

Connecticut Boxing Commission

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Provide background information on the Connecticut Boxing Commission.

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The Connecticut Boxing Commission is a nine-member commission, within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), that makes recommendations to the governor, DESPP commissioner, and General Assembly when requested or when the commission determines necessary ([CGS § 29-143i\(b\)](#)).

The Commission's recommendations must include:

1. identifying any legal or administrative impediments to developing boxing in this state,
2. identifying ways to improve state and local services designed to support and promote boxing,
3. identifying ways of developing young boxers through amateur boxing clubs and other programs,
4. developing strategies to assist promoters of small-scale professional boxing events and to aid in developing a market for large-scale professional boxing events in this state, and
5. developing ways to protect the health and safety of boxers.

The governor appoints three members and each legislative leader has one appointment. The terms of each member are coterminous with the appointing authority's term or until a successor is chosen, whichever is later. The appointing authority must fill any vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. Commission members receive no compensation for their services. The commission must meet at least once each quarter ([CGS § 29-143i\(a\)](#)).

By law, the DESPP commissioner has sole control of and jurisdiction over all amateur and professional boxing and sparring matches held, conducted, or given within the state, except for those supervised by certain academic institutions ([CGS § 29-143j\(b\)](#)). The commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut Boxing Commission, must adopt regulations she deems necessary and desirable for the conduct, supervision, and safety of boxing matches and sparring matches ([CGS §§ 29-143j\(e\) & -143j\(f\)](#)). These regulations must also include, among other things, licensing the participants, along with minimum fees associated with such licensing; improving the competitiveness of boxing in Connecticut relative to other states; and developing and promoting boxing in Connecticut.

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