conclusion of any bout, the physician shall:

(A) Render any emergency treatment necessary;

(B) Recommend further treatment or hospitalization if required; and

(C) Report the matter to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative no later than twenty-four hours after the contest or exhibition.

(7) The physician may also require that an injured contestant and such contestant's manager remain in the combat area or on the premises after the contest or exhibition for such period of time as the physician deems advisable.

(8) The physician whose services are used pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-143t of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be paid as provided by said subsection.

(9) The physician shall work under the direction of the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. The commissioner or such commissioner's representative shall assign at least two licensed physicians to be present during each contest or exhibition. The purpose of having two physicians present is to allow one physician to remain alongside the combat area at all times while the second physician is attending to an injured contestant.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-40a. Forms

The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall approve the following forms to be used for contestants' medical examinations:

(1) Examinations required prior to licensing;

(2) Weigh-in examination;

(3) Examination prior to entry into the combat area; and

(4) Examination after injury or conclusion of a bout.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-41a. Examination for licensure

In order to obtain a license, all contestants shall submit to a thorough medical examination by a physician licensed to practice in this state for at least two years, or in the case of an out-of-state contestant, a physician approved by the chief physician in this state. The examination may include a complete medical history including the following:

(1) Physical examination;

(2) Computerized Axial Tomography Scan (Cat Scan) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI);

(3) Electroencephalogram examination (EEG) or Electrocardiogram (EKG);

(4) Neurological examination;

(5) Ophthalmological examination conducted by a duly licensed ophthalmologist;

(6) Serological examination;

(7) Urine analysis; and

(8) Any other test or examination the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may require to determine a contestant's suitability for licensure.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-42a. Examination prior to contest or exhibition

(a) All contestants shall be examined by a physician at the official weigh-in or prior to entering the combat area. Such physician shall immediately file a written report of such examination with the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(b) All contestants shall be required to disclose the following to the physician performing such examination:

(1) Any illness;
(2) Any injury;
(3) Any health condition;
(4) Any and all medications and supplements recently or currently being taken by the contestant.

(c) The use or administration of any alcohol, stimulant or any drug or injection before or during a contest or exhibition, to or by any contestant, is prohibited. Any drugs, injections or stimulants required for health reasons shall be fully disclosed to the physician assigned by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(d) All contestants may be required to submit to a urine or blood analysis at the weigh-in, prior to or after the bout.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-43a. Examination after bout

(a) All contestants shall be examined by a physician following the conclusion of their individual bout. Such physician shall be assigned by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative and such physician shall file a written report of such examination with the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(b) Any contestant who has sustained any injury shall, at the direction of the physician assigned by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative, be taken to the nearest hospital and be thoroughly examined. The contestant or the contestant's manager or other representative shall ensure that the contestant is examined pursuant to the direction of the physician assigned by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(c) The contestant or the contestant's manager shall give the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative a full report of the examination made by the hospital referred to in subsection (b) of this section. The report shall be given to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative as soon as possible, but not later than thirty days from the date of the examination.

(d) In the event that a contestant who has suffered any injury has on such account been treated by the contestant's personal physician, the contestant's manager shall give a copy of the physician's report to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative as soon as possible, but not later than thirty days from the date of the examination.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-44a. Examination of loser of six consecutive bouts

Any contestant who loses six consecutive bouts, in any manner, shall undergo an examination of the types required by section 29-143j-41a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-45a. Special examination of a contestant

Any injury or illness sustained by a contestant while in training or sparring shall be fully reported by the contestant or the contestant's licensed manager to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative no later than twenty-four hours after such injury or illness. The contestant shall be examined by a physician licensed for at least two years to practice medicine in this state and be approved by such physician to continue training.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-46a. Medical advisory board

There shall be a medical advisory board consisting of six physicians, one chiropractor and one doctor of dental surgery, all duly licensed to practice in this state and appointed by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. The chairman shall be designated by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. The medical advisory board shall prepare and recommend to the commissioner standards for medical examinations and reports required for a contestant's licensure. The medical advisory board may select and appoint to its consulting staff specialists in their field of medicine whose expert opinion might be needed concerning serious injuries to contestants. Any physician licensed in this state for at least two years may register with the medical advisory board as a physician alongside the combat area at no charge

and such registration shall be subject to subsection (b) of section 29-143j-30a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-47a. Rules to safeguard the health of contestants

(a) No contestant shall be allowed to participate in any contest or exhibition held under the provisions of chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes until three days have elapsed for each round completed in the contestant's last bout in any jurisdiction unless prior approval is granted by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(b) Any licensee who has personal knowledge concerning a contestant's illness or injury shall promptly furnish to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative all known information concerning the illness or injury.

(c) Any contestant who is ill or who has suffered an injury shall not be allowed to participate in a contest or exhibition in this state until the contestant has been examined by a physician licensed for at least two years to practice medicine in this state, and such physician has given the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative a report indicating that the contestant has recovered from the illness or injury.

(d) All female contestants shall provide a negative pregnancy test not more than fourteen days prior to a bout.

WEIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-48a. Weigh-in

(a) The time and place for all weigh-in ceremonies of contests or exhibitions shall be determined by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(b) The contestants shall be weighed on scales approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative and in the presence of their opponents and the promoter, promoter's representative or matchmaker.

(c) The weigh-in shall be supervised by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(d) When a bout, contest or exhibition is postponed for more than twenty-four hours for any reason, the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative may require a second weigh-in and additional physical examination of the contestants on the day the bout, contest or exhibition is continued.

(e) The contestants shall have all weights stripped from their bodies before being weighed, but shall be required to wear clothing suitable to cover the body's private areas.

(f) Any contestant's failure to report to the weigh-in as required may result in denial, suspension or revocation of the license or registration issued pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or the regulations.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-49a. Weight limits for boxing

(a) The weight limit for each boxer in each class is as follows:

POUNDS	CLASSIFICATION
up to and including 105	Mini Flyweight/Strawweight
over 105 up to and including 108	Light Flyweight
over 108 up to and including 112	Flyweight
over 112 up to and including 115	Super Flyweight
over 115 up to and including 118	Bantamweight
over 118 up to and including 122	Super Bantamweight
over 122 up to and including 126	Featherweight
over 126 up to and including 130	Super Featherweight
over 130 up to and including 135	Lightweight
over 135 up to and including 140	Super Lightweight

over 140 up to and including 147	Welterweight
over 147 up to and including 154	Super Welterweight
over 154 up to and including 160	Middleweight
over 160 up to and including 168	Super Middleweight
over 168 up to and including 175	Light Heavyweight
over 175 up to and including 200	Cruiserweight
over 200	Heavyweight

(b) A one pound allowance over the weight classification may be approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative for non-championship bouts.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-50a. Weight Variances for boxing bouts

The following variances of weights between boxers may be permitted:

VARIANCE IN POUNDS	CLASSIFICATION
not more than 3	Mini Flyweight/Strawweight
not more than 3	Light Flyweight
not more than 3	Flyweight
not more than 3	Super Flyweight
not more than 3	Bantamweight
not more than 4	Super Bantamweight
not more than 4	Featherweight
not more than 4	Super Featherweight
not more than 5	Lightweight
not more than 5	Super Lightweight
not more than 7	Welterweight
not more than 7	Super Welterweight
not more than 7	Middleweight
not more than 7	Super Middleweight
not more than 7	Light Heavyweight
not more than 12	Cruiserweight
No limits	Heavyweight

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-51a. Weight limits for professional mixed martial arts

(a) The weight limit for each professional mixed martial arts competitor in each class is as follows:

POUNDS	CLASSIFICATION
Up to and including 125	Flyweight
over 125 up to and including 135	Bantamweight
over 135 up to and including 145	Featherweight
over 145 up to and including 155	Lightweight
over 155 up to and including 170	Welterweight
over 170 up to and including 185	Middleweight
over 185 up to and including 205	Light Heavyweight
over 205 up to and including 265	Heavyweight
over 265	Super Heavyweight

(b) A one pound allowance over the weight classification may be approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative for non-championship bouts.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-52a. Weight limits for amateur mixed martial arts

(a) The weight limit for each amateur mixed martial arts competitor in each class is as follows:

POUNDS	CLASSIFICATION
Up to and including 112	Flyweight
over 112 up to and including 118	Bantamweight
over 118 up to and including 122	Super Bantamweight
over 122 up to and including 126	Featherweight
over 126 up to and including 130	Super Featherweight
over 130 up to and including 135	Lightweight
over 135 up to and including 140	Super Lightweight
over 140 up to and including 147	Welterweight
over 147 up to and including 154	Super Welterweight
over 154 up to and including 161	Middleweight
over 161 up to and including 168	Super Middleweight
over 168 up to and including 175	Light Heavyweight
over 175 up to and including 182	Super Light Heavyweight
over 182 up to and including 190	Cruiserweight
over 190 up to and including 197	Super Cruiserweight
over 197 up to and including 210	Junior Heavyweight
over 210 up to and including 235	Heavyweight
over 235 up to and including 265	Super Heavyweight
over 265	Absolute Weight

(b) A one pound allowance over the weight classification may be approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-53a. Weight loss

(a) In the commissioner's or such commissioner's authorized representative's sole and exclusive discretion, a contestant may be allowed a second attempt to make weight in accordance with the following:

(1) Not more than two hours after the professional boxing weigh-in, weight loss in excess of two pounds shall not be permitted for contestants weighing in at one hundred thirty-five pounds or less; weight loss in excess of three pounds shall not be permitted for contestants weighing in over one hundred thirty-five pounds but no more than one hundred sixty-eight pounds; and weight loss in excess of four pounds shall not be permitted for contestants weighing in over one hundred sixty-eight pounds.

(2) Not more than two hours after the professional mixed martial arts weigh-in, weight loss in excess of two pounds shall not be permitted for contestants weighing in at one hundred thirty-five pounds or less; weight loss in excess of three pounds shall not be permitted for contestants weighing in over one hundred thirty-five pounds but no more than one hundred seventy pounds; and weight loss in excess of four pounds shall not be permitted for contestants weighing in over one hundred seventy pounds.

(3) Not more than one hour after the time of the weigh-in for amateur contestants, no amateur contestant shall lose more than one percent of body weight.

CONTESTANT'S EQUIPMENT AND PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-54a. Bandages

(a) Boxer's bandages

(1) In all classes up to and including middleweights, bandages on the hands of a boxer shall be restricted to soft surgical gauze not more than ten yards in length and two inches in width, held in place by not more than six feet of surgeon's tape for each hand.

(2) In all other classes, the bandages shall be soft surgical gauze not more than twelve

yards in length and not more than two inches in width, held in place by not more than eight feet of surgeon's tape for each hand.

(3) The use of six inches of adhesive tape, not more than one and one-half inches in width, shall be permitted across the back of each hand to protect the part of the hand near the wrist before bandaging the hands provided that no adhesive tape may be placed over the knuckles.

(b) Mixed martial arts competitor's bandages

(1) Tape on the hand of a mixed martial arts competitor shall not exceed one winding of surgeon's adhesive tape, not more than one and one-half inches in width, placed directly on the hand to protect the part of the hand near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice, but shall not extend more than three-quarters of an inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist;

(2) Each mixed martial arts competitor shall use soft surgical gauze bandage not more than two inches wide, held in place by not more than six feet of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. Up to one fifteen-yard roll of bandage may be used to complete the wrappings for each hand.

(c) Strips of tape may be used between the fingers to hold down the bandages.

(d) The use of water or any other liquid or material on bandages or tape is strictly prohibited.

(e) Contestants' bandages shall be applied in the dressing room in the presence of the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative and contestant's opponent or opponent's representative. Gloves shall not be placed on the hands of the contestant until the bandages are approved and marked by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(f) Contestants may waive the privilege of witnessing the bandaging of an opponent's hands.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-55a. Gloves

(a) All gloves for professional boxers shall be new for all main and semi-final bouts and for all bouts scheduled for ten rounds or more. The promoter shall furnish all gloves. All gloves shall be approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. In all professional boxing bouts, gloves shall have the distal portion of the thumb attached to the body of the glove and gloves shall be at least eight ounces. The laces of each glove shall be knotted on the back of the wrist, secured with a strip of moisture-resistant adhesive tape placed over each knotted lace and then approved and marked by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(b) All gloves for mixed martial arts competitors shall be new for all main and semi-final bouts and for all bouts scheduled for more than three rounds. The promoter shall furnish all gloves. All gloves shall be approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. In all professional mixed martial arts bouts, gloves shall weigh at least four ounces. In all amateur mixed martial arts, gloves shall weigh at least six ounces. The wrist fastener for each glove shall be secured with a strip of moisture-resistant adhesive tape placed over each fastener and then approved and marked by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(c) Any gloves found to be twisted, manipulated, altered, damaged, ill-fitted or defective shall not be used for competition and replaced before the contest or exhibition begins.

(d) In all contests or exhibitions, gloves shall be placed on the contestant's hands in the dressing room and taken off in the presence of the commissioner or commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-56a. Attire and physical appearance

(a) All contestants shall wear attire and protective equipment approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(1) Boxers' attire and protective equipment shall include shorts, abdominal guard, foul-proof groin protection, shoes and a fitted mouthpiece. In addition, female boxers shall wear a properly fitted body shirt and may wear optional breast protection. No shoes with spikes, cleats, hard soles or hard heels are permitted in the combat area. All amateur boxers shall also wear properly fitted and approved head protection.

(2) Mixed martial arts competitors' attire and protective equipment shall include shorts, foul-proof groin protection and a fitted mouthpiece. In addition, female martial arts competitors shall wear a properly fitted body shirt and may wear optional breast protection. All amateur mixed martial arts competitors shall also wear approved shin guards with instep pads supplied by the promoter and in good condition. Shorts with grip panels or metal parts, pants, Gis, shoes and shirts are not permitted during competition unless otherwise allowed under this section.

(b) No contestant shall be permitted to wear any jewelry or other piercing accessories during a bout.

(c) Mixed martial arts competitors shall have all fingernails and toenails clipped and filed to a length which does not present a hazard to the safety of either contestant.

(d) The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall determine whether head or facial hair or other identified condition of a contestant's body presents any hazard to the safety of either contestant or will interfere with the proper supervision and conduct of the contest or exhibition. Unless corrected, the competitor presenting such hazard or interference will not be allowed to compete.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-57a. Sanitation and first aid kit

Each contestant or such contestant's chief second shall be equipped with a clear plastic water bottle, a clean white towel and a clean bucket. In addition, each chief second shall be required to have a first aid kit readily available outside the combat area during a bout. The kit shall contain bagged ice, sterile gauze, approved solutions for stopping hemorrhaging, petroleum jelly, sterile applicators, adhesive tape, scissors, rubber gloves and one extra mouthpiece. No kit shall contain smelling salts, ammonia or amyl nitrates. Each kit shall be subject to inspection at all times by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative or by the physician alongside the combat area.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-58a. Shoes

No shoes with spikes, cleats, hard soles or hard heels shall be permitted in the combat area. No shoes or any other type of footwear shall be worn by contestants during a mixed martial arts bout, contest or exhibition.

COMBAT AREA AND ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-59a. Scale

All scales used for any weigh-in shall be approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-60a. Miscellaneous equipment

The promoter shall provide a proper combat area, public announcement system, stretcher, oxygen, bottled water, buckets, hazardous waste receptacles, clean white towels, stools for each corner and such other equipment as is required for the proper conduct of a contest or an exhibition.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-61a. Combat area

(a) Boxing

All boxing contests or exhibitions shall take place in a ring that has been approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. The ring shall be no less than sixteen feet square and no more than twenty feet square within the ropes and the ring floor shall extend no less than eighteen inches beyond the ropes. The ring shall be subject to inspection prior to each event.

(1) The ring padding shall be in good and safe condition, at least one inch in thickness throughout, laid evenly and extending to and around the outside of the flooring and apron of the ring.

(2) All turnbuckles shall be properly padded.

(3) The ring apron shall be more than thirty-six inches in width.

(4) Ring posts shall be made of metal not less than three inches in diameter and shall be protected by appropriate padding. The posts shall extend from the floor of the building to a height of fifty-eight inches above the ring floor.

(5) There shall be four ring ropes, each not less than one inch thick in diameter; the lower rope shall be eighteen inches above the ring floor, the second rope thirty inches above the ring floor, the third rope forty-two inches above the ring floor and the fourth rope fifty-four inches above the ring floor. Each rope shall be wrapped in soft material with two spacer ties on each side of the ring to secure the ropes.

(b) Mixed martial arts

All mixed martial arts contests or exhibitions shall take place in either a cage or a ring that has been approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. The cage or ring shall be subject to inspection prior to each event.

(1) Ring

(A) The ring shall be at least twenty feet square and not more than thirty-two feet square within the ropes.

(B) One of the corners shall have a blue designation, the corner directly across shall have a red designation.

(C) The ring floor shall extend at least eighteen inches beyond the ropes.

(D) The ring floor shall be padded with ensolite or similar closed-cell foam, with at least one inch layer of foam padding. Padding shall extend beyond the ring ropes and over the edge 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 and ridges shall not be used.

(E) The ring platform shall be no more than four feet above the floor of the building and shall have suitable steps for the use of the contestants.

(F) Ring posts shall be made of metal, not more than three inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of fifty-eight inches above the ring floor, and shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. Ring posts shall be eighteen inches away from the ring ropes.

(G) There shall be five ring ropes, not less than one inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material. The lowest rope shall be no higher than twelve inches from the ring floor. There shall be two spacer ties on each side of the ring to secure the ropes

(H) There shall not be any obstruction or object, on any part of the ring floor.

(2) Cage

(A) The fighting area canvas shall be at least eighteen feet by eighteen feet and no more than thirty-two feet by thirty-two feet.

(B) The fighting area canvas shall be padded in a manner as approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative, with at least one inch layer of foam padding.

(C) Padding shall extend beyond the fighting area and over the edge of the platform. No vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering shall be permitted.

(D) The fighting area canvas shall not be more than four feet above the floor of the building and shall have suitable steps or ramp for use by the participants.

(E) Posts shall be made of metal not more than six inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of fifty-eight inches above the fighting area canvas and shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(F) The fighting area canvas area shall be enclosed by a fence made of such material as to not allow a mixed martial arts competitor to fall out or break through it onto the floor or spectators, including, but not limited to, vinyl-coated chain link fencing.

(G) All metal parts shall be covered and padded in a manner approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative and shall not be abrasive to the mixed martial arts competitors.

(H) The fence shall provide two separate entries onto the fighting area canvas.

(c) The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall approve the entry of any persons into the combat area before or after any bout.

CONDUCT OF BOUTS

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-62a. Rules meeting

(a) The time, place, and number of rules meetings for contests or exhibitions shall be determined by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. All contestants and seconds shall attend all rules meetings.

(b) Failure to attend the rules meetings may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of any license or registration issued pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or the regulations.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-63a. Reporting to dressing rooms

(a) All contestants participating in a contest or exhibition shall report to the venue and check in with the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative no later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the contest or exhibition unless directed otherwise by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(b) Any contestant's failure to report as required may result in denial, suspension or revocation of the license or registration issued pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or the regulations.

(c) No contestant or licensed seconds shall enter or possess in the dressing room any prohibited items, substances or consumables. All equipment, bags and kits are subject to inspection at all times.

(d) All contestants shall stay in their dressing room until the start of their bout unless a contestant first receives permission to leave and is accompanied by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(e) The promoter shall provide the contestants with a sufficient supply of bottled water and ice in the dressing rooms.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-64a. Dressing rooms

(a) No one shall be allowed in a contestant's dressing room except:

(1) Contestants;

(2) Managers and seconds;

(3) The commissioner and such commissioner's authorized representative;

(4) The inspector;

(5) The promoter; or

(6) An individual given prior approval by commissioner and such commissioner's authorized representative.

(b) The promoter shall provide for adequate security to enforce subsection (a) of this section.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-65a. Conduct of seconds

(a) Each contestant may be accompanied by no more than three seconds for a non-championship bout and no more than four seconds for a title or championship bout. Each contestant shall designate and identify a chief second for their corner.

(b) Only one second may enter the combat area between rounds after the end of the round is signaled, unless more are authorized by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. Seconds shall leave the combat area when signaled that ten seconds remain before the start of the next round.

(c) Seconds shall remain seated during each round and are not allowed to leave their designated area alongside the combat area unless permission is granted by the commissioner or

such commissioner's authorized representative.

(d) During a boxing bout, seconds shall not mount the stairs or ring apron until the end of the round is signaled. However, a second may mount the ring apron during a round to signal the referee to stop the bout for the health and safety of the contestant.

(e) The referee may deduct points from or disqualify a contestant for prohibited conduct of the contestant's seconds.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-66a. Duration of bouts

(a) Boxing

(1) Bouts shall be four, six, eight, ten or twelve three-minute rounds;

(2) In all title or championship bouts, the number and duration of the rounds shall be conducted pursuant to the rules of the championship authority with prior approval by commissioner and such commissioner's authorized representative;

(3) At the discretion of the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative, female bouts may be held with two minute rounds; and

(4) There shall be a one minute intermission between rounds.

(b) Mixed martial arts

(1) Non-championship bouts shall not exceed three rounds;

(2) Title or championship bouts shall not exceed five rounds, and

(3) A round shall be five minutes in duration, with a one minute period of rest between rounds.

(c) Amateur mixed martial arts bouts shall not exceed three rounds, each round shall be three minutes in duration, with a one minute period of rest between rounds.

(d) In all contests or exhibitions, rest periods between rounds may vary by several additional seconds to accommodate for television or commercial breaks with prior approval by commissioner and such commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-67a. Officials required

For each bout, the following officials shall be in attendance:

(1) One referee,

(2) Three judges,

(3) One announcer,

(4) At least one physician, and

(5) Two timekeepers.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-68a. Prohibited acts

(a) The following acts shall be prohibited in contests or exhibitions:

(1) Any excessive or undue spraying or throwing of water on any contestant;

(2) Excessive coaching of a contestant during the progress of any round;

(3) Throwing a towel or any other object into the boxing ring at any time during the boxing bout for any reason including as a token of defeat;

(4) The application of body grease, gels, balms, lotions, oils, Monsel's solution or any of its derivatives, or any other substance applied to the contestant's hair, face, body or equipment likely to cause the contestant's body or equipment to be slippery.

(b) The limited application of petroleum jelly to the facial area of the contestant shall only be allowed when applied in the presence of the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(c) No person or persons other than the contestants and referee shall enter the combat area during the course of any round unless requested by the referee and only after a call for time-out has been called.

(d) No contestant shall leave the combat area during any rest period between rounds.

(e) Contestants are only allowed to consume clean bottled water to hydrate during any bout.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-69a. Mouthpiece

(a) All contestants are required to wear a mouthpiece during a bout and no round can be started unless both contestants have a mouthpiece.

(b) The unintentional loss of a mouthpiece during a bout shall result in a time-out called by the referee during a lull in the action so that the mouthpiece may be cleansed and replaced without delay.

(c) A contestant who intentionally loses a mouthpiece may have points deducted or be disqualified by the referee.

FOULS AND PROCEDURE

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-70a. Fouls, Professional Boxing

(a) The following are boxing fouls that do not meet the standard of a fair blow or conduct of a boxer. The referee shall have the discretion as to whether the offending boxer is warned, deducted points or disqualified because of the commission of a foul:

(1) Hitting an opponent below the navel or behind the ear;
(2) Hitting an opponent who is knocked down or otherwise downed;
(3) Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other;
(4) Holding or deliberately maintaining a clinch;
(5) Wrestling, kicking or roughing;
(6) Pushing an opponent about the ring or into the ropes;
(7) Butting with the head, shoulder, knee, or elbow;
(8) Hitting with the open glove, the butt or inside of the hand, or back of the hand, the elbow or the wrist;
(9) Purposely falling down onto the canvas of the ring without being hit or for the purpose of avoiding a blow;
(10) Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys;
(11) Using the pivot blow (pivoting while throwing a punch) or the rabbit punch (punches thrown to the back of the head and neck areas);
(12) Jabbing the eyes with the thumb of the glove;
(13) Using abusive language;
(14) Unsportsmanlike conduct causing injury to an opponent that does not meet the standard of a fair blow;
(15) Hitting on the break;
(16) Intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece;
(17) Hitting on or out of the ropes;
(18) Holding rope and hitting;
(19) Biting or spitting at an opponent;
(20) Failing to follow referee's instructions;
(21) Stepping on opponent;
(22) Crouching below opponent's belt;
(23) Leaving neutral corner; and
(24) Excessive coaching of corner.

(b) Injuries sustained by Fouls

(1) Intentional fouls determined by referee

(A) When an intentional foul causes an injury and the injury is severe enough to stop the bout immediately, the boxer causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.

(B) When an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized

representative and deduct two points from the boxer who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls shall be mandatory.

(C) When an intentional foul causes an injury and the injury results in the bout being stopped in a latter round, the injured boxer shall win by technical decision if the injured boxer is ahead on the score cards or the bout shall result in a technical draw if the injured boxer is behind or even on the score cards. Partial or incomplete rounds shall be scored. If no action has occurred, the round shall be scored as an even round.

(D) When a boxer injures himself or herself while attempting to intentionally foul an opponent, the referee shall not take any action in the boxer's favor, and the injury shall be the same as one produced by a fair blow.

(E) When the referee determines that a boxer has conducted himself or herself in an unsportsmanlike manner the referee may stop the bout and disqualify the boxer.

(2) Accidental fouls determined by referee

(A) When an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout shall result in a no-decision if stopped before three completed rounds in bouts scheduled for four rounds. Rounds are complete when the bell rings signifying the end of a round. When a bout is scheduled for more than four rounds and an accidental foul occurs causing an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout shall result in a no-decision if stopped before four completed rounds.

(B) When an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, after three rounds have occurred in bouts scheduled for four rounds, the bout shall result in a technical decision awarded to the boxer who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped. If a bout is scheduled for more than four rounds and an accidental foul occurs causing an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, after four rounds have occurred, the bout shall result in a technical decision awarded to the boxer who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped.

(c) The referee may order a deduction of points for any illegal blow to the body and may grant a rest period of up to five minutes for the fouled boxer to recover. The referee may ask the combat area physician to examine the fouled boxer before granting a rest period.

(d) The referee may disqualify a boxer for a foul or fouls to the body of the boxer's opponent if the referee deems that the foul or fouls are flagrant or continual.

(e) If the referee rules a foul accidental and the injured boxer is unable to continue after the five minute rest period, the rules governing accidental fouls in subsection (b)(2) of this section shall apply.

(f) A boxer who is hit with an accidental low blow shall continue after an amount of time not more than five minutes or the boxer shall lose the bout.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-71a. Knockdowns and counting, professional boxing

(a) A knockdown occurs when, as a result of a legal blow or series of legal blows, any part of the

boxer's body other than boxer's feet touches the ring floor; the boxer is being held up by the ropes; or the boxer is hanging on, through or over the ring ropes without the ability to protect himself or herself and cannot fall to the floor. In the event of a knockdown, the downed boxer shall be allowed a count of ten in which to fully regain his or her feet unassisted.

(1) When a knockdown occurs, the timekeeper shall at once commence calling off the seconds, indicating the count with an arm motion. The referee shall immediately order the other boxer to the furthest neutral corner and shall thereafter pick up the count from the timekeeper and indicate it with an arm motion. If the other boxer fails to go to or remain in the neutral corner as directed, the referee may stop the count and resume the count where the referee left off once the other boxer is in compliance.

(2) The boxer knocked down shall be required to take a mandatory eight count whether or not the boxer has fully regained his or her feet before the eight count has been reached.

(3) If the boxer knocked down fully regains his or her feet before the count of ten is reached and goes back down immediately without being struck, the referee shall resume the count where he or she left off.

(4) If the boxer knocked down is unable to fully regain his or her feet and continue the bout at the count of ten, the referee shall stop the bout and declare the other boxer winner by a knockout.

(5) A boxer shall be considered downed until the boxer fully regains his or her feet from a downed position.

(6) A boxer shall not be saved by the bell in any round. When any round, including the last round, ends before a boxer who has been knocked down has fully regained his or her feet, the referee's count shall be continued and, if the downed boxer fails to fully regain his or her feet at the count of ten, the boxer shall be considered to have lost the bout by a knockout in the round just concluded.

(b) If a bout is stopped by the referee between rounds, a technical knockout shall be recorded as having taken place in the round just concluded. If the bell for the subsequent round has already sounded and the bout is stopped by the referee, a technical knockout shall be recorded as having taken place in the subsequent round.

(c) If a referee rules that a boxer slipped, fell down or was pushed to the ring floor, the referee shall halt the action, signal a ruling and order the downed boxer to his or her feet immediately in order to restart the bout without delay. Failure to rise may subject the downed boxer to a disqualification by the referee.

(d) A boxer who falls or causes any part of the boxer's body other than the boxer's feet to touch the ring floor and who claims a foul which has not been ruled a foul by the referee may be counted out in the same manner as a knockdown.

(e) A boxer who has been knocked or has fallen out of the ring and onto the floor during a bout shall receive a twenty second count to return to the ring on his or her feet unassisted. If assisted by anyone, the referee may deduct points or disqualify the boxer.

(f) The referee shall not issue a standing eight count to a boxer in any bout.

(g) The referee shall not be required to stop a bout in the event a boxer sustains three knockdowns in any round or during any bout.

(h) The referee may stop a count or bout at any point the referee believes the safety of an injured boxer is at risk.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-72a. Fouls, mixed martial arts

(a) The following are fouls for a mixed martial arts bout:

(1) Holding or grabbing the fence;
(2) Holding opponent's shorts or gloves;
(3) Butting with the head;
(4) Eye gouging of any kind;
(5) Biting or spitting at an opponent;
(6) Hair pulling;
(7) Fish hooking;
(8) Groin attacks of any kind;
(9) Intentionally placing a finger into any orifice, or into any cut or laceration of the opponent;
(10) Downward pointing of elbow strikes;
(11) Small joint manipulation;
(12) Strikes to the spine or the back of the head;
(13) Heel kicks to the kidney;
(14) Throat strikes of any kind, including grabbing the trachea;
(15) Clawing, pinching, twisting the flesh or grabbing the clavicle;
(16) Kicking the head of a grounded opponent;
(17) Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent;
(18) Stomping a grounded opponent;
(19) Using abusive language in the combat area;
(20) Any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent;
(21) Attacking an opponent on or during the break;
(22) Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee;
(23) Timidity (avoiding contact, or consistently dropping the mouthpiece, or faking an injury);
(24) Interference from a mixed martial arts competitor's second;
(25) Throwing an opponent out of the ring or caged area;
(26) Flagrant disregard of the referee's instructions;
(27) Spiking the opponent to the canvas onto the head or neck (pile-driving); and
(28) Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded the end of the round.

(b) A grounded mixed martial arts competitor is one who has more than the soles of his or her feet on the ground. A referee may determine that a mixed martial arts competitor is grounded if such competitor is not held up by any part of the combat area. The referee may instruct the competitors during the course of the action that the referee is treating the competitor as grounded.

(c) Foul procedures

(1) If a foul is committed in a mixed martial arts bout, the referee shall:
  (A) Call for a time-out;
  (B) Check the fouled contestant's condition and safety; and
  (C) Assess the foul to the offending contestant and notify each corner's seconds, judges and the official scorekeeper of any point deduction.

(2) If a bottom contestant commits a foul, unless the top contestant is injured, the fight shall continue without a call for a time-out, so as not to jeopardize the top contestant's superior positioning at the time.
  (A) The referee shall verbally notify the bottom contestant of the foul.

(B) When the round is over, the referee shall assess the foul and notify both corners' seconds, the judges and the official scorekeeper of any point deduction.

(C) The referee may stop a bout based on the severity of a foul. For a flagrant foul, a contestant shall lose by disqualification.

(d) Time considerations for fouls

(1) Low blow foul. A contestant who has been struck with a low blow shall be allowed not more than five minutes to recover from the foul as long as, in the combat area physician's opinion, the contestant can continue on in the bout. If the contestant states that the contestant can continue before the expiration of five minutes, the referee shall as soon as practical restart the bout. If the contestant does not so state within the five minute time allotment, the bout shall not be restarted and the bout shall end with the outcome determined by the round and time in which the bout was stopped.

(2) Contestant who is not fouled by low blow but another foul.

(A) If the bout is halted because of an accidental foul, the referee shall determine whether the fouled contestant can continue. If the contestant's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of the foul and if the foul did not involve a concussive impact to the head of the fouled contestant, the referee may order the bout continued after a recuperative interval of not more than five minutes. Immediately after separating the contestants, the referee shall inform the commissioner's authorized representative of such referee's determination that the foul was accidental.

(B) If a contestant is fouled by a blow that the referee deems illegal, the referee shall halt the action and call for a time-out. The referee may take the fouled contestant to the combat area physician and have the physician examine the contestant as to such contestant's ability to continue the bout. The physician shall have not more than five minutes to make the determination. If the physician determines that the contestant can continue the bout, the referee shall as soon as practical restart the bout.

(C) The fouled contestant is not guaranteed five minutes of recovery time. If a fouled contestant is deemed not fit to continue by the referee or combat area physician, the referee shall immediately stop the bout. If the contestant is deemed fit to continue by the referee or combat area physician and some of the five minute recovery time is still remaining, the contestant shall not use the remaining time. If the referee halts the bout and employs the use of the combat area physician, the physician's examination shall not be more than five minutes. If five minutes is exceeded, the bout shall not be re-started and shall end.

(e) Scoring the foul to be performed by the official. Fouls may result in a point being deducted by the official scorekeeper from the offending contestant's score. The scorekeeper shall be responsible for calculating the true score after factoring in the point deduction.

(f) Only a referee may assess a foul. If the referee does not call the foul, judges shall not make that assessment on their own and shall not factor such into their scoring calculations.

(g) Scoring of incomplete rounds. There shall be scoring of an incomplete round. If the referee penalizes either contestant, then the appropriate points shall be deducted when the scorekeeper calculates the final score for the partial round.

(h) Injuries sustained by fouls

(1) If an injury sustained during a bout as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough for the referee to stop a bout, the contestant causing the injury loses by disqualification.

(2) If an injury is sustained during a bout as a result of an intentional foul and the bout continues, the referee shall notify the scorekeeper to automatically deduct two points from the contestant who committed the foul.

(3) If an injury sustained during a bout as a result of an intentional foul causes the injured contestant to be unable to continue at a subsequent point in the bout, the injured

contestant shall win by technical decision, if the injured contestant is ahead on the score cards. If the injured contestant is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage, the outcome of the bout shall be declared a technical draw.

(4) If a contestant injures himself or herself while attempting to foul an opponent, the referee shall not take any action in the injured contestant's favor, and the injury shall be treated in the same manner as an injury produced by a fair blow.

(5) If an injury sustained during competition as a result of an accidental foul is severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout shall result in a no-contest if stopped before two rounds have been completed in a three round bout.

(6) If an injury sustained during competition as a result of an accidental foul is severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout shall result in a technical decision awarded to the contestant who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped when the bout is stopped after two rounds of a three round bout.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-73a. Terminating mixed martial arts bouts and results

The following are the types of mixed martial arts bout results:

(1) Submissions
- (A) A tap out occurs when a contestant physically uses the contestant's hand to indicate that the contestant no longer wishes to continue.
- (B) A verbal tap out occurs when a contestant verbally announces to the referee that the contestant does not wish to continue or the contestant makes audible sounds such as screams indicating pain or discomfort.
- (C) A technical submission occurs when a submission is executed to its completeness which causes the referee to intervene and stop the bout.

(2) Technical knockout
- (A) When the referee ends the bout;
- (B) When the combat area physician ends the bout; or
- (C) When an injury as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to end a bout.

(3) A knockout occurs when a contestant fails to rise from the combat area floor.

(4) Decision via score cards
- (A) Unanimous: three judges score the bout for the same contestant;
- (B) Split Decision: two judges score the bout for one contestant and one judge scores for the opponent; or
- (C) Majority Decision: two judges score the bout for the same contestant and one judge scores a draw.

(5) Draws
- (A) Unanimous: three judges score the bout a draw;
- (B) Majority: two judges score the bout a draw; or
- (C) Split: three judges score differently and the score total results in a draw.

(6) Disqualification

When an injury sustained during a bout as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to end the bout.

(7) Forfeit

When a contestant fails to begin a bout or prematurely ends the bout for reasons other than injury or by indicating a tap out.

(8) Technical Draw

When an injury sustained during a bout as a result of an intentional foul results in the injured contestant being unable to continue and the injured contestant is even or behind on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped; or, in a double knockout when the referee stops a bout at any stage if the referee determines that both contestants are in such a condition that to continue might subject the contestants to serious injury.

(9) Technical Decision

When the bout is prematurely ended due to injury and a contestant is leading on the score cards.

(10) No Contest
When a contest is prematurely stopped due to accidental injury and a sufficient number of rounds have not been completed to render a decision via the score cards.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-74a. Points

(a) In all bouts, the judges shall use a ten point must system.

(b) Points shall be awarded in boxing for:
- (1) Clean punching;
- (2) Effective aggressiveness;
- (3) Ring generalship; and
- (4) Defense.

(c) Points shall be awarded in mixed martial arts for:
- (1) Effective striking;
- (2) Effective grappling;
- (3) Effective aggression; and
- (4) Cage or ring control.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-75a. Decision and scoring

(a) The judges shall mark score cards in ink or indelible pencil at the end of each round, placing the number of points awarded in the appropriate columns. Each judge shall sign his or her score card.

(b) At the conclusion of each round, the judges shall tally up the total amount of points awarded to each contestant and submit the score cards to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(c) The contestant awarded the greatest number of points on the score cards of at least two of the three judges shall be declared the winner of the bout.

(d) In the event that the judges have scored the points of each contestant so as to constitute a draw, the bout shall be declared a draw.

(e) After the score cards have been verified by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative, the results shall be given to the announcer who shall announce the decision.

(f) In the event that a bout is stopped during a round, the judges shall score all incomplete or partial rounds as if the round had been completed. If no action has occurred in the incomplete or partial round, the judge may score it as an even round.

AMATEUR BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-76a. Who shall be registered

(a) All facilities seeking to conduct an amateur contest or exhibition, all amateur boxing and mixed martial arts associations and all schools, colleges and universities that have an amateur boxing or a mixed martial arts program shall be registered with the department.

(b) Facilities shall be registered in accordance with section 29-143j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(c) In order to be registered, all such associations, schools, colleges and universities shall send the following to the commissioner on January 2nd of each year:
- (1) Name, address, email address and telephone number of the association, school, college or university;
- (2) Name, title, email address and telephone number of the individual in charge of the amateur boxing or mixed martial arts program;
- (3) Address of facility if different from the address of the association, school, college or university;

(4) A copy of the rules and regulations under which the amateur boxing or mixed martial arts program operates; and

(5) A roster of the contestants participating in the amateur boxing or mixed martial arts program.

(d) The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may require a certificate of good standing from the amateur boxing or mixed martial arts organization to which the association, school, college or university belongs.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-77a. Notice

(a) Any association, school, college or university determined by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative to be capable of ensuring the health and safety of the contestants may conduct an amateur contest or exhibition in this state. Such association, school, college or university shall notify the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative at least thirty days prior to such amateur contest or exhibition taking place. The notice shall contain the date, time and location of the event and contact information of the contest or exhibition organizer.

(b) On January 2nd and July 2nd of each year, every association, school, college or university registered under section 29-143j-76a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall give to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative, a listing showing the complete record of each and every amateur enrolled in its program.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-78a. Minimum age of amateur contestants

The minimum age of amateur contestants shall be sixteen years of age. All amateur contestants under the age of eighteen shall have the written permission of a parent or guardian to participate.

(NEW) Section 29-143j-79a. Additional illegal acts, amateur mixed martial arts

(a) In addition to the mixed martial arts fouls listed in subsection (b) of section 29-143j-72a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the following acts shall be illegal in amateur mixed martial arts contests and exhibitions:

(1) Elbow strikes of any kind;
(2) Kicking the head of an opponent;
(3) Kneeing the head of an opponent;
(4) Linear kicks to the knee joint;
(5) Neck cranks;
(6) All twisting leg submissions including heel hooks and toe holds;
(7) Spine locks; and
(8) Strikes to the head of a grounded opponent.

SPECIAL RULES FOR OUTDOOR CONTESTS

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-80a. Application to outdoor contests

(a) In the event of inclement weather immediately before or during the course of any outdoor contest, except during the course of the main bout, the promoter may postpone the contest to such date, time and place as approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. An announcement giving the full details of the postponement shall forthwith be made by the promoter, and any ticket holder desiring a full refund shall be given one immediately by presenting the ticket to the box office, except if the main bout has already been held or will be held on one of the successive rain out dates indicated on the ticket. All contestants who have fulfilled their contracts before the event of inclement weather shall be paid in full.

(b) In the event of inclement weather, the individual bouts may be rearranged or shortened by the promoter with the consent of the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(c) In the event of inclement weather after the main bout is completed, the contest shall be

considered completed.

(d) All contestants who were scheduled to compete but were unable to due to inclement weather shall be reimbursed by the promoter for their expenses.

(e) In the event of inclement weather during a bout, the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may end the bout. If the bout is two-thirds or more than two-thirds completed, then the bout shall be deemed complete. If the bout is less than two-thirds complete, then the bout shall be considered not to have taken place and the promoter shall reimburse the contestants for their expenses.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-81a. Requirements for hosting a sparring match

(a) Before an organization, gymnasium or independent club may host a sparring match, such organization, gymnasium or independent club shall register with the commissioner in the manner provided by section 29-143j of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) Such organization, gymnasium or independent club shall provide the commissioner with the following information:

(1) The name, address, email address and telephone number of the organization;

(2) The name, title, email address and telephone number of the individual in charge of such organization;

(3) A copy of any rules and regulations under which the organization's sparring program operates;

(4) A certificate of good standing from any sanctioning organizations to which the organization, gymnasium or independent club may belong;

(5) A roster of sparring partners participating in the program; and

(6) Such other relevant information as the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may require to determine whether such organization, gymnasium or independent club is qualified to host a sparring match.

(c) The department may inspect the facility where such sparring match is to be held.

(d) The organization, gymnasium or independent club hosting such sparring match shall provide the commissioner with the following information regarding the facility where the match is scheduled:

(1) The name and address of the facility;

(2) The name, title, email address and telephone number of the person in charge of such facility;

(3) Certification from the local building official attesting to the suitability of the facility for the conduct of a sparring match;

(4) Certification from the local fire marshal attesting to the fact that the facility is in compliance with the state fire safety and fire prevention codes; and

(5) A full description of the facility's sanitary and emergency medical facilities.

(e) The commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall determine whether an organization, gymnasium or independent club is qualified to host a sparring match on the basis of information provided by such organization, gymnasium or independent club, together with the results of any inspections or investigations that the commissioner may cause to be conducted. The commissioner may deem an organization, gymnasium or independent club qualified to host a sparring match if the organization, gymnasium or independent club protects the health and safety of participants.

Sec. 2: Sections 29-143j-1 to 29-143j-51, inclusive, sections 29-143j-54 to 29-143j-74, inclusive, section 29-143j-76 and sections 29-143j-78 to 29-143j-91, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, are repealed.

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Pursuant to CGS Section 4-170(b)(3), "Each proposed regulation shall have a statement of its purpose following the final section the regulation." Enter the statement here.

Statement of Purpose

To revise the regulations in accordance with the provisions of sections 29-143j to 29-143aa of the Connecticut General Statutes, incorporate mixed martial arts into the existing boxing regulatory scheme and provide a framework for the conduct and supervision of amateur and professional boxing and mixed martial arts. Particular emphasis is placed upon insuring that the sports of boxing and mixed martial arts are conducted in a manner that provides the utmost safety to the participants. The regulations delineate the powers and procedures of the commissioner, the licensing and registration requirements, the rules to insure safety, and the required conduct of the contestants, officials and other participants connected with the sparring match, bout, contest or exhibition.