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## CHAPTER 1. PROFESSIONAL BOXING RULES

### ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISION

§ 201. Citation.

The rules in this subchapter shall be cited as the "Professional Boxing Rules."

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 6-11-84; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 84, No. 24). For prior history, see Register 82, No. 8.
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Editorial renumbering only of former section 201 to section 201.5, and editorial renumbering only of former division 2 (section 200 "Citation") to division 2 (section 201) to correct duplication of section numbers (Register 90, No. 21).

§ 201.5. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "commission" means the State Athletic Commission;
- (b) "code" means the Business and Professions Code;
- (c) "rules" means the Boxing Rules.
- (d) the terms "club" and "promoter" are synonymous and used interchangeably, and include any person, partnership, club, corporation, organization or association conducting, holding or giving boxing contests.
- (e) the masculine gender includes the feminine gender.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18621 and 18622, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Originally printed 3-22-45.
2. Revision filed 5-23-47 (Register 8).
3. Repealer and new subchapters 1-3 filed 9-23-59; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 59, No. 16). (ED. NOTE-For changes intervening Register 8 and Register 59, No. 16, as to specific sections, see Registers 13, No. 6; 15, No. 2; 17, No. 1; 18, No. 4; 20, No. 6; 24, No. 3; 25, No. 6; 26, Nos. 4 and 7; 30, No. 1; 53, No. 3; 54, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 23, 25 and 27; 55, Nos. 16 and 17; and 56, Nos. 9, 13 and 17).
4. Repealer and new subchapters 1-3 refiled 12-14-59; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 59, No. 21).
5. Repealer and new section filed 1-30-64; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 64, No. 3).
6. Repealer of subchapter 1 (articles 1-10, sections 201-366, not consecutive) and new subchapter 1 (articles 1-12, sections 201-416, not consecutive) filed 2-23-84; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 84, No. 8). For prior history, see Registers 81, Nos. 49 and 15; 80, Nos. 19 and 15; 79, Nos. 49 and 10; 77, Nos. 48 and 3; 76, Nos. 40, 30 and 3; 75, Nos. 49 and 37; 73, Nos. 45, 35, 25, 9 and 3; 72, No. 16; 71, No. 31; 70, Nos. 50 and 8; 68, No. 37; 67, Nos. 51, 39 and 4; 66, No. 15; and 64, No. 18.
7. New subsection (e) filed 6-11-84; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 84, No. 24).
8. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
9. Editorial renumbering only of former section 201 to section 201.5 (Register 90, No. 21).

§ 202. Filing of Applications and Reports.

Any application or report required under law or any rule of the commission to be filed with the commission, unless otherwise specified, shall be filed at the commission's general office at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite #2010, Sacramento, California 95815

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18612, 18642 and 18824, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Change without regulatory effect amending section filed 12-16-94 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 50).
3. Amendment filed 2-29-2000; operative 3-30-2000 (Register 2000, No. 9).

§ 204. Forms.

Ring officials, licensees and applicants for licenses shall submit to the commission such forms, records and statements at such times and in such manner as directed by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18612, 18642 and 18824, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 205. Filing Of Change Of Address.

Every person, corporation, association or other organization holding a license issued by the commission, or any such person or entity with an application on file with the commission shall immediately notify the commission in writing at one of its offices of any and all changes of address, giving both the old and new address.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18641 and 18642, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 206. Authority of Employees.

The jurisdiction, duties and responsibilities of all commission representatives and employees shall be established by the executive officer subject to the approval of the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18613, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 208. License Fees.

Each application for a license to conduct or operate a professional boxer's gymnasium within the meaning of Section 18685 of the code shall be accompanied by the annual license fee of \$10.00. Every such license expires at midnight on December 31 of each year.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18653, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

**ARTICLE 2. LICENSES AND APPLICATIONS**

§ 210. Application For License; Contents, Falsification.

(a) Applications for licenses shall be in writing on a form supplied by the commission and shall be verified under oath by the applicant. Every license issued shall be subject to the conditions and agreements set forth in the application therefore, the statutes and laws relating to boxing and wrestling and the rules and regulations of the commission.

(b) Falsification in whole or in part of a material fact or presentation on any application for a license shall result in a license being denied, and if previously granted, revoked unless otherwise ordered by the commission

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642 and 18661, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 211. Fingerprints and Photographs.

(a) An applicant for any license issued by the commission shall submit two classifiable sets of fingerprints at the time the initial application is filed with the commission, or at such other times as deemed necessary by the commission. The applicant shall also furnish two passport-size photographs as required by the commission.

(b) This rule applies to any of the following:

- (1) Sole proprietor;
- (2) Every partner in a partnership;
- (3) All members of a limited liability company;
- (4) Every shareholder, officer or director of a nonpublic corporation; and
- (5) Every officer and director of a public corporation.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 144, 18611 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 144, 18640, 18660, 18661 and 18840, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Amendment of section and NOTE filed 8-30-2010; operative 9-29-2010 (Register 2010, No. 36).

§ 212. Use of Ring Names.

Boxers and wrestlers may assume and use ring names, but the right to use any certain ring name is subject to the approval of the commission and may be denied either at the time of presenting application for license, or later, should reason for such denial be brought before the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18641 and 18642, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 213. Promoter's License.

In order to be issued a boxing promoter's license, an applicant shall meet all the following requirements:

(a) An applicant shall demonstrate financial responsibility. For purposes of section 18665(b) of the code, "financial responsibility" means no less than \$50,000 in cash or the equivalent in liquid assets as demonstrated by the applicant's financial statement. The financial statement shall be prepared by and be on the letterhead of a certified public accountant within sixty (60) days of the date the application is filed.

(b) An applicant shall demonstrate either that the applicant possesses the necessary knowledge and experience to act as a promoter or employs a person whose possesses those qualifications.

(c) The bond required by section 18680 of the code, which shall be set by the commission in an amount no less than \$50,000.

(d) The fee specified in section 18804 of the code.

(e) Evidence that the applicant is in compliance with Rule 290 regarding medical insurance.

(f) The applicant shall meet the requirements for licensure as a matchmaker, or in the alternative submit evidence that the promoter employs a licensed matchmaker.

(g) An application for promoter's license shall be signed by an owner or officer of the applicant.

NOTE: Authority: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Amendment filed 8-30-2010; operative 9-29-2010 (Register 2010, No. 36).

§ 213.2 Changes in Promoter Personnel.

(a) The requirements of section 18666 of the code shall not apply to changes in the shareholders of a publicly traded corporation.

(b) In accordance with section 18666 of the code, a licensed promoter shall provide fingerprints (in accordance with Rule 211) and a financial statement that

complies with Rule 213 for persons who become connected with or obtain a proprietary interest in the promoter during the term of an existing promoter's license.

NOTE: Authority: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18714 and 18776, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 8-30-2010; operative 9-29-2010 (Register 2010, No. 36).

§ 214. Professional Boxer's License-HIV/HBV Testing.

(a) As used in Section 18712(a) of the code:

(1) The phrase "within 30 days prior to the date of application" means that the blood test will be accepted for licensure purposes for 30 days from the date of the test report.

(2) The phrase "documentary evidence satisfactory to the commission" means the original or a copy of the test report on letterhead of the laboratory, accompanied by the applicant's declaration under penalty of perjury that the report represents the applicant's HIV/HBV test results.

(b) The test described in Section 18712(a) of the code shall be referred to collectively as the "HIV/HBV tests."

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code, Reference: Section 18712, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 6-16-97; operative 6-16-97 pursuant to Government code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 25). For prior history, see Register 94, No. 50).

§ 215. Manager Acting As Second.

A licensed manager may act as a second without the necessity of a second's license.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18642, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 216. License Required.

Boxer and managers licensed in other jurisdictions signing a contract with a promoter to box in this state shall have made application for a license with this commission and the boxer shall have been issued a license prior to signing any contract. Failure to comply with this rule may result in denial of any application received from such boxer or manager pending a hearing before the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18642, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 217. Matchmaker's License.

In order to be licensed as a matchmaker, an applicant shall pass a written examination administered by the commission on California laws and regulations relating to boxing. The examination may be waived if the applicant possesses a current and valid license as a matchmaker in another state or country and has not been subject to any disciplinary action.

NOTE: Authority: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).

§ 218. Manager's, Second's and Timekeeper's License.

(a) **Boxing Manager.** In order to be issued a boxing manager's license, an applicant shall pass a written examination administered by the commission on the fundamentals of boxing, the management of boxers, and California laws and regulations relating to boxing. The examination may be waived if the applicant possesses a current and valid license as a boxing manager in another state or country and has not been subject to any disciplinary action.

(b) **Boxing Second.** In order to be issued a boxing second's license, an applicant shall meet all the following requirements:

- (1) Pass a written examination administered by the commission on the fundamentals of boxing and California laws and regulations relating to boxing.
- (2) Perform a demonstration of competence by demonstrating the duties of a second before a representative of the commission.
- (3) The examination and demonstration of competence may be waived if the applicant possesses a current and valid license as a boxing second in another state or country and has not been subject to any disciplinary action.

(c) **Timekeeper.** In order to be issued a timekeeper's license, an applicant shall meet all the following requirements:

- (1) Pass a written examination administered by the commission on the California laws and regulations relating to boxing.
- (2) Perform a demonstration of competence by demonstrating the duties of a timekeeper before a representative of the commission.
- (3) The examination and demonstration of competence may be waived if the applicant possesses a current and valid license as a timekeeper in another state or country and has not been subject to any disciplinary action.

NOTE: Authority: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642 and 18661, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Renumbering of former Section 218 to Section 219, and new Section 219 filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 219. Temporary Permits.

Pending investigation of the qualifications or fitness of an applicant for a license, the commission may grant such applicant a temporary license to act in the capacity for which a license is required. The granting of a temporary license shall, however, carry no presumption of the qualification or fitness of such applicant having a license, and the same may at any time be summarily terminated in the event the application for a license is denied by the commission. No such temporary permit shall be issued to any boxer whose application is not accompanied by satisfactory physical and eye examination reports from duly licensed physicians.

All temporary licenses issued by the commission shall be valid for a period not to exceed 120 days. Under no circumstances shall any temporary license extend from one license year to another.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18679, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18679, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Renumbering of former Section 218 to Section 219 filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Amendment of section and NOTE filed 5-14-96; operative 6-13-96 (Register 96, No. 20).

**ARTICLE 3. CONTRACTS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

§ 220. Form Of Contract.

Contracts between boxers and managers and between boxers or managers and licensed clubs shall be executed on printed forms approved by the commission. The commission may recognize or enforce a contract not on its printed form if entered into in another jurisdiction. No other contract or agreement may be recognized or enforced by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642 and 18854, Business and Professions code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-24-90; operative 11-23-90 (Register 90, No. 47).

§ 221. Provisions Of Contract.

(a) The original contract entered into between managers and boxers and promoters and boxers shall be placed on file with the commission at the time it is approved pursuant to Rule 222. Except as provided below, a contract becomes null and void if at any time during its term the manager or promoter, after notice from the commission, is not licensed by the commission. If a manager or promoter is not licensed because the license has been revoked or suspended for 60 calendar days or more by the commission, all contracts with the manager or promoter shall become void on the 30th day after the date of the order of revocation or suspension unless a court of competent jurisdiction, upon notice to the commission, issues an order staying the commission's order within the 30-day period. If a manager or promoter is not licensed because the license has been suspended by the commission for less than 60 calendar days, all contracts with the manager or promoter are voidable by the boxer if written notice is given by the boxer to the manager or promoter and to the commission within the period of license suspension.

(b) No manager or group of managers shall be allowed to participate in more than 33 1/3 percent of the gross ring earnings of the boxer. No assignment of any part or parts of the boxer's or manager's interest in a contract, filed and approved by the commission, shall be permitted without the approval and consent of the commission. The consent to assign shall not be granted unless a copy of the proposed assignment is submitted to the commission for its approval. No manager may negotiate or sign for matches for a boxer not under contract to him. Any boxer not having a contract with a licensed manager shall sign for his own contests and receipt for his full purse. All disputes between the parties to the contract, including the validity of the contract, shall be arbitrated pursuant to the provisions of the contract.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642, 18643 and 18854, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of section filed 7-17-96; operative 8-16-96 (Register 96, No. 29).
3. Amendment filed 6-15-2011; operative 7-15-2011 (Register 2011, No. 24).

**§ 222. Execution of Contract.**

Unless otherwise directed by the commission, a contract between a boxer and a manager or a boxer and a promoter is not valid unless both parties appear at the same time before the commission or a commission representative and it receives written approval. No contract shall be approved between a manager and a boxer or a promoter and a boxer for a period exceeding five years. No option to extend the initial period shall be permitted.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642, 18643 and 18840, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 6-15-2011; operative 7-15-2011 (Register 2011, No. 24).

§ 223. Number Of Boxers.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642 and 18842, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 224. Advances By Manager, Accounting For.

Any manager who advances or loans any money to any boxer or incurs indebtedness on behalf of any boxer shall furnish a statement under penalty of perjury to the boxer every ninety days. The statement shall be specific and shall set forth as to each transaction or item at least the following information: the amount of money involved, the date that the indebtedness occurred, the purpose of the indebtedness, and the name of the person to whom the debt is owed.

The manager shall obtain the boxer's signature and date of signature on each accounting and within ten days after furnishing the accounting to the boxer, the manager shall file with the commission a true copy of the accounting.

If the boxer refuses to date and sign the accounting, the manager shall file the accounting with the commission along with a statement that the manager provided the boxer with the accounting but that the boxer refused to date and sign it and the reason given by the boxer if any.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18848, 18852 and 18538, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 225. Manager's Written Report

The manager's written report required to be filed with the commission under Section 18852 of the code shall itemize and specify each expense listed as a training expense and set forth with regard to each training expense itemized at least the date the expense was incurred and the kind of expense involved.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18852, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Change without regulatory effect amending section heading filed 12-16-94 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 50).

§ 226. Expiration Of Contract.

No manager shall be allowed to contract for the services of a boxer under his management for a match to take place on a date after the expiration of the contract between the boxer and manager.

No promoter shall be allowed to contract for the service of a boxer to take place on a date after the expiration of the contract between the boxer and the promoter.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18642, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Editorial correction of Reference cite (Register 95, No. 8).
3. Amendment filed 6-15-2011; operative 7-15-2011 (Register 2011, No. 24).

§ 227. Arbitration Procedures.

(a) A person who seeks arbitration of a contract dispute pursuant to Rule 221 shall send a written request for arbitration to the commission's headquarters and to the Office of the Attorney General at the address designated on the form. The request shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall contain all of the following information:

- (1) The person's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address if available.
- (2) The date of the request.
- (3) Type of license held and license number.
- (4) A detailed statement showing the ground for the request.
- (5) A copy of each contract over which arbitration is sought.
- (6) Whether the services of an interpreter are required and if so, for which language.
- (7) Three dates of availability for arbitration within the next 90 days after the date of the request.
- (8) Which of the following geographic locations is preferred: Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Francisco or San Diego.

(9) The requester's signature.

The commission shall return to the requester without action any request that is incomplete because it lacks one or more of the items described above.

(b) Within five (5) working days after receipt of a complete request for arbitration, the commission shall serve the request and any accompanying documents on the other party to the contract and provide that party with an opportunity to respond. If the commission does not receive a response from the other party not later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of service of the request, the matter shall proceed by default.

(c) The arbitrator shall be the executive officer of the commission or that person's designee.

(d) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing, the parties shall exchange and also serve on the commission's designated representative a detailed list of the evidence

expected to be presented during the hearing, which shall include a list of the names of witnesses and a copy of every document that the party intends to present.

(e) An arbitration proceeding shall not exceed four (4) hours unless the arbitrator determines that additional time is needed, based on the detailed statement required in subsection (a)(4), in which case the arbitrator may permit the hearing to proceed a maximum of six (6) hours total. The time shall be divided evenly among the parties. Each party may make either an oral or a written statement of the case. The party requesting arbitration shall proceed first. Every person who will be testifying shall be sworn in.

(f) The party requesting arbitration bears the burden of proving his or her case by a preponderance of the evidence.

(g) The arbitrator shall serve the written decision on the parties not later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the matter has been submitted.

(h) Unless good cause is shown, a request for arbitration shall be deemed abandoned and the request dismissed if the party who requests arbitration fails to appear at a duly noticed hearing two times.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY

1. New section filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

#### § 230. Contract Provisions.

(a) No verbal agreement or written agreement other than a contract on the commission's official form shall be accepted by the commission.

(b) No contract between a promoter and manager or boxer shall be enforced by the commission until all contracts between the promoter and the contestants for a particular match are filed with the commission and meet the requirements of these rules and the provisions of the code applicable to professional boxing. All contracts for an event shall be filed with the commission no later than the time periods specified in Rule 240.

(c) Contracts are prohibited wherein a certain sum other than federal, state or local government taxes is taken by the club from the gate receipts or, where applicable, receipts from the sale, lease, transfer, or other exploitation of broadcasting and television rights, before a boxer is paid a percentage of the balance of said receipts for his or her services. Deductions may be allowed only if the amount to be deducted is clearly specified and itemized in the contract signed by the club with the boxer. If the commission determines that the deductions are not sufficiently itemized and specific, it may disallow such deductions.

(d) "Blanket contracts" or options on a boxer's services shall not be recognized unless written approval is obtained from the commission.

(e) Contracts wherein a boxer agrees to accept a certain percentage for his services with the understanding that at the same time he is to pay his opponent a stipulated amount of this percentage are not acceptable to the commission unless such a contract is submitted to the commission for examination and approval.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642, 18660, 18661 and 18854, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Amendment filed 6-15-2011; operative 7-15-2011 (Register 2011, No. 24).

§ 231. Failure To Appear.

(a) Any contestant absenting himself from a show in which he has signed or has been signed by his duly licensed manager to appear, without a written valid excuse or a certificate from a commission physician in advance in case of physical disability, is subject to disciplinary action.

(b) Any boxer who files a certificate from a commission physician stating that he is unable to fulfill a contract on account of physical disability shall on being restored to the eligible list, fulfill his contract with the same opponent or a suitable substitute at the club specified in the contract within a reasonable time, such period to be set by the commission, unless the boxer is released from the contract by mutual agreement.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18861, Business Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 232. Payment Of Contestants.

All contestants shall be paid in full according to their contracts, and no part or percentage of their remuneration may be withheld except by order of an official of the commission, nor shall any part thereof be returned through arrangement with the boxer or his manager to any matchmaker, assistant matchmaker, or club official. The boxer or manager may not assign his respective share of the purse, or any portion thereof, without the approval of the commission, upon written request filed with the commission at least 72 hours before the contest.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18854, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 233. Time And Manner Of Payment.

All payment of purses shall be made immediately after the contest or exhibition, or, in case of a percentage contract, immediately after the percentage is determined by the commission inspectors unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

The club's authorized representative shall, unless otherwise ordered by the commission's representative in the club office, deliver check or checks made out by the club as payor to all parties entitled to payment. The club shall take a receipt for all payments made by checks, and deliver a copy of such receipt to the commission. The form of this payoff sheet shall be furnished by the commission and completed by the inspector.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18854, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 234. No Decision Bout.

In the event the referee fails to render a decision at the termination of any bout, the club shall deliver payment checks covering such bout to the commission representative for determination of payment to boxers and their managers.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18854 and 18860, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

#### ARTICLE 4. CONDUCT OF PROMOTIONS

§ 240. Approval Of Contestants.

(a) All boxing contests shall be approved by the executive officer or his designee. Main event contracts shall be placed on file with the commission for approval at least 72 hours prior to the event unless an exception is made by the executive officer or his designee. Contracts for all other boxers contending on the card shall be filed prior to the scheduled weigh-in time for the event unless an exception is made by the executive officer or his designee. No promoter may release the names of contestants to the media or otherwise publicize a contest unless a contract has been executed between the parties and the contest is approved by the executive officer or his designee.

(b) The grounds for denial of a promoter's request to hold a boxing contest are as follows:

- (1) The failure of the promoter or any person connected with the promotion and under the jurisdiction of the commission to comply with any statute or rule regulating boxing in California.
- (2) The contest would tend to be a mismatch based on the record, experience, skill and condition of the contestants.
- (3) The commission does not have adequate staff to enforce the statutes and rules regulating boxing enacted and adopted to protect the health, safety and welfare of the

participants and consumers and guarantee the collection of revenue due to the state from the contest and all ancillary rights incidental thereto.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642, 18661 and 18665, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 4-12-85; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 85, No. 15).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 241. Approval Of 12- Or 15- Round Contests.

No club may schedule or advertise a 12-round contest or a 15-round championship boxing contest without written approval of the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18720, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 242. Number Of Rounds Scheduled.

Clubs shall not schedule less than 26 rounds of boxing, nor more than 40 rounds, except with the approval of the commission for any one program. A standby bout shall be provided in the event an arranged card breaks down, and if it is necessary to put on another bout in order to meet the minimum requirement.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 243. Matches By Whom Made.

No match shall be made on behalf of any club or promoter except by the promoter, or a licensed matchmaker or assistant matchmaker.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18641, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 246. Postponement.

If, through inclement weather (in case of any outdoor show) or other happening not within the control of the club, a postponement becomes necessary, the commission may grant an extension of the contracts and set a new date, and the action of the commission if a show called off shall be binding upon all parties to the contracts. A small advance sale shall not be regarded as legitimate reason for a postponement. Indoor boxing and wrestling shows shall not be canceled for any reason except with the written approval of the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 247. Notice of Change In Program.

Notice of any change in announced or advertised programs for any main event boxing contest shall be filed with the commission and the press at least 24 hours before the contest. Notice of such change or substitution shall also be conspicuously posted at the box office, and announced from the ring before the opening contest. If any of the patrons desire to have the price of their tickets refunded, such refund shall be made immediately if the tickets or the ticket stubs are presented at the box office.

The box office shall remain open a reasonable length of time to redeem such tickets.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 248. Substitutions.

Substitutions shall not be permitted in a main event contest except in cases of emergency where the commission finds such action is justified and then only where the substitute has been approved by the commission in accordance with these rules.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer and new section filed 6-11-84; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 84, No. 24).

2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 249. Substitute Boxers.

If a substitute boxer who is requested to appear at any club for any show is not used, he shall be used on the next succeeding show staged by the club or shall be reimbursed by the club for training expenses and transportation.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 252. Solicitation In Arena.

No soliciting of any kind by any individual or organization shall be allowed in any boxing or wrestling arena without the written permission of the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640 and 18641, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 253. Drinks.

Clubs shall be responsible to see that all drinks are dispensed in paper cups.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 254. Introduction From Ring.

No person other than a boxer, wrestler, or person officially identified with the sport, shall be introduced from the ring, except with specific authority from the commission representative.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

ARTICLE 5. CONTROL OF SALES; REVENUE

§ 260. Approval Of Sale Of Tickets.

The sale of tickets to an event is prohibited until there is a current seating plan on file with the commission applicable to the event's arena. Any change in the seating plan submitted also shall be filed prior to the sale of any tickets intended for use with the changed arrangement.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18661, 18665 and 18700, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 261. Complimentary Tickets.

(a) No club or employee shall sell complimentary tickets. All clubs shall be held responsible for the actions of their employees in this connection.

(b) A complimentary ticket is a priced flat ticket for which no charge is made. Complimentary tickets shall be overstamped with the wording "Complimentary-Not to be sold" on the printed face of the ticket. The overstamp shall include the stub end of the ticket retained by the ticket holder. The promoter shall retain a clipped end of each complimentary ticket in the box-office.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18824, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 262. Courtesy Passes.

(a) Upon receipt of written permission from the commission, licensed clubs may issue script, exchange slips, courtesy or advertising passes or such other types of passes as may be approved by the commission.

Approved passes shall have plainly printed thereon the date of the show, as well as the value and the number of seats to which the pass entitles the bearer thereof. The pass shall be exchanged at the box office for a ticket and the holder shall present such ticket for admission to the ticket taker at the door, the rest of the ticket other than the stub, remaining in the box office to be checked as unsold tickets against the passes in the locked ticket boxes. Both ends of the ticket and the pass must be punched or clipped.

(b) If a club issues passes good only for general admission tickets, such passes shall be printed as specified above. The bearer shall exchange the pass for a ticket which shall be sold from a special roll, the ticket shall be presented for admission to the ticket taker, who shall deposit it in the locked ticket box and passes shall remain in the ticket office, to be checked as unsold tickets against the number of tickets taken from the special roll as shown by the opening and closing numbers. No pass shall be issued for more than one general admission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18824 and 18872, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 263. Ancillary Rights.

Whenever a club, promoter, matchmaker, assistant matchmaker or anyone else acting for or under the management or control of the club is negotiating for the sale, lease, transfer, or other exploitation of broadcasting and television rights of a contest, match, or exhibition, the club shall file with the commission no later than three days before the contest, match or exhibition a copy of any and all contracts which exist at the time for the sale, lease, transfer, or other exploitation of such rights. If no such contract is in existence at that time then the club shall file a statement under penalty of perjury setting forth the gross price or value which the club reasonably anticipates receiving directly or indirectly for such rights.

In addition to suspension, revocation, or fine, if a club violates this rule, the commission or its duly authorized representative may withhold from the club's gross receipts sufficient funds to cover any taxes which may reasonably be anticipated to be due pursuant to Section 18824 of the code.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18824, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 264. Admission Of Employees, Press, Commission Members.

No person other than a representative of a commission shall have the right of admission without a ticket for value, complimentary ticket or pass.

For purposes of computing whether the total number of complimentary tickets exceeds twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of spectators pursuant to Section 18824, a complimentary ticket issued to any person listed below shall be excluded from the calculation of the twenty-five percent (25%) threshold.

(a) Bona fide employees of the management of the club and municipal or county officers on official business. Bona fide employees are:

(1) Those persons, including directors and officers, regularly employed by, or under contract to, the club or regularly engaged in work in business transacted there, when their duties require admission to the place, and when on duty at the time admitted; and

(2) Other persons whose admission to the place is required for the performance of some duty to, or work for, the management of the club.

(b) Newspaper reporters, photographers, telegraphers, and radio announcers, assigned to work by their recognized employers or superiors, policemen and firemen in uniform and on duty, and persons of similar vocation who are admitted with a complimentary ticket to any club for the performance of special duties in connection with any event and whose special duties are the sole reason for their presence and free admission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18824, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Editorial correction of NOTE (Register 90, No. 21).
3. New second paragraph, amendment of subsections (a), (a)(1) and (b), and repealer of subsection (c) filed 11-12-96; operative 12-12-96 (Register 96, No. 46).

§ 266. Printing Of Tickets.

All tickets shall have the price, the name of the club and date of show printed or date stamped plainly thereon.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 267. Reduced Price Tickets.

Any ticket for a boxing event sold for less than the printed price thereon shall be overstamped with the actual price charged. The overstamp shall be placed on the printed face of the ticket as well as the stub retained by the ticket holder.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 268. Color Of Tickets.

Tickets of different prices shall be printed on cardboard of different colors. Use of passout tickets is prohibited unless the club receives written permission from the commission to use them.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 269. Ticket Inventories.

Promoters shall use only tickets from a printer approved by the commission or its authorized representative. Printers shall send by mail to the district office and to the Sacramento commission office a sworn inventory of all tickets delivered to any club. This

inventory shall account for any overprints, changes or extras, and a printer's sample shall be attached. Promoters shall notify printers of this requirement.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18872, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 4-12-85; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 85, No. 15).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 271. Exchanges.

No exchange of tickets shall be made except at the box office, and no ticket shall be redeemed after the show has taken place. Tickets in the hands of agencies shall be returned to the box office not later than one hour after the show has started.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18824, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 272. Refunds.

Every club holding either boxing or martial arts matches shall have printed on the stub of every ticket sold the following statement:

"Retain this coupon in event of postponement or cancellation. Refund \$ \_\_\_\_."

The price paid for the ticket shall be printed in the foregoing blank space, and the coupon detached and returned to the ticket holder at the entrance gate. This coupon check shall also show the name of the club and date of the contest or exhibition, and shall be redeemed at its face value by the club upon presentation by the purchaser if the advertised main event is postponed or does not take place as advertised. The surety bond shall be conditioned upon the compliance by the club with the provisions of this rule.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18681, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 273. Ticket Stubs.

Under no circumstances shall a ticket holder be passed through the gate without having the ticket separated from the stub, or be allowed to occupy a seat unless in possession of

the ticket stub. The ticket taker at the door shall separate the ticket from the stub and deposit the ticket in the locked ticket box provided.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18824, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 274. Seats To Correspond To Tickets.

Ushers shall see that spectators get the seats corresponding with their ticket stubs, and that anyone occupying such seat unlawfully be asked to vacate, and if necessary be ejected.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 276. Counting Tickets.

The commission representative shall check numbers and places of ticket cans at gates and cause them to be sealed and padlocked, and after the show have them opened and tickets counted under his supervision.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18825 and 18872, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 277. Destruction of Tickets.

Tickets and stubs of every description sold or unsold, other than unsold reel tickets, used for any boxing contest or wrestling exhibition shall be removed to the commission district office for audit, if necessary, by a representative of the commission after the promoter and representative have completed computation of gate receipts and taxes due thereon. In the event tickets are not taken by a commission representative they shall be retained by the promoters for a period not to exceed six months. Such tickets may be destroyed after they have been held for at least 30 days and written permission has been granted by the commission for the destruction of such tickets. Tickets shall be kept in separate packages for each show in order that an audit can be made at any time by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18825, 18826 and 18872, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Editorial correction restoring inadvertently omitted Authority and Reference cites and History (Register 95, No. 8).

§ 278. Show Reports.

Every club shall when applicable, submit within 72 hours after the determination of every contest, match or exhibition for which an admission fee is charged and received, the following reports and documents on forms approved by the commission for each promotion it conducts or holds:

- (a) Contracts between club and boxers.
- (b) Club report of tax.
- (c) Itemized statement under penalty of perjury of specific receipts and specific disbursements to contestants.
- (d) Itemized and specific statement under penalty of perjury showing the number of tickets issued or sold, the amount of the gross receipts of value thereof, and the gross price charged directly or indirectly and no matter by whom received for the sale, lease, transfer, or other exploitation of broadcasting and television rights, and the name and business address of the person or entity from whom value has been received for the sale, lease, transfer, or other exploitation of such rights.
- (e) A written contract setting forth the gross price charged directly or indirectly, and no matter by whom, received for the sale, lease, transfer, or other exploitation of broadcasting and television rights, and the name and business address of the person or entity from whom value has been received for the sale, lease, transfer, or other exploitation of such rights. No oral contracts shall be accepted by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18824 and 18832, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New subsection (e) filed 6-17-85; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 85, No. 25).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 279. Videotaping.

(a) A promoter or his, her or its agent or employee shall obtain the name, address and telephone number of any person who records all or part of a boxing contest on videotape. As a condition to granting permission to videotape a boxing contest, a promoter shall also obtain the consent of such a person to obtain a copy of any videotape made of the contest if necessary to comply with a request made by the commission under subs. (b) for a copy of videotape.

(b) If requested by the commission, a promoter shall be responsible for providing the commission with a copy of any available videotape or other reproduction of a boxing contest which is made with the permission of the promoter. Such a request shall be made

by the commission within 30 days after the date of the contest. The promoter shall comply with the request within 30 days of the date on which the commission's request is postmarked.

(c) Any copies made under such a request shall be at the commission's expense.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611 Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18824 and 18825, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 10-24-90; operative 11-23-90 (Register 90, No. 47).

**ARTICLE 6. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND SAFETY**

**§ 280. Examination Of Boxer Applicants.**

(a) Any boxer applying for a license or renewal thereof shall be examined by a physician currently licensed by this state to establish both physical and mental fitness for competition. Such examination shall be taken at such time as directed by the commission. Any boxer licensed by the commission who participates in a boxing match or contest outside the State of California may be required, upon his return to California, to again take this examination before being allowed to box in California. The results of such contests shall be reported to the nearest commission office by the licensee within 72 hours of his return to California.

(b) An examination of an applicant or licensee may be accepted by the commission if it is performed by a physician authorized to perform such examinations by the state or nation in which the examination is conducted and if it is conducted in accordance with commission instructions, including the use of applicable forms prescribed by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642, 18661 and 18711, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

**§ 281. Physical Condition Of Boxer.**

(a) With respect to Section 18642.5 of the code, the commission shall evaluate an applicant's or licensee's fitness for licensure as a boxer based on the totality of the person's physical condition, taking into account the following indicators:

- (1) Under the age of 18
- (2) Actual age
- (3) Number of bouts
- (4) Number of rounds fought
- (5) Number of hard fights
- (6) Number of identified injuries
- (7) Number of knockouts suffered within the last 12 months, including

- particularly those where the contestant lost consciousness
- (8) Periods of inactivity in excess of 12 calendar months
  - (9) Ring record for the past twenty-four months
  - (10) Weight, including fluctuations in weight
  - (11) Whether the person is missing all or part of a limb
- (b) No license shall be issued to any applicant for a boxer's license who does not meet the vision requirements of Rule 282.
- (c) No license shall be issued to any boxer who has suffered cerebral hemorrhage or any other serious head injury.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642, 18642.5 and 18710, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment of section heading, repealer of subsection (a) and subsection relettering filed 1-19-99; operative 1-19-99 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (d) (Register 99, No. 4).
4. New subsections (a)--(a)(11), subsection relettering and amendment of NOTE filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

**§ 282. Vision Requirements.**

The commission shall deny, suspend, revoke, or place restrictions on the license of a professional or amateur boxer if it determines that the applicant or licensee cannot safely engage in boxing activities because of a visual condition, including but not limited to one of the following:

- (a) Uncorrected visual acuity of less than 20/200 in either eye or 20/60 with both eyes;
- (b) Corrected visual acuity of less than 20/60 in either eye, regardless of its cause;
- (c) A visual field of 60 degrees or less extending over one or more quadrants of the visual field;
- (d) Presence or history of retinal detachment or retinal tear unless treated by an ophthalmologist and then approved by an ophthalmologist specified by the commission who then assesses that the boxer is at no significant risk of further injury to the retina if boxing is resumed. Such assessment shall occur both within five days before and five days after the contest;
- (e) Presence of primary or secondary glaucoma, whether or not such condition has been treated;
- (f) Presence of aphakia, pseudophakia or dislocated lens in either eye;
- (g) Any other visual condition which the commission determines would prevent the applicant or licensee from safely engaging in boxing activities.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642, 18643, 18661 and 18714, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-28-91; operative 11-27-91 (Register 93, No. 4).
3. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 283. Ability To Perform.

Before a license is issued to any boxer, the boxer shall satisfy the commission that the boxer has the ability to compete. If at any time a boxer's ability to perform is questionable, whether from reasons of health, mental condition or no longer possessing the ability to compete or for any other reason, the commission may, upon being satisfied of the boxer's lack of ability to perform, retire the boxer from further competition. Any applicant for a boxer's license or a renewal thereof shall furnish a verified record of the applicant's last six boxing contests.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642, 18643, 18661, 18714 and 18840, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 285. Examination Ordered By Commission.

Any boxer who has been signed to a contract to box at any club may be ordered by the commission to appear at any time to be weighed by a commission representative.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18641, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 286. Report Of Illness.

Whenever a licensed boxer is unable because of injuries or illness to take part in a contest for which he is under contract, he (or his manager) shall immediately report that fact to the commission, and the boxer shall be required to submit to an examination by a physician designated by the commission. The examination fee of the physician shall be paid by the boxer, except if the club has requested an examination, it shall pay the cost thereof.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642 and 18710, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 287. Physicians; Certification Of Physicians.

The commission shall certify each year a list of commission-approved physicians who will be appointed by the commission as ringside physicians at each boxing match. The list of certified physicians shall be available in the headquarters and district offices of the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18705 and 18706, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 288. Ringside Physicians.

Ringside physicians shall meet all of the following criteria:

(a) The physician shall possess a current and unrestricted license issued by the Medical Board of California or the Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

(b) A physician who has not previously been a ringside physician shall hold staff privileges in medicine, surgery, or emergency medicine in a general acute care facility accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations.

(c) A physician who has not previously been approved as a ringside physician shall attend at least two ringside physician training clinics which are sponsored by the commission.

(d) A physician who has not previously been approved as a ringside physician shall be precepted at six (6) contests by a ringside physician, and receive a satisfactory evaluation on at least five (5) of the precepted contests. The preceptee may act as the second physician in attendance at a contest.

(e) "Ringside physician," as used in this section, means a physician who is approved by the commission to attend boxing and martial arts contests as required by Section 18705 of the code.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18705.5, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18705 and 18705.5, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 10-28-91; operative 11-27-91 (Register 93, No. 4).
2. Amendment filed 6-15-2011; operative 7-15-2011 (Register 2011, No. 24).

§ 289. Medical Insurance.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 4-12-85; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 85, No. 15).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 290. Medical Insurance For Professional Boxers.

(a) A promoter shall maintain a short-term medical assistance insurance program, approved by the commission, for professional boxers with whom it contracts for bouts to be conducted in California or shall qualify such boxers for a program which has been approved by the commission. The cost of such insurance program or coverage shall be set forth in the contract between the boxer/manager and the promoter. The promoter shall be responsible for paying any deductible amounts.

(b) "Short term medical assistance insurance," as used in this section, refers to direct expenses of medical treatment, including emergency aid, medical treatment, drugs, operations and physical therapy, arising directly from injuries incurred during a boxing contest in California which has been approved by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642 and 18643, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 4-12-85; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 85, No. 15).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 292. Sanitation.

All clubs are held responsible for and shall correct any violation of commission rules or applicable local health department requirements regarding sanitary conditions of dressing rooms, showers, water bottles, towels or other equipment.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18700 and 18714, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 293. Examination Facilities.

Ringside physicians shall have dressing rooms and facilities which meet the requirements of Rule 292 in which to make their examinations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18714 and 18776, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Change without regulatory effect amending section filed 12-16-94 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 50).
3. Amendment filed 8-30-2010; operative 9-29-2010 (Register 2010, No. 36)

§ 294. Emergency Equipment Required.

The club shall ensure that an ambulance staffed by at least one paramedic is available at the site during a show and after a show until released by a ringside physician. The club shall also ensure that there is adequate access, as determined by a commission representative and a ringside physician on a case-by-case basis, for a medical evacuation should that become necessary.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18705 and 18706, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of section heading and section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).
3. Amendment of section heading and section filed 6-12-2002; operative 7-12-2002 (Register 2002, No. 24).

§ 295. Only Authorized Persons in Dressing Rooms.

No one shall be allowed in the boxers' dressing rooms except their manager, seconds, news media, and commission or club representatives. The club management shall furnish a doorman in dressing rooms to enforce this rule.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 297. Weighing Time.

Contestants shall be weighed within 24 hours of the scheduled match, at a time and place designated by the commission, in the presence of a commission representative on scales approved by the commission. A club may obtain advance written permission of the commission to allow preliminary boxers to weigh in and be examined not later than one hour before the scheduled time of the first match on the card. All weights shall be taken with the contestants stripped.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18728, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 298. Weights and Classes.

- (a) Strawweight/Mini Flyweight ..... 105 pounds and under  
Light Flyweight/Junior Flyweight ..... over 105 pounds to 108 pounds

Flyweight .....	over 108 to 112 pounds
Super Flyweight/Junior Bantamweight .....	over 112 to 115 pounds
Bantamweight .....	over 115 to 118 pounds
Super Bantamweight/Junior Featherweight .....	over 118 to 122 pounds
Featherweight .....	over 122 to 126 pounds
Super Featherweight/Junior Lightweight .....	over 126 to 130 pounds
Lightweight .....	over 130 to 135 pounds
Super Lightweight/Junior Welterweight .....	over 135 to 140 pounds
Welterweight .....	over 140 to 147 pounds
Super Welterweight/Junior Middleweight .....	over 147 to 154 pounds
Middleweight .....	over 154 to 160 pounds
Super Middleweight .....	over 160 to 168 pounds
Light Heavyweight .....	over 168 to 175 pounds
Cruiserweight .....	over 175 to 195 pounds
Heavyweight .....	over 195 pounds

(b) No contest shall be scheduled, and no contestants shall engage in a boxing contest where the weight difference exceeds the allowance as shown in the following schedule, without the written approval of the commission. In the event contestants are in different weight classes the weight difference allowance shall be that for the lower class.

118 lbs. and under .....	not more than 3 pounds
119 lbs.-126 lbs. ....	not more than 5 pounds
127 lbs.-135 lbs. ....	not more than 7 pounds
136 lbs.-147 lbs. ....	not more than 9 pounds
148 lbs.-160 lbs. ....	not more than 11 pounds
161 lbs.-175 lbs. ....	not more than 12 pounds
176 lbs. and over .....	no limit

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18728 and 18733, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 12-17-96; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51)
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

**§ 300. Time For Examinations.**

A thorough physical and eye examination shall be given each contestant by the club physician at least one hour before the contestant enters the ring to compete. Referees also shall be given physical examinations immediately before officiating at any match.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18705 and 18706, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

§ 301. Rejection and Reports.

Should any contestant examined prove unfit for competition or any referee unfit for officiating, the contestant or referee shall be rejected and immediate report of that fact made to the club and the commission representative.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18705, 18706 and 18841, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

§ 302. Continuous Presence Of Physician.

A minimum of two (2) commission-appointed physicians shall have seats at the immediate ringside at all boxing matches. No bout shall be allowed to proceed unless one (1) of the physicians is seated at ringside. The physicians shall not leave until after the decision in the final bout. They shall be prepared to assist if any serious emergency shall arise, and shall render temporary or emergency treatments for cuts and minor injuries sustained by the contestants.

No manager or second shall attempt to render aid to a boxer during the course of a round before the ringside physician has had an opportunity to examine the boxer who may have been injured. Time out shall be called for such examination.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18705, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of section and Note filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 303. Administration Or Use Of Drugs.

(a) The administration or use of any drugs, alcohol or stimulants, or injections in any part of the body, either before or during a match, to or by any boxer is prohibited.

(b) A person who applies for or holds a license as a professional boxer and who has at any time had a positive drug test confirmed by any commission for any substance described in subsection (c) shall be required as a condition of licensure or renewal to provide a urine specimen. In addition, a licensed boxer shall provide a urine specimen for drug testing either before or after the bout, as directed by the commission representative.

(c) A positive test (which has been confirmed by a laboratory utilized by the commission) for any of the following substances shall be conclusive evidence of a violation of subsection (a):

- (1) Stimulants
- (2) Narcotics

- (3)Cannabinoids (marijuana)
- (4)Anabolic agents (exogenous and endogenous)
- (5)Peptide hormones
- (6)Masking agents
- (7)Diuretics
- (8)Glucocorticosteroids
- (9)Beta—2 agonists (asthma medications)
- (10) Anti-estrogenic agents
- (11) Alcohol

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Amendment filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

§ 304. Monsel's Solution.

The use during a boxing match of Monsel's Solution, or any similar drug or compound for the stopping of hemorrhage in the ring, is prohibited. Only preparations approved by the commission may be used to stop hemorrhage in the ring.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

§ 305. Contestants' Appearance.

All contestants shall be clean and present a tidy appearance. It shall be at the sole discretion of the commission or its representative to determine whether facial adornments (mustaches, goatees, excessive sideburns) and length of hair presents any potential hazard to the safety of the contestant or his or her opponent, or will interfere with the supervision and conduct of the contest. The excessive use of petroleum jelly or other similar substances shall not be permitted and such substances shall be applied to the face only. Referees or the commission representative in charge shall cause any such excessive substance to be removed.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 306. Boxers' Equipment.

(a) The ring costume for each boxer on a program shall be approved by the commission, and shall include two pairs of trunks, shoes, and a custom-made individually fitted mouthpiece. The commission staff shall not approve ring costumes that are so similar as to possibly cause confusion as to the identity of the contenders.

(b) In addition to the items described in subsection (a), the costume for each male boxer shall include an abdominal guard that does not extend above the boxer's hipline.

(c) In addition to the items described in subsection (a), the costume for each female boxer shall also include a breast protector and body shirt.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 4-12-85; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 85, No. 15).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
3. Amendment filed 2-29-2000; operative 3-30-2000 (Register 2000, No.9).

§ 307. Report Of Injury.

All club physicians shall report on the physician's report all cases where boxers or wrestlers have been injured during a bout, or have applied for medical aid after a contest. A boxer who has suffered a knockout or any other serious injury, whether or not arising from boxing, and who has been treated for such injury by his personal physician or has been hospitalized, shall, with his manager, promptly submit to the commission a full report from the physician.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18705, 18706 and 18710, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

§ 308. Suspension For Disability.

Any licensee rejected by an examining physician shall be suspended until it is shown that he is fit for further competition or officiating. Any boxer suspended for 30 days for his medical protection or when he has been suspended for a hard fight, shall take the same examination as required for the annual physical examination except as directed by the commission. The physician may require any other diagnostic procedures including an electroencephalogram or CAT scan if indicated.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642, 18705, 18706, 18710, 18714, 18841 and 18842, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

§ 309. Time Between Bouts.

Unless written approval is obtained from the commission, a boxer who has competed anywhere in a bout of four rounds or less shall not be allowed to box in this State until two days have elapsed. Four days shall elapse after a six-round bout, five days after an eight-round bout, six days after a 10-round bout, seven days after a 12-round bout and ten days after a 15-round bout.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18714, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

ARTICLE 7. RING AND EQUIPMENT

§ 310. Ring.

The ring shall be not less than 17 feet square within the ropes. The ring floor shall extend beyond the ropes not less than 18 inches. The ring floor shall be padded in a manner as approved by the commission. Padding must extend beyond the ring ropes and over the edge of the platform.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18724 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Change without regulatory effect amending section filed 12-16-94 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 50).

§ 311. Height Of Ring.

The ring platform shall not be more than four feet above the floor of the building, and shall be provided with suitable steps for use of contestants. Ring posts shall be of metal, not more than four inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a height of 58 inches above the ring floor, and shall be properly padded.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18724 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

§ 312. Ring Ropes.

Ring ropes shall be at least four in number, not less than one inch in diameter; the lower rope 18 inches above the ring floor, the second rope 30 inches above the floor, the third

rope 42 inches above the floor, and the fourth rope 54 inches above the ring floor. The lower rope shall have applied around it a padding of a thickness of not less than one-half inch and of a type and construction to be approved by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18724 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Amendment filed 11-16-92; operative 12-16-92 (Register 92, No. 47).

§ 313. Ring Equipment. [Repealed]

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18724 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Repealer filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 314. Alternate Ring Specifications.

Notwithstanding Rules 310 through 312, the commission may, after inspecting a ring, permit a club to hold professional boxing matches in a ring that it determines meets the specifications prescribed in Rule 523, except that subsection (d)(1) permitting a contest to be held in a ring enclosed by a fence shall not apply to boxing contests and the commission shall not permit a boxing contest to be held in a ring enclosed by a fence. A club shall not hold any professional boxing match in a ring described in Rule 523 until it has received written approval by the commission indicating that the ring has been inspected and meets the criteria set forth in that rule.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18724 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

§ 318. Gloves.

(a) Gloves shall be examined by the commission representative and the referee. If padding is found to be misplaced or lumpy, or if gloves are found to be imperfect or clearly ill-fitting, they shall be changed before the contest starts. No breaking, skinning, roughing or twisting of gloves shall be permitted.

(b) Gloves for all main events shall be new, furnished by club management, and so made as to fit the hands of any contestant whose hands may be unusual in size.

(c) If gloves used in preliminary bouts have been used before, they shall be whole, clean, in sanitary condition and subject to inspection by the referee or commission representative as to condition. Any such gloves found to be unfit shall be immediately discarded and replaced with gloves meeting the above requirements.

(d) All clubs shall have on hand an extra set of eight-ounce and an extra set of ten-ounce gloves to be used in case gloves are broken or in any way damaged during the course of a bout. These extra sets of gloves will be placed in the custody of the commission representative at ringside.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18723 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. New subsection (a) designator, renumbering of former section 319 to new subsection (b), renumbering of former section 320 to new subsection (c), renumbering and amendment of former section 321 to new subsection (d) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 319. Gloves-Main Event. [Repealed]

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18723 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Renumbering of former section 319 to section 318(b) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 320. Gloves-Preliminaries. [Repealed]

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18723 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Renumbering of former section 320 to section 318(c) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 321. Gloves-Extra Set. [Repealed]

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18723 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

2. Renumbering and amendment of former section 321 to section 318(d) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 322. Gloves-Weight.

Contestants in all weights up to and including the welterweight class shall wear no less than eight-ounce gloves. In heavier classes, contestants shall wear no less than ten-ounce gloves.

When two contestants differ in weight classes, the contestants shall wear the gloves required for the higher weight classification.

All gloves must be approved by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18723 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 323. Bandages.

Bandages shall not exceed the following restrictions:

One winding of surgeon's adhesive tape, not over one and one-half inches wide, placed directly on the hand to protect that part of the hand near the wrist. Said tape may cross the back of the hand twice but shall not extend within one inch of the knuckles when hand is clenched to make a fist.

Contestants shall use soft surgical bandage not over two inches wide, held in place by not more than ten yards of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. Not more than twenty yards of bandage may be used to complete the wrappings for each hand.

Bandages shall be applied in the dressing room in the presence of a commission representative and both contestants. Either contestant may waive his privilege of witnessing the bandaging of his opponent's hands.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18714, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

§ 327. Gong Or Bell.

There shall be a bell or gong at the ring no higher than the floor level of the ring. The bell or gong shall be of a clear tone so that the contestants may easily hear it.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

§ 328. Equipment.

Timekeepers shall provide themselves with such equipment as prescribed by the commission and shall carry out such duties as directed by the commission representative.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18725, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

## ARTICLE 8. CONDUCT OF THE BOUT

§ 330. Officials.

The officials referred to in Section 18735 of the code shall consist of referees, judges, timekeepers, announcers, physicians in attendance at a contest or exhibition at the commission's direction in accordance with Section 18705 of the code, physicians appointed by the commission to perform any examination of boxers for licensure purposes or under Section 18711 of the code, and commission representatives. The referees, judges, physicians described in this section, commission representative and timekeepers shall be assigned by the commission.

The club may, with the approval of the commission, select the announcers at boxing contests or exhibitions held under the auspices of the club.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18705, 18711 and 18735, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)
2. Amendment filed 3-2-90; operative 4-1-90 (Register 90, No. 10).
3. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 332. Contestants Must Report.

Contestants shall report to the commission representative in charge of dressing rooms at least one hour before the scheduled time of the first match.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5)

§ 334. Persons Allowed In Ring.

No persons other than the contestants and the referee may be in the ring during the progress of a round.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 335. Referee-Instruction.

The referee shall call contestants together, either in the ring or in another appropriate location before each bout for final instructions, at which time each contestant shall be accompanied by his or her designated chief second only.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 337. Fouls In Boxing.

- (1) Hitting below the hip line.
- (2) Hitting an opponent who is down, is getting up after being down or who is hanging helplessly over the ropes.
- (3) Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other.
- (4) Excessive holding or deliberately maintaining a clinch.
- (5) Wrestling, kicking, or biting.
- (6) Grabbing and/or holding the ropes.
- (7) Butting with the head or shoulder.
- (8) Hitting with the open glove, or with the butt of the hand, the wrist, the forearm, the elbow, the knee, and all backhand blows.
- (9) Deliberate use of the rabbit punch (hitting behind the head).
- (10) Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
- (11) Spinning and hitting.
- (12) Excessive taunting, abusive language or gestures.
- (13) Any unsportsmanlike act.
- (14) Hitting on the break.
- (15) Hitting after the bell has sounded ending the round, including the last round.
- (16) Hitting an opponent who is entangled in the ropes.
- (17) Pushing an opponent.

- (18) Continuous dropping of the mouthpiece.
- (19) Striking a blow during intervention by the referee under Rule 349.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

- 1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
- 2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 338. Intentional Fouling.

(a) In the case of an intentional foul, the referee may interrupt the bout for the purpose of allowing the injured boxer time to recover.

(b) Any boxer guilty of an intentional foul shall be penalized one or more points as determined by the referee. If the injured boxer is unable to continue, the offending boxer shall be disqualified, his or her purse may be withheld, and he or she may be subject to suspension. Disposition of the purse and the penalty to be imposed upon the boxer shall be determined by action of the commission or the commission's representative.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18738, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

- 1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
- 2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 339. Unintentional-Fouling.

(a) When a bout is interrupted due to an injury caused by an unintentional foul, the referee in consultation with the ringside physician shall determine whether the boxer who has been fouled can continue or not. If the referee sees, or if after consultation with the judges, determines that a boxer is unintentionally fouled and if the boxer's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of a foul, the referee may order the bout continued after a reasonable interval.

(b) If the referee and/or the ringside physician determine that the bout may not continue because of an injury suffered as the result of an unintentional foul or because of an injury inflicted by an unintentional foul which later becomes aggravated by fair blows, the bout must be declared a draw if the bout is stopped before the bell rings to begin the fourth round. After the bell rings to begin the fourth round, the outcome shall be determined by scoring the completed rounds and the round during which the referee or ringside physician stopped the bout.

(c)When an unintentional foul causes the bout to be interrupted for the purpose of allowing the injured boxer time to recover, the referee shall penalize the boxer guilty of the foul one or more points.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18733, 18855, and 18860, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer and new subsections (a)-(c) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 340. Method of Scoring When There Is an Injury Not Resulting from a Foul.

(a) If the referee determines that the injured fighter was responsible for his own injury, the referee will not penalize his opponent in any manner. In this case, if the referee or ringside physician determines that the injured fighter is unable to continue, he will lose by "technical knockout."

(b) If the referee determines that no fault was attributable to either fighter, the referee shall allow the injured fighter reasonable recovery time, not to exceed 5 minutes. If, at the end of the recovery period, the referee or the ringside physician determines that the injured fighter cannot continue, the bout will be decided on the score cards if the bell has rung to begin the fourth round or, if the bell has not rung to start the fourth round, the bout will be called a technical draw.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18733, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).
3. Amendment filed 6-15-2011; operative 7-15-2011 (Register 2011, No. 24).

§ 341. Unfair Practices Likely To Cause Injury.

Referees shall not permit unfair practices that may cause injuries to a contestant, and are held strictly responsible for the enforcement of the rules. The only fair blow is a blow delivered with the padded knuckle part of the glove on the front or sides of the head and body above the hip line. After sufficient warning has been given the referee shall punish persistent disregard of the rules.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18730 and 18738, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 342. Penalizing Contestant.

The referee may penalize any contestant who fouls his or her opponent during a contest, by charging such contestant with the loss of points, whether such foul or fouls be intentional or unintentional. However, the referee shall use his or her own discretion in determining the number of points, if any, chargeable against the contestant in each instance, depending upon the severity or harmlessness of the foul and its effect upon the opponent. The referee shall, at the time of the infraction, inform each judge and the supervising commission representative of the nature of the foul, the identity of the offending boxer and the number of points deducted. At the conclusion of the round, the referee shall verify with the judges the identity of the boxer causing the foul and the number of points deducted in accordance with the referee's determination.

When necessary to deduct points because of fouls or other infractions of the rules, the referee shall warn the offender and at the end of the round notify both contestants of any penalties which may be assessed against either boxer.

Points deducted for any foul or infraction of the rules shall be deducted in the round in which they occur. No boxer shall be penalized in a later round by virtue of a previous foul or infraction of the rules.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18730, 18733 and 18855, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 345. The Referee Shall Have Power To Stop Contest.

The referee shall have the power to stop a contest at any stage if he or she considers it too one-sided, or if either contestant is in such condition that to continue might subject him or her to serious injury, and in either case to render a decision in the manner prescribed by Rule 339.

Regardless of any examination by the ringside physician, if a boxer unequivocally manifests an intent to stop fighting, the referee shall immediately stop the contest. If the referee is unclear whether the boxer intends to stop fighting, then the referee shall ask the boxer if the boxer wishes to stop fighting and if the response is affirmative, then the referee shall immediately stop the contest.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18730 and 18733, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 11-16-92; operative 12-16-92 (Register 92, No. 47).
3. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).
4. Repealer and new second paragraph and amendment on NOTE: filed 10-26-2006; operative 11-25-2006 (Register 2006, No. 43).

§ 346. Procedure Where Failure To Compete.

In any case where the referee decides that the contestants are not honestly competing, that the knockdown is a "dive," or the foul a prearranged termination of the bout, the referee shall not finish the knockdown count or disqualify for fouling or render a decision, but shall stop the bout not later than before the end of the last round and order purses of both boxers held pending investigation and disposition of the funds by the commission. The announcer shall inform the audience that no decision has been rendered.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18730 and 18733, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 347. Failure To Resume Boxing.

No contestant shall leave the ring during any one minute rest period between rounds. Should any contestant fail or refuse to resume boxing when the timekeeper indicates the start of the next round, the referee may either disqualify that contestant or award a KO decision to his or her opponent as of the round which has last been finished, unless the circumstances indicate to the referee the requirement for investigation or punitive action, in which event the referee shall not give a decision and shall order withheld the purse or purses of either or both boxers.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18730, 18855 and 18865, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 349. Method Of Counting Over a Boxer Who is Down.

When the contestant is knocked down or as the result of a punch is knocked through the ropes the referee shall order the opponent to retire to a corner of the ring, pointing to the corner, and immediately pick up the count from the timekeeper. He shall audibly announce the passing of the count. No contestant who is knocked down shall be allowed to resume boxing until the referee has finished counting eight. The contestant may take

the count either on the floor or standing. The timekeeper, by effective signaling, shall give the referee the correct one-second interval for his count. The referee's count is the official count.

Should the opponent fail to stay in the designated corner the referee shall cease counting until he has returned to it, and then go on with the count from the point from which it was interrupted. If the boxer who is down arises before the count of ten, the referee shall evaluate his or her ability to continue. If assured that the boxer who has just arisen is fit to continue, the referee shall without loss of time, order both boxers to go on with the contest. Should a contestant who is "down" arise before the count of "10" is reached, and go down immediately without being struck, the referee shall resume the count where it was left off.

If the contestant taking the count is still down when the referee calls the count of 10 or if in the opinion of the referee the fighter who was knocked down is in no condition to continue, the referee shall wave both arms to indicate a knockout.

If both boxers go down at the same time, counting shall be continued as long as one of them is still down. If both boxers remain down until the count of 10 the contest shall be stopped and the decision shall be a technical draw. If at the end of a round a boxer is "down" and the referee is in the course of counting, the gong indicating the end of the round will not be sounded except for the final scheduled round. The gong will be sounded only when the referee gives the command "box" indicating the continuation of the match.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

#### § 350. A Boxer Shall Be Deemed "Down" When.

A boxer shall be deemed to be "down" when any part of his body but his feet is on the floor, or if he is hanging helplessly over the ropes. A referee may count (see Counting) a contestant out either on the ropes or on the floor.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

#### § 351. When Boxer Falls Or Is Knocked From Ring During Round.

A contestant who has been wrestled, pushed, or has fallen through the ropes during a contest may be helped back by anyone and the referee shall allow a reasonable time for

the return. When on the ring platform outside the ropes, the contestant shall enter the ring immediately.

Should the contestant stall for time outside the ropes, the referee shall start the count without waiting for him to re-enter the ring.

When one boxer has fallen through the ropes, the other boxer shall retire to a designated corner and stay there until ordered to continue the contest by the referee. When a boxer is knocked outside of the ropes by a legal punch, the referee shall begin the count. If at the count of eight the boxer is no longer down, he or she shall be allowed reasonable time to reenter the ring.

A contestant who deliberately wrestles or throws an opponent from the ring, or who hits him when he is partly out of the ring, and prevented by the ropes from assuming a position of defense may be penalized.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of section heading and section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

**§ 352. Boxers Knocked Out.**

A boxer who has been knocked out shall be kept in a prone position until the boxer has recovered. When a boxer is knocked out, no one is to touch him or her, except the referee who will remove his or her mouthpiece, until the ring physician enters the ring and personally attends to the fallen boxer, and issues such instructions as he or she sees fit to the boxer's handlers. If a boxer has been knocked out or if a technical knockout decision has been rendered against him by the referee, such boxer shall be placed on the commission's ill and unavailable list for such a period of time as may be recommended by the ringside physician or any approved commission physician who may examine him or her but such period of time shall not be less than 30 days.

A boxer shall not be permitted to engage in any contact boxing during this period without the approval of the commission physician.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of first paragraph filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 353. Wiping Gloves And Rinsing Mouthpieces.

(a) Before a boxer resumes boxing after having been knocked or having fallen or slipped to the floor, the referee shall wipe any accumulated debris from the boxer's gloves.

(b) When a mouthpiece is knocked out, the referee may allow the exchange to continue until there is a break in the action. Timeout shall then be called and the mouthpiece rinsed and replaced. No contestant shall be permitted to continue to box without a mouthpiece.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of section heading and section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 354. Warning.

Ten seconds before the beginning and ending of each round the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of the contestants by suitable signal.

No second shall be in contact with the ring apron prior to the sounding of the bell ending the round.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. New second paragraph filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 356. Scorecard to Referee and Judges.

The commission representative in charge at all boxing shows shall, before the start of each bout, give the judges and/or referees, when the latter are used as judges, a regulation scorecard. The judges shall score each round of the bout on the card and sign it. At the discretion of the commission, individual round scorecards may be used in contests and, if so used, shall be picked up at the end of each round by the referee and delivered to the ringside inspector. At the conclusion of the contest, the commission representative may then show the cards to accredited press representatives and immediately thereafter mail or deliver the score cards with the rest of his or her reports to the commission office.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18730 and 18734, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 357. Method Of Scoring.

Judges shall score all contests and determine the winner through the use of the ten point must system. In this system the winner of each round receives ten points and the opponent a proportionately less number. If the round is even, each boxer receives ten points. No fraction of points may be given.

At the termination of the round or contest, the referee shall pick up the cards of the judges. The referee shall then deliver the cards to the commission representative assigned to check and total them. The majority opinion shall be conclusive and if there is no majority then the decision shall be a draw unless otherwise determined by the referee or commission representative. When the commission representative has completed verifying and totaling the scores, the ring announcer shall be informed of the decision and shall announce the decision.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18734, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of section heading and section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 358. Announcing Winner

At the termination of all boxing bouts the winner shall be announced by the announcer and the referee shall raise the winner's hand.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 360. Abuse Of Officials.

No licensee shall verbally or physically abuse an official or commission representative.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of section heading and section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 361. Seconds: Number and Costume.

Each contestant may have four seconds of the contestant's choice and each such second while assisting in the boxer's corner shall present a neat and tidy appearance. Only one of the seconds may be inside the ring ropes between rounds with no more than two seconds on the apron. One second must remain on the floor.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 362. Excessive Coaching.

A second shall not excessively coach a boxer during a round and shall remain seated and silent when so directed by the commission representative on duty.

Excessive coaching may lead to point deduction by the referee, ejection from the venue, and/or disciplinary action by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer and new section filed 6-11-84; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 84, No. 24).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment of section heading and new second paragraph filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 363. Throwing Water Prohibited.

Excessive use of water and/or ice between rounds is prohibited. The designated chief second shall be responsible to assure that the corner is dry at the start of each round.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer and new section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 364. Determining Defeat.

A manager or chief second of a contestant may toss a towel into the ring in token of defeat. However, such manager or chief second shall follow the towel into the ring as soon as it is possible to do so.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 365. Fans And Towels.

Fans and swinging of towels are prohibited.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 368. Change Of Decision.

(a) A decision rendered at the termination of any boxing contest is final and shall not be changed unless following the rendition of a decision the commission determines that any one of the following occurred:

(1) There was collusion affecting the result of any contest;

(2) The compilation of the scorecard of the judges, and the referee when used as a judge, shows an error which would mean that the decision was given to the wrong boxer;

(3) There was a violation of the laws or rules and regulations governing boxing which affected the result of any contest.

(4) The winner of a bout tested positive immediately after the bout for a substance listed in Rule 303(c).

(b) A petition to change a decision shall be in writing and filed by a boxer or the boxer's manager within five (5) calendar days from the date the decision was rendered.

(c) If a petition to change a decision is not filed in writing within five (5) days of the decision, the commission may, upon the vote of at least a majority of the commissioners present, hold a hearing to change the decision at any time.

(d) If the commission determines that any of the above occurred with regards to any contest then the decision rendered shall be changed as the commission may direct.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

2. Amendment of subsections (b)-(c) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

3. New subsections (d) and (e) filed 5-14-96; operative 6-13-96 (Register 96, No. 20).

4. Amendment filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

## ARTICLE 9. REFEREES AND JUDGES

### § 370. Commission Shall Select Referee.

The commission or its duly authorized representative shall select and assign all referees. A licensee who wishes to protest the assignment of a referee or judge, may file a written protest with the commission at least five days prior to the scheduled contest and shall state the reason for the protest. The protesting licensee and the referee and/or judge shall be given thereafter a hearing before a commission representative and the representative shall make such disposition of the protest as the facts may justify.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

### HISTORY:

1. Repealer and new section filed 6-11-84; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 84, No. 24).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment filed 2-29-2000; operative 3-30-2000 (Register 2000, No. 9).

### § 371. Referee's License.

(a) In order to be licensed as a referee, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Have demonstrated prior experience in refereeing and judging boxing matches and perform in a series of training sessions as a referee to successfully demonstrate proficiency. Training sessions shall be conducted by a commission representative or commission appointed licensed referee(s) and shall be approved by the commission.
- (2) Be found after examination by a licensed physician to be physically and mentally fit to referee a boxing contest and to have uncorrected visual acuity of at least 20/100 in both eyes. Weight shall be proportionate to height in accordance with the standards of the American Medical Association in effect at the time of the effective date of this regulation.
- (3) Be in good physical condition with the speed and reflexes in the ring necessary for the protection of the boxers.
- (4) Pass a written examination administered by the commission on the fundamentals of boxing, refereeing and judging boxing matches and contests, and California law and regulations relating to boxing.
- (5) Perform in a series of training sessions as a judge to successfully demonstrate proficiency. Training sessions shall be conducted by a commission representative or commission-appointed licensed referees or judges.

(6) These requirements may be waived for any applicant who is licensed and in good standing with another state athletic commission or any commission-approved sanctioning body such as the World Boxing Council, World Boxing Association, International Boxing Federation, and World Boxing Organization.

(7) In order to renew a referee's license, a referee shall comply with subsections (b) and (c) in addition to any other requirements for renewal set forth in the law or these regulations.

(b) A person who possesses a valid California license as a referee may judge a boxing contest without the need to obtain a judge's license.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18731 and 18734, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer and new section filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

**§ 372. Referee's Uniform.**

Referees shall wear such apparel as may be approved by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

**§ 373. Fees For Officials.**

At all boxing events each timekeeper, referee and judge on duty directed by the commission to be in attendance thereat, shall be paid by the club such fee as the commission shall order, in accordance with the schedule furnished to the club and on file with the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18731 and 18734, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 4-12-85; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 85, No. 15).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment of section heading and section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 375. Referee's Physical Examination.

(a) In addition to any other qualifications for referees established by the commission, each applicant for a boxing referee's license who has not been previously licensed and examined shall submit to an initial physical examination which shall include all tests necessary to determine an applicant's physical fitness, agility, reflexes, and reaction time as specified by the commission which examination shall be taken at a facility and by a physician or physicians specified by the commission. The cost of the examination shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(b) All boxing referees, in addition to being examined by a physician prior to officiating, shall submit to an annual regular examination to establish their physical fitness to perform as a referee.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18660 and 18661, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of subsection (b) and repealer of subsection (c) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 376. Grading Of Referee's Performance.

(a) It shall be the duty of the assigned commission representative to grade each boxing referee's performance for each contest presided over by the referee. The evaluation shall result in a grade satisfactory, unsatisfactory, or needs improvement. The grade shall be arrived at by considering, among other things, the referee's reflexes, and overall ability to direct and control the contest in a manner designed to ensure the protection of the participants and to obtain the contestants' compliance with the statutes and rules of the commission applicable to the particular contest. The evaluator may include written comments where a satisfactory grade is rendered but shall make specific written comments where a grade of unsatisfactory or needs improvement is rendered. The grade and any comments pertaining thereto shall be filed with the executive officer in the Sacramento office and may be inspected or copied by the referee or anyone designated in writing by the referee so graded. Any referee wishing to protest an evaluation shall do so in writing within 30 days after the evaluation has been served on the referee.

(b) If a referee files a written protest of any evaluation, the executive officer or that person's designee shall, in consultation with the evaluator, discuss the evaluation with the referee. Where the evaluation was unsatisfactory or needs improvement, the referee shall be given recommendations for improving his or her performance.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18730, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).
3. Redesignation and amendment of former section as subsection (a) and new subsection (b) filed 11-20-2001; operative 12-20-2001 (Register 2001, No. 47).

§ 377. Hearing To Remove Referee's License.

(a) At any time during the course of a boxing contest should it become apparent to any duly authorized representative of the commission that any referee is not discharging his responsibilities in a manner which ensures the safety of the participants, a written report shall be filed with the executive officer. The referee shall be notified that he shall not be assigned to referee another contest until a hearing is held. If the referee requests a hearing, a hearing shall be held within thirty days of the request. The commission itself may conduct the hearing, or it may delegate this responsibility to any duly authorized representative of the commission, who shall then make a recommendation to the commission in the matter. The hearing shall be held to determine whether the referee's license shall be revoked or suspended or other appropriate action taken by the commission. The decision resulting from the hearing shall be final.

(b) If the executive officer becomes aware of two or more bouts where a referee has not discharged the referee's responsibilities with the requisite skill to ensure the safety of the participants, the executive officer shall notify the referee of his or her specific deficiencies and each date and bout where the deficiencies were noted. The executive officer may consider all bouts over which the referee presided, regardless of whether the referee received any formal evaluation and regardless of whether that evaluation was satisfactory. The referee may request a hearing within thirty days from the date of the notification. If the referee requests a hearing, a hearing shall be held within thirty days of the request. The commission itself may conduct the hearing, or it may delegate this responsibility to any duly authorized representative of the commission, who shall then make a recommendation to the commission in the matter. The hearing shall be held to determine whether the referee's license shall be revoked or suspended or other appropriate action taken by the commission. The decision of the commission shall be final.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18730 and 18855, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer and new section filed 6-11-84; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 84, No. 24).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Redesignation and amendment of former section as subsection (a), new subsection (b) and amendment of NOTE: filed 11-20-2001; operative 12-20-2001 (Register 2001, No. 47).

§ 378. Officials To Be Admitted.

Any licensed boxing referee, judge, timekeeper or physician shall be admitted to any boxing show in this State on presentation of his or her license card. A ticket shall be issued to any referee when he or she shows his or her card but the commission shall not collect a tax on any ticket so issued.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18824, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of section heading and section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 379. Judge's License.

In order to be licensed as a judge for boxing contests, an applicant shall meet all the following:

- (a) Shall have been assigned by the California Athletic Commission for at least three years in such a capacity as to have judged, supervised or evaluated professional boxing judges.
- (b) Pass a written examination administered by the commission on the fundamentals of boxing, judging boxing contests and knowledge of California law and regulations relating to boxing.
- (c) These requirements may be waived for any applicant who possesses a current and valid license as a boxing judge in another state or country and has not been the subject of any disciplinary action.
- (d) Must have demonstrated prior experience in judging boxing contests and must demonstrate judging proficiency. Proficiency shall be determined by a commission representative or commission-appointed licensed referees or judges and the method of evaluations shall be approved by the commission.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 12-17-86, effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Amendment of subsections (a) and (d) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

**ARTICLE 10. CHAMPIONS**

§ 380. Definition.

A champion is one formally acknowledged supreme in a branch of athletics or game of skill, and ready to contend with any qualified challenger.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 381. Alternative Provisions.

Recognizing the need for uniformity of rules governing world championship contests notwithstanding any Boxing Rule the commission may, in its discretion, authorize alternate provisions from time to time as long as the safety and welfare of the boxers and the public are not jeopardized.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 382. Defense Of Title.

Rules governing champions shall apply to state champions except that titles shall be defended at least once every six months if a suitable challenger is available and a challenge is made. If a boxer does not defend his title within this period of time or refuses to accept a reasonable offer to defend against a challenger, the title automatically shall be vacated.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 384. Determination Of Title.

The commission may once a year name state professional boxing champions in each weight class. A championship may be lost by default, forfeit, or inability to make the weight, but a championship can only be won in a contest.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 386. Advertising Appearance Of Champion Or Contender.

No person shall advertise a boxer in California as a champion or contender in any manner which is false or misleading.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

ARTICLE 11. ENFORCEMENT

§ 389. Appeal Procedures.

(a) A person who wishes to appeal either a fine issued pursuant to Section 18843 of the code or a temporary suspension issued pursuant to Section 18842 of the code, shall send a written request for a hearing on a form prescribed by the commission. The request shall be sent to the commission's headquarters and to the Office of the Attorney General at the address designated on the form. The form shall contain all of the following information:

- (1) The person's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address if available.
- (2) The date of the request.
- (3) Type of license held and license number.
- (4) A detailed statement showing grounds for reduction or dismissal of the fine or suspension, as applicable.
- (5) A statement whether the requester is represented by an attorney. If the requester is represented by an attorney, the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the attorney.
- (6) Whether the services of an interpreter are required and if so, for which language.
- (7) The requester's signature.

The commission shall return to the requester without action any request that is incomplete because it lacks one or more of the items described above.

(b) Within 30 days after receipt of a complete request, the commission shall set the matter for hearing.

(c) A hearing shall not exceed one (1) hour. The time shall be divided evenly between the requester and the commission representative ("the parties"). Each party may make either an oral or a written statement of the case. The commission representative shall proceed first. If the requester elects to address the commission, the requester shall be placed under oath. The sequence of, and time limitations on, argument before the commission are as follows:

- (1) First—the staff representative and/or deputy attorney general, who shall be limited to twenty minutes.
- (2) Second—the requester and/or his or her legal counsel, who shall be limited to twenty minutes.
- (3) Third—the rebuttal of the staff representative and/or deputy attorney general, which shall be limited to ten minutes.
- (4) Fourth—the rebuttal of the requester and/or his or her legal counsel, which shall be limited to ten minutes.

(d) The commission bears the burden of proving his or her case by a preponderance of evidence.

(e) The commission shall serve the written decision on the parties not later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the matter has been submitted. The decision shall contain factual findings, legal conclusions, and an order describing the action taken by the commission at a duly noticed meeting.

(f) A request for hearing shall be deemed abandoned and the request dismissed if the party who appealed and requested a hearing fails to appear at a duly noticed meeting, unless the party demonstrates good cause for that failure to appear.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18842 and 18843, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

**§ 390. Violations Of Laws Or Rules.**

Any licensee who violates the laws of the State of California, with the exception of minor traffic violations, or the rules of the Athletic Commission, or who fails or refuses to comply with a valid order of a commission representative, or who conducts himself or herself at any time or place in a manner which is deemed by the commission to reflect discredit to boxing, may have his or her license revoked, or may be fined, suspended or otherwise disciplined in such manner as the commission may direct.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18870 and 18878, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

2. Change without regulatory effect amending section filed 12-16-94 pursuant to section 100, Title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 50).

**§ 391. Dealing With Certain Persons Prohibited.**

The commission may deny an application, or suspend or revoke any license if it finds that at any time the licensee or any partner, officer, director, stockholder, or employee thereof, in this state or elsewhere,

(a) has engaged in illegal bookmaking or other illegal gambling activities,

(b) has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the regulations of boxing,

(c) who engages in illegal bookmaking or other illegal gambling activities,

(d) who is a reputed underworld character,

(e) who has been convicted of any such offense in any jurisdiction,

(f) who is under suspension or revocation in any other state, or

(g) is engaged in any activity or practices which are detrimental to the best interests of boxing.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18840, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 392. Dealing With Unlicensed Or Suspended Persons Prohibited.

No licensee shall enter into any agreement under the jurisdiction of the commission with any unlicensed person, nor shall any licensee have any such dealings related to boxing with any person or club whose license is currently under suspension, or revoked, or whose application for a license has been denied.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18843 and 18870, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 394. Records.

Every club and manager shall maintain a full, true and accurate set of books and records in connection with all licensed activities. These records and any other records required by statute or commission rule shall be kept for at least five years and shall be open to inspection and audit by representatives of the commission upon reasonable notice.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18642, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 395. Financial Reports.

As a part of any investigation conducted by the commission concerning the regulation of boxing in California and for good cause shown, upon written request by the commission a licensee or applicant for a license shall submit a written financial statement to the commission made under penalty of perjury which shall include an itemization of all assets and liabilities of the licensee or applicant and such other financial information as the commission may request.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18611, 18640, 18641, 18665, 18666, 18667, 18826 and 18849, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 396. Financial Interest.

No club or any member, stockholder, director or officer thereof or matchmaker or assistant matchmaker shall act directly or indirectly as manager of a boxer.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18848 and 18849, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 397. Advances To Boxer Or Manager.

Without prior written permission of the commission, no club shall, directly or indirectly, incur any indebtedness on behalf of a boxer or manager whereby such person is obligated to repay such indebtedness.

No club at any time shall, directly or indirectly, make any loan or advance to any manager.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18849, 18853 and 18854, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

2. Change without regulatory effect amending section filed 12-16-94 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 50).

§ 398. Licensees Must Report Sham Contests.

Any person, licensed by the commission who is approached with a request or suggestion that a sham or collusive contest be entered into or that the contest shall not be conducted honestly and fairly shall immediately report the matter to the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18865, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 399. Procedure When License Denied Or Revoked.

Any applicant who has been denied an application for a license may not file a similar application until one year from the date of the last previous denial by the commission. Any application filed within the one year period may be denied without the necessity of a hearing.

Anyone who has had his license revoked may not petition for reinstatement or apply for a new license until one year after the date of such revocation. Any petition for

reinstatement filed within the one year period may be denied without the necessity of a hearing.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641, 18642, 18840 and 18841, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

**ARTICLE 12. PENSION PLAN**

**§ 400. Professional Boxer's Pension Plan.**

The commission hereby restates the professional boxer's pension plan previously established by the commission. The commission may, in its discretion, contract with a private or public entity for the administration of such plan.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18881, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

**§ 401. Definitions.**

**(a) Account.**

"Account" means either the participating boxer's regular account or refund account.

**(1) Regular Account.**

"Regular Account" means the account maintained by the commission on the records of the Plan for each participating boxer representing allocations of contributions and forfeitures, adjusted for withdrawals, income, expenses and realized and unrealized gains and losses attributable thereto.

Each boxer's regular account shall be created as of the effective date of this restated Plan on May 1, 1996. An amount equal to the actuarial equivalent, or the present value of accrued benefit ("PVAB") of a participating boxer's benefit under the Boxer's Retirement Plan as of April 30, 1996 shall be allocated to the boxer's regular account on that date. This amount in the boxer's regular account shall be referred to as the participating boxer's "grandfathered PVAB balance."

**(2) Refund Account.**

"Refund account" means an account maintained by the commission on the records of the Plan for each boxer who has incurred a break in service and who has made contributions to the Plan under the terms of this Article. Such account shall be created as a sub-account within the Pension Fund and shall exist until January 1, 2002, in accordance with the vesting provisions of this Plan.

(b) Accrued Benefit.

"Accrued benefit" means the aggregate amount in all of a participating boxer's accounts and shall include the actuarial equivalent of any participating benefit under the Plan as of April 30, 1996.

(c) Actuarial Equivalent.

"Actuarial equivalent" means the equivalent in value of the accrued benefit expected to be received based upon actuarial assumptions adopted from time to time by an enrolled actuary appointed by the commission.

(d) Beneficiary.

"Beneficiary" means all persons entitled under the provisions of this Plan to receive benefits after the death of a participating boxer.

(e) Boxer.

"Boxer" means a licensed professional boxer.

(f) Boxers' Pension Account.

"Boxers' pension account" means the fund held by the commission in the boxers' pension account established pursuant to Section 18882 of the Code for the exclusive purpose of paying benefits under this Plan.

(g) Break In Service.

"Break in service" occurs when a participating boxer fails to fight at least ten (10) scheduled rounds in California during any thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar months, after July 1, 1981, and prior to age 55. A participating boxer who suffers a break in service forfeits all credit earned for rounds fought up to that date unless such participating boxer is a covered boxer at the end of the plan year in which the break in service occurs. For purposes of this Article, a boxer's service in the armed forces of the United States in a time of war or national emergency shall not be counted in determining when a break in service occurs.

(h) Covered boxer.

(i) Forfeiture.

"Covered boxer" means a participating boxer who has satisfied the vesting requirements of section 405(a).

"Forfeiture" means the reallocation within the Plan of that portion of a participating boxer's regular account that is not vested prior to the date on which the boxer incurs a break in service.

(k) Participating Boxer.

"Participating Boxer" means a licensed professional boxer who participates in a contest after July 1, 1981, and who is or may become eligible to receive a benefit under the Plan, or whose beneficiary may be eligible to receive any such benefit, and who has not incurred a break in service. A boxer who has incurred a break in service shall nonetheless be deemed a "participating boxer" for any year after that break in service in which the boxer participates in a contest.

(l) Plan Year.

"Plan year" means the calendar year. The first plan year for this restated Plan shall be the period between May 1 and December 31, 1996.

(m) Suspense Account. "Suspense account" means the account provided for in the funding and allocation provisions of this Plan.

(n) Vested.

"Vested" means that the participating boxer or the participating boxer's beneficiary has an unconditional, nonforfeitable right in the participating boxer's accrued benefit.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Section 18881, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Amendment of subsections (a)(1)-(a)(3) and (c) filed 7-11-94; operative 7-11-94 (Register 94, No. 28).
3. Repealer and new section heading, section and NOTE filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).
4. Amendment of subsection (a), repealer of subsection (a)(2), subsection renumbering, and repealer of subsection (i) filed 6-17-97; operative 6-17-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 25).
5. Amendment of subsection (a)(2) filed 12-4-98 as an emergency; operative 12-4-98 (Register 98, No. 49). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 4-5-99 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
6. Amendment of subsection (a)(2) and amendment of Note refiled 4-2-99 as an emergency; operative 4-2-99 (Register 99, No. 14). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 8-2-99 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
7. Reinstatement of section as it existed prior to 4-2-99 emergency amendment by operation of Government Code section 11346.1(f) (Register 99, No. 42).
8. Amendment of subsection (a)(2) and amendment of NOTE: filed 10-13-99; operative 10-13-99 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 99, No. 42).
9. Amendment of subsection (k) filed 11-1-2001; operative 12-1-2001 (Register 2001, No. 44).

#### § 402. Eligibility For Participation

Any professional boxer who fights in a commission-approved contest shall be required to have contributions made to the Plan and shall participate in allocations of contributions and forfeitures in the Plan beginning with the first fight in which such requirements are met. The boxer shall sign a waiver of privacy rights to the extent necessary to enable the commission to locate the boxer in order to assure the boxer's receipt of benefits under the Plan. Any boxer who was participating in the Plan prior to May 1, 1996 shall continue to participate in the Plan and share in allocations to the boxer's accounts under the terms of this article.

##### (a) Effect of Break In Service On Current Participation.

Any boxer who incurs a break in service prior to becoming a covered boxer shall cease to be a participating boxer in the Plan. If the participating boxer is a covered boxer pursuant to this Plan at the time he incurs a break in service, then such

participating boxer's accounts shall be placed on inactive status, and the participating boxer shall not continue to share in the allocation of contributions but shall continue to receive allocations of the Plan's forfeitures and investment results.

(b) Determination of Eligibility.

The commission shall determine the eligibility of each boxer for participation in the Plan based upon information gathered for the commission by the commission staff. Each such determination shall be conclusive and binding on all persons.

Any misrepresentation by a boxer, manager, promoter, or beneficiary shall be grounds for the denial, suspension or discontinuance of benefits, in whole or in part, or for the cancellation or recovery of benefit payments made in reliance thereon by the commission. Each participating boxer shall participate in the Plan until such time as the boxer incurs a break in service or begins receiving all or a portion of his accrued benefit from the Plan.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18881, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer and new section heading, section and NOTE filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code Section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

§ 403. Funding And Contributions.

(a) Contributions.

Contributions shall be assessed as follows:

The promoter shall contribute 88 cents (\$.88) on every ticket, excluding a working complimentary ticket as described in Section 264, up to a maximum contribution of \$4,600 per show.

(b) Formula for Allocation of Contributions.

(1) One half (1/2) of the contributions for the plan year shall be allocated among the regular accounts of participating boxers who have not incurred a break in service as of the last day of the plan year in the proportion that each such boxer's scheduled rounds fought for the plan year bears to the total scheduled rounds fought in the plan year; and

(2) One half (1/2) of the contributions for the plan year shall be allocated among the regular accounts of participating boxers who have not incurred a break in service as of the last day of the plan year in the proportion that each such boxer's total purses for the plan year bears to the total purses paid for all fights fought by participating boxers in the plan year.

(c) Formula for Allocation of Forfeitures.

Contributions shall be allocated to each participating boxer's account on the last day of the plan year in the following proportions:

Forfeitures which become available in a plan year for allocation shall be allocated to each participating boxer's account on the last day of the plan year in the following proportions:

(1) One half (1/2) of the forfeitures shall be allocated among all regular accounts as of the last day of the plan year in the plan year in the proportion that each such regular account bears to the total regular accounts in the Plan; and

(2) One half (1/2) of the forfeitures shall be added to the boxer, promoter and manager contributions for the plan year and shall be allocated among the regular accounts of participating boxers who have fought in the current plan year according to the formula set forth in subsection (b) above.

(d) Forfeiture and Reallocation of Unvested Amounts.

If any participating boxer incurs a break in service prior to becoming a covered boxer, then such participating boxer's regular account shall be held in a suspense account on the records of the Plan after incurring such break in service until such time as it shall be forfeited and reallocated.

Suspense account balances shall be forfeited and reallocated under the Formula set forth in subsection (c) above, as of the last day of the plan year following the plan year in which the participating boxer completes a break in service.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18881 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer and new section heading, section and NOTE filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).
3. Amendment of subsection (a) and repealer of subsections (a)(1)-(a)(3) and (e)-(e)(4) filed 6-17-97; operative 6-17-97 pursuant to Government code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 25).
4. Amendment of subsection (a) and amendment of Note filed 7-23-99 as an emergency; operative 7-23-99 (Register 99, No. 30). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 11-22-99 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
5. Certificate of Compliance as to 7-23-99 order, including further amendment of subsection (a), transmitted to OAL 8-30-99 and filed 10-13-99 (Register 99, No.42).
6. Amendment of subsection (c)(2) filed 11-1-2001; operative 12-1-2001 (Register 2001, No. 44).

#### § 404. Valuation And Earning.

##### (a) Valuation of The Pension Fund.

The assets of the pension fund shall be valued annually at fair market value on the last day of the plan year. The commission shall determine the net worth of the assets of the pension fund at their fair market value on the last day of the plan year.

##### (b) Order of Adjustment.

Subject to the provisions governing allocations of contributions and valuation, the commission shall adjust the accounts as of the last day of the plan year as follows, in the order stated:

(1) First, the accounts shall reflect proportionately any adjustment of fair market value of assets in the manner provided in subsection (c) below;

(2) Second, the commission shall allocate proportionately any income or loss in the manner provided in subsection (c) below;

(3) Third, the commission shall deduct all fees and expenses for the administration of the Plan;

(4) Fourth, the commission shall allocate contributions in the manner provided in Section 403(b);

(5) Fifth, the commission shall allocate forfeitures in the manner provided in Section 403(b).

(c) Allocation Of Investment Results.

As of the last day of each plan year, the income or loss attributable to the assets of the pension fund, reduced by expenses incurred since the last day of the prior plan year, shall be allocated to the accounts of the participating boxers who had unpaid balances in their accounts as of such date in proportion to the balances in such accounts as of the last day of the prior plan year, after reducing such prior plan year balances by amounts withdrawn or distributed since the last day of the prior plan year, if any.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18881 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer and new section heading, section and NOTE filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).
3. Amendment of subsection (b)(5) and repealer of subsection (b)(6) filed 6-17-97; operative 6-17-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No.25).

§ 405. Vesting.

(a) Vesting.

A participating boxer shall become vested in the amount credited to the participating boxer's regular account when the participating boxer has:

- (1) Fought in at least ten (10) scheduled rounds per calendar year during each of four (4) calendar years without an intervening break in service; and
- (2) Has fought in at least seventy-five (75) scheduled rounds without a break in service.

(b) Scheduled Rounds for Vesting.

A participating boxer shall be credited for fighting in one (1) round for each scheduled round of professional boxing fought in California in a commission-approved bout as part of a contest in which at least one (1) round was commenced after June 30, 1978; provided however, that the boxer must fight in at least twenty (20) scheduled rounds in the thirty-six (36) calendar month period following July 1, 1981, in order to receive any credit for scheduled rounds fought beginning after June 30, 1978 but prior to July 1, 1981.

(c) Refund of Unvested Pre-1996 Boxer Contributions.

A separate refund account shall be created on the records of the Plan as of May 1, 1996, which shall contain all unvested boxer contributions made prior to May 1, 1996, for all

boxers who have incurred a break in service as of April 30, 1996 under the terms of the Plan as it existed prior to such date. The commission will continue to invest and safeguard those assets within the investment vehicle in which it is investing the participating boxers and covered boxers accounts.

On or after May 1, 1996 a participating boxer who has not vested but who has contributed a portion of his purse (under the provisions of this Plan in this article in effect prior to May 1, 1996), and who has incurred a break in service may request a refund from the commission of the pre-1996 amounts contributed by him, plus 6% interest up to May 1, 1996 and plus his share of applicable earnings allocated to his account since that date. No boxer who has vested and become a covered boxer is eligible for such a refund. All amounts not claimed by these boxers before January 1, 2000, shall constitute forfeitures and shall be allocated in accordance with Section 403(c), in three (3) equal installments for the plan years ending December 31, 1999, December 31, 2000, and December 31, 2001.

(d) Lost Beneficiary.

If, according to the records of the commission, a participating boxer has reached age 50 and the participating boxer or his or her beneficiary has not made a claim for benefits, the participating boxer's accrued benefit shall be held until the last day of the third plan year after the participating boxer reached age 50, at which time it shall be reallocated pursuant to Section 403(c); provided, however, that if a claim is later made by the participating boxer or beneficiary for the forfeited benefit, the commission shall reinstate the amount of the vested account balance that had been forfeited, unadjusted by any gains or losses attributable to such amount. Such reinstatement shall be made from the contributions for such year of reinstatement, prior to the allocation of contributions to accounts for the year of reinstatement.

(e) Vesting of Pre-1996 Regular Account Balance.

Each participating boxer who is not a covered boxer as of May 1, 1996 shall continue to accrue credit towards vesting in his regular account balance under the terms of this Plan. In the event a participating boxer with a regular account balance attributable to pre-1996 contributions incurs a break in service before becoming a covered boxer, the portion of such boxer's regular account balance attributable to amounts other than boxer contributions, if any, shall be placed in the suspense account and shall be reallocated with other forfeitures under the terms of this restated Plan.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18881 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).
2. Amendment of subsection (c) filed 12-4-98 as an emergency; operative 12-4-98 (Register 98, No. 49) A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 4-5-99 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

3. Amendment of subsection (c) refiled 4-2-99 as an emergency; operative 4-2-99 (Register 99, No. 14). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 8-2-99 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
4. Reinstatement of section as it existed prior to 4-2-99 emergency amendment by operation of Government Code section 11346.1(f) (Register 99, No. 42).
5. Amendment of subsection (c) filed 10-13-99; operative 10-13-99 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 99, No. 42).
6. Amendment of subsection (d) filed 8-30-2010; operative 9-29-2010 (Register 2010, No. 36).

§ 406. Determination Of Benefits.

(a) Measure of Benefits.

The benefit distributable to a covered boxer upon retirement or to the covered boxer's beneficiary in the event of the covered boxer's death, shall be the value of the participating boxer's accrued benefit as of the last day of the plan year coinciding with or next following the date of death or attainment of age 50.

(b) Nonliability.

The commission does not guarantee the pension fund, the participating boxers or their beneficiaries against loss of or depreciation in value of any right or benefit that any of them may acquire under the terms of this Plan. All of the benefits payable hereunder shall be paid or provided for solely from the pension fund.

(c) Methods of Payment.

The commission, with respect to any benefit, is authorized:

- (1) To pay benefits directly from the pension fund in a lump sum or installments;
- (2) To invest the amount of the accrued benefit in an installment contract or annuity for the benefit of the covered boxer or the participating boxer's beneficiary by conversion of existing contracts or otherwise. Such installment contract, endorsed as nontransferable, may be distributed to the covered boxer or the covered boxer's beneficiary;

(3) To distribute to the covered boxer the contracts on the covered boxer's life; in such event, if the vested interest of the covered boxer is less than the value of contracts to be distributed, then the commission may reduce their net value to the amount of the vested interest by making a policy loan or allowing the participating boxer to purchase the excess contract value; or

- (4) Any combination of the preceding methods.

(d) Payment of Benefits.

(1) When a covered boxer either reaches age 50 or dies, the commission shall determine the boxer's accrued benefit on the last day of the plan year (or a valuation date as of the date the participating boxer became entitled to benefits hereunder, if the commission orders a special valuation to be made or if the accounts are segregated individual accounts). The covered boxer shall be provided with a nontransferable, fixed or variable installment contract of such type and from such insurer as the trustee shall select, payable over a period of years not to exceed the greater of thirty (30) years, the covered boxer's life expectancy or the joint expectancy of the covered boxer and the covered boxer's designated beneficiary. The payments shall be substantially equal in amount and shall occur at least annually.

(2) A covered boxer may, for good cause shown, petition the commission in writing to receive one of the following alternative methods of payment:

(A) Lump Sum

A single lump sum distribution of the covered boxer's accrued benefit in cash or in-kind.

(B) Installments.

Cash payments in quarterly installments of substantially equal designated amounts or of a designated percentage of the value of the covered boxer's accrued benefit payable over a five year term, which shall not exceed the covered boxer's remaining life expectancy or over the joint life expectancy of the covered boxer and the covered boxer's designated beneficiary.

(3) For purposes of subsection (d), "good cause" means the covered boxer's terminal illness or disability retirement, or the situation where it is objectively imprudent to purchase an annuity contract.

(e) Commencement Of Payment Of Benefits.

Distribution of the funds due to a covered boxer shall be made to such covered boxer as soon as is administratively feasible after the last day of the plan year in which the covered boxer reaches age 50 or dies or meets other applicable early retirement distribution criteria and without unreasonable delay unless due to causes beyond the control of the commission, its trustee or other appointed fiduciary.

(f) Vocational Early Retirement Benefit.

A covered boxer may ask the commission to convert all or a portion of the covered boxer's accrued benefit to a vocational education benefit. This request shall be made by the covered boxer on or after the covered boxer has reached the age of 36 and has retired from boxing, as evidenced by unconditional surrender or cancellation of the boxer's license. The commission may, in its discretion, grant such petition in whole or in part. If the commission grants the petition, it may pay all or a portion of the covered boxer's accrued benefit for education or vocational training. The commission shall make such payments directly to an institution approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, or its equivalent in another state or jurisdiction, on a periodic basis as billed by the institution and where the institution submits evidence satisfactory to the commission that the boxer is maintaining satisfactory attendance at the institution.

(g) Amount of Death Benefits.

Upon the death of a covered boxer prior to age 50, the covered boxer's accounts shall become payable to the covered boxer's beneficiary.

(h) Designation Of Beneficiary.

Each participating boxer shall have the right to designate, on forms provided by the commission, a beneficiary or beneficiaries to receive the participating boxer's death benefits, and shall have the right, at any time, to revoke such designation or to substitute another such beneficiary or beneficiaries without the consent of any beneficiary; provided, however, that a married participating boxer and spouse must both designate any non-spouse beneficiary or beneficiaries. The commission shall file all beneficiary designations with the trustee and with the insurer insofar as they affect any insurance contracts on the participating boxer's life.

(i) Absence Of Valid Designation Of Beneficiaries.

If, upon the death of a covered boxer or beneficiary, there is no valid designation of beneficiary on file, the commission shall designate the covered boxer's survivors and issue as the beneficiary, in order of priority according to the California Probate Code. The determination of the commission as to which persons, if any, qualify within the aforementioned categories shall be final and conclusive upon all persons. The commission may seek a declaratory judgment of a court of local jurisdiction to determine the identity of beneficiaries and their respective shares at the expense of the beneficiary's accounts.

(j) Distributions To Incapacitated Covered Boxers.

If a covered boxer or beneficiary who is entitled to a payment under the Plan is deemed incapable of personally receiving the payment, the commission or its trustee may make all benefit distributions to the persons or institutions which are providing for the care and maintenance of the covered boxer or beneficiary and continue to make distributions to them until a duly appointed legal representative of the covered boxer or beneficiary makes a claim for the payment. Payments made pursuant to the terms of this subsection shall constitute a distribution to the covered boxer or beneficiary entitled thereto, and shall immediately discharge the commission, the Plan and the pension fund or any further liability therefor.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18881 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer and new section heading, section and NOTE filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).
3. Change without regulatory effect amending subsection (f) filed 7-21-98 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 98, No. 30).
4. Amendment of subsections (a)(d)(1), (e) and (g) filed 5-12-2009; operative 5-12-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 20).

§ 407. Benefit Claims and Appeals.

(a) Request for Information.

Any participating boxer or beneficiary may request information from the commission concerning rights or benefits under this article. The executive officer or his designee shall respond, in writing, not to exceed thirty (30) days, unless the failure to respond results from matters reasonably beyond the Administrator's control.

(b) Claim For Benefits.

The commission shall inform a claimant in writing within 30 days after receiving a claim whether the claim is complete and includes all information and documents necessary to establish the claim. The commission shall provide a written decision within 60 days after receipt of a complete claim. A written decision on each claim for benefits shall be provided to the person making the claim. If the claim is denied in any respect, the decision shall set forth the specific reasons for such denial, written in plain English, including:

- (1) Specific references to pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial is based:

(2) An explanation of the Plan's review procedure for denied claims.

(c) Review of Denied Claim.

Within ninety (90) days after receipt of decision denying a claim for benefits, the covered boxer or beneficiary making the claim or his/her authorized representative may file a written request for review. The commission shall notify the claimant that it has received the request for review and that the claimant may submit, within thirty (30) days from the date of the notification, a written statement and documents to give whatever facts or evidence the claimant feels bears upon the claim, review pertinent documents and records and submit issues and comments in writing. The commission shall make a full review of the record, including the written and oral information submitted by the claimant. Within thirty (30) days of the claimant's deadline to provide information, the commission shall render a decision and if the claim is again denied, the commission shall set forth the specific reasons for such denial written in plain English. Such decision shall contain the same information required by the subsection (b), above.

(d) Time.

The filing of a claim or receipt of a notice of decision and any event starting a time period shall be deemed to commence with personal delivery signed for by the claimant or by affidavit of personal service, or the date of actual receipt for certified or registered mail (or date returned if delivery is refused or a claimant has moved without giving the commission, or its agents a forwarding address).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 18881 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer and new section heading, section and NOTE filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

§ 408. Plan Administration.

(a) Expenses.

The members of the commission shall receive no compensation from the boxer's pension account for administering the pension plan, but the boxers' pension account shall reimburse the commission for all necessary direct expenses incurred in carrying out its maintenance of the Plan. The commission shall pay any necessary direct expenses, including reasonable pension consulting fees incurred by it in administering the Plan out of the Plan's funds. All direct administrative expenses, including actuarial certification fees, trust accounting fees, and commission and expenses related to the investment of the boxer's Pension Account shall be directly assessable and shall be paid out of the boxer's pension accounts.

Expenses related to the restatement and implementation of this Article, including any extraordinary actuarial, design and consulting fees, costs of locating lost boxers' beneficiaries and costs of preparing summary plan descriptions in English and Spanish shall be reimbursed to the commission from the Plan, but only out of and limited to the funds that the commission's enrolled actuary certifies exceeds the cumulative

grandfathered PVAB balances (actuarial equivalent of the Plan's benefit and refund obligations) as of April 30, 1996.

(b) Powers and Duties.

The primary responsibility of the commission under this article is to administer the Plan for the exclusive benefit of the boxers and their beneficiaries, subject to the specific terms of this article. The commission shall administer the Plan in accordance with its terms and shall have the power and discretion to construe the terms of this article and to determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan. Any such determination by the commission shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons. The commission shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to accomplish the duties under this Plan.

The commission shall be charged with the duties of the general administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) The discretion to determine questions relating to the eligibility of boxers to participate or remain a participating boxer or a covered boxer hereunder and to receive benefits under the Plan;
- (2) To compute, certify, and direct the amount and the kind of benefits to which any covered boxer shall be entitled hereunder;
- (3) To maintain all necessary records for the administration of the Plan;
- (4) To interpret the provisions of the Plan consistent with the law and these rules;
- (5) To determine the size and type of any contract to be purchased from any insurer, if any, and to designate the insurer from which such contract shall be purchased;
- (6) To prepare and distribute to participating boxers information concerning their rights and obligations, including a summary plan description stating the requirements and benefits of the Plan in English and Spanish, using commonly spoken language to the extent possible, which shall be sent to each manager and to each boxer at appropriate times by the Pension Plan Committee or the commission staff, including at the time of initial licensure and renewal.
- (7) To place the funds in the pension plan in trust and to select a trustee to invest and administer the funds.

(c) Annual Pension Report.

The executive officer shall present an annual pension report draft to the commission, which shall review it and issue a final annual pension report. The final annual pension report shall be a public document and shall include:

- (1) The financial condition of the pension fund, including present value, net income or losses by source over the previous twelve (12) months, gains or losses realized by sales of assets or disposition;
- (2) Number of currently covered boxers;
- (3) The number of covered boxers drawing benefits and the total amount expended by category of benefits (i.e., normal retirement, death, annuity conversion, or vocational early retirement);
- (4) The number of applicants denied requested benefits and the numbers and dispositions of requests for reconsideration and commission appeals;
- (5) Itemized administrative or other deductions from the pension fund; and,
- (6) Other information that the commission deems appropriate.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18881 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

§ 409. Transfer Or Assignment Of Benefits.

Subject to the exceptions provided below and as otherwise specifically permitted by law, neither the assets or benefits under this Plan nor the pension fund shall be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance or charge. Any attempt to so anticipate, alienate, sell, transfer, assign, pledge, encumber or charge the same shall be void. Nor shall any such benefits in any manner be liable for or subject to the debts, contracts, liabilities or torts of the person entitled to such benefits.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18881 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).  
2. Repealer and new section heading, section and NOTE filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

§ 410. Time For Filing Claim. [Repealed.]

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18881, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).  
2. Repealer filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

§ 412. Amendment Of Plan. [Repealed.]

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18881 and 18882, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).  
2. Repealer filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

§ 413. Actuarial Reevaluation. [Repealed.]

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18881, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

§ 415. Limitation Of Liability. [Repealed.]

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18881, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

§ 416. Termination Of Plan. [Repealed.]

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18881, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18881, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
2. Repealer filed 4-26-96; operative 5-1-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 17).

## ARTICLE 13. TRAINING GYMNASIUMS

§ 495. Gymnasium License.

All professional boxers' training gymnasiums licensed by the commission shall post the license in a conspicuous place.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18653, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New article 13 and section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

§ 496. Monthly Sparring Report.

To assure accuracy and accountability, owners of licensed professional boxing gymnasiums shall submit to the commission, on a monthly basis, the following information on licensed boxers or holders of sparring permits who have been knocked-out or injured at the gymnasium: the name and license number of each boxer, trainer and

sparring partner, the nature of any injuries to the boxer or sparring partner, and whether headgear was used.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18643 and 18654, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

**CHAPTER 2. FULL CONTACT MARTIAL ARTS AND KICKBOXING**

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§ 500. Citation.**

The rules in this subchapter shall be cited and referred to as the "Professional Full-Contact Martial Arts and Kickboxing Rules."

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New subchapter 1.5 (sections 500-532, not consecutive) filed 8-23-77; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 77, No. 35).
2. Repealer and new section filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).
3. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
4. Amendment filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
5. Amendment of NOTE filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

**§ 501. Applicability Of Rules; Definitions.**

The rules in this subchapter shall apply to professional full-contact martial arts and kickboxing contests or matches. For purposes of this chapter, the term "kickboxing" has the meaning given in Section 18627(b) of the code and the term "martial arts" means unarmed full-contact martial arts, other than kickboxing, which permit the use of a mix of techniques from different disciplines, including but not limited to the use of chokeholds, joint manipulation and grappling techniques.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18627, 18761 and 18768, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer and new section filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).

2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
4. Amendment of section heading and section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 502. Certain Boxing Rules Not Applicable.

(a) unless otherwise specified in this chapter, all of the professional boxing rules apply to martial arts contests or matches except the following: Sections 242, 298, 298, 306, 309 through 313, 322, 337, 338, 339, 349 through 351, 357, and 400 through 416.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, all of the professional boxing rules apply to kickboxing contests or matches except the following: Sections 242, 298, 306, 309 through 313, 322, 337, 338, 339, 357, and 400 through 416.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18627, 18761, 18763, 18765, 18766, 18767, and 18768, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. New section filed 1-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2 (d) (Register 84, No. 40).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No.5).
3. Amendment of section and NOTE filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
4. Amendment filed 2-29-2000; operative 3-30-2000 (Register 2000, No. 9).
5. Amendment filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 503. Tournament or Elimination Format Contests – Selection of Opponents.

In any tournament or elimination format contest, the commission shall determine the initial opponents in the first round of the tournament by drawing names at the weigh-in.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. New section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

ARTICLE 2. SAFETY STANDARDS

§ 510. Weights And Classes.

MALES

Flyweight.....	through 125 lbs.
Bantamweight .....	125.1 – 135 lbs.
Featherweight .....	135.1 – 145 lbs.
Lightweight.....	145.1 – 155 lbs.

Welterweight .....	155.1 – 170 lbs.
Middleweight .....	170.1 – 185 lbs.
Light Heavyweight.....	185.1 – 205 lbs.
Heavyweight.....	205.1 – 265 lbs.
Super Heavyweight.....	265.1 lbs. and over

**FEMALES**

Lightweight.....	through 125 lbs.
Middleweight .....	125.1 – 135 lbs.
Light-Heavyweight.....	135.1 – 150 lbs.
Heavyweight.....	150.1 – 175 lbs.
Super Heavyweight.....	175.1 lbs. and over

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Renumbering of former article 2 (sections 520-532, not consecutive) to article 3 (sections 520-531, not consecutive), renumbering of former section 505 to section 510 and redesignation of former sections 505-507 to new article 2 (sections 510-513, not consecutive) filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
4. Amendment filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

**§ 512. Rounds; Number; Length; Rest Period.**

(a) Non-title kickboxing bouts shall not exceed 10 rounds, each round not to exceed 3 minutes, with a rest period of not less than one minute nor more than 2 minutes, as specified by the sanctioning body. Except with the approval of the commission, pursuant to Section 18748 of the code, title bouts shall not exceed the maximum length or number of rounds specified in this subsection and in no event shall the rest period between rounds be less than one minute.

(b) Non-title martial arts bouts other than kickboxing shall not exceed 5 rounds, each round not to exceed 5 minutes, with a rest period of not less than one minute nor more than 2 minutes, as specified by the sanctioning body. Except with the approval of the commission, pursuant to Section 18748 of the code, title bouts shall not exceed the maximum length or number of rounds specified in this subsection and in no event shall the rest period between rounds be less than one minute.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Renumbering of former section 506 to section 512 and new NOTE filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
4. Repealer and new section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 513. Fighter's Equipment.

(a) The ring costume for each fighter on a program shall be approved by the commission and shall include two pairs of trunks and a custom-made individually fitted mouthpiece. Commission staff shall not approve ring costumes that are so similar as to possibly cause confusion as to the identity of the contenders.

(b) A fighter who is participating in a kickboxing contest may, at his or her option, use padded footgear and/or shin protectors. Shoes may not be worn either in martial arts contests or in kickboxing contests.

(c) In addition to the items described in subsection (a), the costume for each male fighter shall include a foul-proof groin protector.

(d) In addition to the items described in subsection (a), the costume for each female fighter shall include a body shirt.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Renumbering and amendment of former section 507 to section 513 filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
3. Amendment of newly designated subsection (a) and new subsection (b) filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
4. Amendment of section heading and repealer and new section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 514. Gloves.

(a) Fighters in kickboxing contests in all weights up to and including heavyweight class shall wear no less than eight-ounce gloves. In heavier classes, fighters shall wear no less than ten-ounce gloves. When two contestants differ in weight classes, the contestants shall wear the gloves required for the higher weight classification.

(b) A fighter in martial arts contest shall wear gloves that have no padding in the palm or fingertip area and that are appropriate in weight for the fighter's hand size.

(c) All gloves must be approved by the commission.

(d) No gloves shall be required for those martial arts disciplines that prohibit striking or punching.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
2. Amendment filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

**ARTICLE 3. CONDUCT OF MATCHES, CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS**

**§ 515. Time Between Bouts.**

Unless written approval is obtained from the commission, a fighter who has competed in a bout or tournament format event anywhere in the world shall not be allowed to compete in this state until seven days have elapsed from the date of that bout or event. This limitation shall not be construed to prohibit a fighter from competing in a tournament format event that requires the fighter to rest a minimum of 30 minutes between bouts. In a tournament format event, a fighter shall be examined by a physician before each bout.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

**§ 516. Method of Scoring When There Is an Injury Not Resulting from a Foul.**

If the referee determines that the injured fighter was responsible for his own injury, the referee will not penalize his opponent in any manner. In this case, if the referee or ring physician determines that the injured fighter is unable to continue, he will lose by "technical knockout". If the referee determines that no fault was attributable to either fighter, the referee shall allow the injured fighter 5 minutes to recover. If, at the end of the recovery period, the referee or the ringside physician determines that the injured fighter cannot continue, the bout will be decided on the score cards if a majority of the rounds have been completed (including the round in which the injury occurred) or, if a majority of the rounds have not been completed, the bout will be called a technical draw.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

**§ 517. Intentional Fouling.**

(a) In the case of an intentional foul, the referee may interrupt the bout for the purpose of allowing the injured fighter time to recover. A maximum of five (5) minutes of recovery time will be permitted.

(b) If the injured fighter is thereafter unable to continue, the offending fighter shall be disqualified, his or her purse may be withheld, and he or she may be subject to suspension. Disposition of the purse and the penalty to be imposed upon the fighter shall be determined by action of the commission or the commission's representative.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640, 18707 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY

1. New section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

##### § 518. Unintentional Fouling.

(a) When a bout is interrupted due to an injury caused by an unintentional foul, the referee, in consultation with the ringside physician, shall determine whether the fighter who has been fouled can continue or not. If the referee sees, or if after consultation with the judges, determines that a fighter is unintentionally fouled and if the fighter's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of a foul, the referee may order the bout continued after a reasonable interval, not to exceed 5 minutes.

(b) If the referee and/or the ringside physician determines that the bout may not continue because of an injury suffered as the result of an unintentional foul or because of an injury inflicted by an unintentional foul which later becomes aggravated by fair blows, the bout shall be declared a draw, if according to the score cards, the bout was determined to be a draw at the time the foul occurred. If, according to the score cards, the fighter committing the foul was winning prior to the foul, the bout shall be declared a technical draw. If, according to the score cards, the fighter being fouled was winning prior to the foul, then that fighter shall be declared the winner.

(c) When an unintentional foul causes the bout to be interrupted for the purpose of allowing the injured fighter time to recover, the referee shall penalize the fighter guilty of the foul one or more points.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY

1. New section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

##### § 519. Suspected Fouls.

If an injury occurs due to a suspected foul that the referee was unable to see, the referee may, in his sole discretion, confer with the judges to determine where the foul may be placed. He may consider any, all or none of the opinions expressed in making his determination. The referee may, in his sole discretion, ask for a replay, if television equipment is available, of the technique in question before rendering his decision.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 520. Method Of Judging.

Referees and judges shall score all contests and determine the winner through the use of the ten-point must system. In this system, the winner of each round receives ten points and the opponent a proportionately less number. If the round is even, each fighter receives ten points. No fraction of points may be given.

At the termination of the contest or the termination of each round, as determined by the commission's representative present at the event, the cards of the judges shall be picked up by the referee and delivered to the commission representative assigned to check the totals. The majority opinion shall be conclusive and if there is no majority then the decision shall be a draw. When the commission representative has completed verifying the score, the ring announcer shall be informed of the decision and shall announce the decision.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640, 18761 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 4-11-80; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 80, No. 15).
2. Renumbering and amendment of former article 2 heading to article 3 and amendment of section 520 filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).
3. Change without regulatory effect of Note (Register 87, No. 5).
4. Repealer of section text, adoption of new section text and amendment of NOTE filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
5. Repealer of first paragraph filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 521. Minimum Kicking Requirement. [Repealed]

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18627 and 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 4-11-80; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 80, No. 15).
2. Amendment filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).
3. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
4. Repealer and new section filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
5. Repealer filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 522. Fouls.

(a) Fouls in kickboxing and martial arts. The following tactics are fouls in both kickboxing and martial arts and are forbidden. Use of these tactics shall result in a warning and loss of points as determined by the referee.

- (1) Headbutts.
- (2) Striking downward using point of the elbow.
- (3) Openhand attacks to the eyes or throat or eye gouging.
- (4) Striking at that part of the body over the kidney or spine or chopping or striking the back of the neck or head.
- (5) Spitting, or, in the referee's discretion, slapping.
- (6) The use of abusive language in the ring.
- (7) Any unsportsmanlike trick or action that causes any injury to an opponent or referee.
- (8) Attacking on the break.
- (9) Attacking after the bell or gong has sounded ending the round, or when the opponent is out of the ring.
- (10) Intentionally pushing, shoving or wrestling an opponent out of the ring with any part of the body.
- (11) Linear kicks to the front or side of the knees.
- (12) Continuous dropping of mouthpiece.
- (13) Intentional evasion of contact.
- (14) Hair pulling.
- (15) Attacking or obstructing the trachea.
- (16) Clawing, pinching or twisting the flesh or grabbing the clavicle.
- (17) Pulling or holding uniform below hipline.
- (18) Holding ropes or fence.
- (19) Small joint manipulation (e.g. twisting of fingers or toes).
- (20) Groin attacks.
- (21) Fish hooks.
- (22) Biting.

(b) Fouls in kickboxing. The following tactics are fouls in kickboxing and are forbidden. Use of these tactics shall result in a warning and loss of points as determined by the referee.

- (1) Arm bars.
- (2) Grabbing or holding onto an opponent's leg or foot, and grabbing or holding onto any other part of the body.
- (3) Punching or kicking a contestant when he or she is down. A contestant is down when any part of his or her body, other than his or her feet, touch the floor. His or her opponent may continue to attack until the contestant has touched the floor with any part of the body other than the feet.
- (4) Leg Checking. (Extending the leg to check an opponent's leg or to prevent him from kicking.)
- (5) Purposely going down without being hit.
- (6) Any use of throws or any takedowns.

- (7) Holding and hitting.
- (8) Hitting or slapping with an open glove.
- (9) Palm heel strikes to the front of the face (using the heel of the palm of the hand to deliver a blow to the face).

(c) Fouls in martial arts (non-kickboxing). In any martial arts contest other than kickboxing, the following tactics are fouls and are forbidden. Use of these tactics shall result in a warning and loss of points as determined by the referee.

- (1) Kicking the head of a contestant when he or she is down.
- (2) Spiking (purposely driving an opponent straight to the ring floor on his head or neck from an upright and vertical position).
- (3) Using knees to the head of an opponent who is not standing.
- (4) Putting a finger into any orifice or into any cut or laceration of an opponent.
- (5) Stomping an opponent when the opponent is down.

(d) In addition to or in lieu of losing points, any contestant guilty of any of the foul tactics listed in this section that are applicable to the contestant's sport may be disqualified, his or her purse may be withheld from payment, and the contestant may be suspended. Disposition of the purse and the penalty to be imposed upon the contestant shall be determined by action of the commission.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640, 18765 and 18768, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

- 1. Amendment filed 4-11-80; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 80, No. 15).
- 2. Amendment filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).
- 3. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
- 4. Amendment of subsections (a)(4), (a)(6) and (a)(10), repealer of subsection (a)(14) and subsection renumbering, amendment of newly designated subsections (a)(14), (a)(16) and (a)(20), new subsections (a)(15), (a)(21), (a)(22) and (b)(1)-(b)(5) and subsection relettering, and amendment of newly designated subsection (c) filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
- 5. Amendment filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

**§ 523. Ring.**

(a) For kickboxing contests, the ring or fighting area shall either meet the requirements of Rules 310 through 312, inclusive, or shall meet the requirements of this section; except that subsection (d)(1) permitting a contest to be held in a ring enclosed by a fence shall not apply to kickboxing contests and the commission shall not permit a kickboxing contest to be held in a ring enclosed by a fence. For all other types of martial arts bouts, the ring or fighting area shall either meet the requirements set forth below in this section or shall be held in a ring that meets the requirements set forth in Rules 310 through 312, inclusive.

(b) The ring or fighting area shall be no smaller than 20' by 20' and no larger than 32' by 32'. A ring enclosed by ropes shall be square. The ring floor or floor of the fighting area enclosed by ropes shall extend at least 20 inches beyond the ropes. The ring floor or floor of the fighting area shall be padded in a manner approved by the commission, consistent with the requirements of section 18724 of the code. Padding shall extend beyond the ring or fighting area and over the edge of the platform. The ring or fighting area shall have a canvas covering or similar material, tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform. Vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering will not be permitted. There shall not be any obstruction or object, including but not limited to a triangular border, on any part of the ring floor.

(c) The ring platform shall not be more than four feet above the floor of the building. A ring enclosed by ropes shall have three sets of suitable steps or ramps, one for use by each of the fighters and one for use by the officials. A ring enclosed by a fence shall have two sets of suitable steps or ramps for use by the fighters and the officials. Ringside tables shall be no higher than ring platform level. Ring posts for a ring enclosed by ropes shall be of metal, not less than 3" nor more than 6" in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a maximum height of 6" above the highest horizontal rope above the ring floor. Ring posts for a ring enclosed by ropes shall be separated from the ring ropes by at least 18 inches. The posts for a ring enclosed by a fence shall extend from the floor to the top of the fighting area and shall be no less than 66" and no more than 78" above the floor of the fighting area. All posts shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the commission.

(d) The ring shall be enclosed by either of the following:

(1) A fence made of such material as will not allow a fighter to fall out or break through it on to the floor or spectators, including but not limited to vinyl-coated chain link. However, the enclosure shall not obstruct or limit the supervision and regulation of the bout by the officials or commission representatives. All metal parts shall be covered and padded in a manner approved by the commission and shall not be abrasive to the fighters.

(2) Five horizontal ropes not less than 1 inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material. The lowest rope to be not less than 5 inches nor more than 8 inches above the floor. The second rope to be not less than 8 inches nor more than 12 inches above the lowest rope. The top three ropes to be spaced equal distance apart and not less than 12 inches nor more than 14 inches from each other. The lowest rope shall have applied around it a padding of a thickness of not less than 1/2 inch. The horizontal ropes shall be tied together by vertical ropes not less than 1/4 inch in diameter. If a ring is less than 24' by 24', there shall be two (2) vertical ropes, spaced equal distance apart, on each side of the ring. If a ring is 24' by 24' or greater, there shall be three (3) vertical ropes, spaced equal distance apart, on each side of the ring. The lowest portion of each vertical rope, between the lowest horizontal rope and second rope, shall have applied around them a padding of a thickness of not less than 1/4 inch.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18724 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48). For prior history, see Register 80, No. 15.
2. Amendment filed 1-17-2007; operative 1-17-2007 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2007, No. 3).
3. Amendment of subsection (a) filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

§ 524. Sanitation.

The promoter of the event is responsible for ensuring that acceptable sanitary standards are met with respect to dressing rooms, water bottles, towels or other equipment. Physicians and commission representatives shall specifically check at every event for violations of these rules. The ring shall be swept, dry-mopped, or otherwise adequately cleaned before the event and prior to each fight.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18724 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48). For prior history, see Register 84, No. 40. No. 40).

§ 525. Procedure Where Failure To Compete. [Repealed]

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).

§ 526. Failure To Resume Contest. [Repealed]

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).

§ 527. Wiping Gloves. [Repealed]

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).

§ 528. Method Of Counting Over a Contestant Who Is Down. [Repealed]

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).

§ 529. Resuming Count. [Repealed]

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).

§ 530. Communication Of Counting For Knockdowns -- Kickboxing.

As soon as a fighter in a kickboxing contest has been knocked down, the official timekeeper shall begin calling the count (from 1 to 10) while the referee directs the opponent to a neutral corner. After the referee has directed the opponent to a neutral corner, he shall return to the fallen fighter and shall count over him, picking up the count from the timekeeper.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.2(d) Register 84, No. 40). 2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).  
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).  
3. Amendment of section heading and section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 531. Standing Eight-Count -- Kickboxing.

The referee may, at his discretion, administer an eight-count to a contestant in a kickboxing contest who is in trouble but who is still standing. He shall direct the opponent to a neutral corner, then begin counting from 1 to 8, examining the contestant in trouble as he counts. If, after completing the standing eight-count, the referee determines that the contestant is not able to continue, he shall stop the contest and declare the opponent the winner by technical knockout.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).  
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).  
3. Amendment of section heading and section filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

§ 532. Change Of Decision. [Repealed]

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).

§ 533. Championship Matches and Exhibitions.

(a) Recognizing that different forms of martial arts exist, notwithstanding any rule in this division to the contrary, the commission may, in its discretion, authorize alternate rules or provisions from time to time for full contact martial arts exhibitions so long as the safety and welfare of the contestants and the public are not jeopardized.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. New section filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).
2. Amendment filed 11-28-2005; operative 12-28-2005 (Register 2005, No. 48).

ARTICLE 4. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

§ 541. Promoter's License.

In order to be issued a promoter's license, an applicant shall meet all the following requirements:

(a) The applicant, or at least one principal of the applicant if the applicant is a corporation or partnership, shall meet the requirements for licensure as a matchmaker, or in the alternative submit evidence that the promoter employs a licensed matchmaker.

(b) Provide evidence that the promoter will have complete control over the sale of tickets, collection of tickets, counting of tickets, and preparation of revenue reports, and supervision over the box office employees, ticket takers and ushers and security for each event promoted. In the alternative a promoter may submit for review by the commission an agreement between the promoter and the facility in which events will be conducted relating to the sale and accounting of tickets and revenues, preparation of required reports, the supervision of box office employees, ticket takers and ushers, and security of each event.

(c) Provide evidence that the facility or facilities in which events will be held meet state and local fire and safety requirements and have dressing rooms and facilities which meet the requirements of Rules 292, 293 and 294.

(d) Pass a written examination administered by the commission on the fundamentals of martial arts and kickboxing and California law and regulations relating to martial arts and kickboxing.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18648, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. New section filed 12-17-86, effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Change without regulatory effect amending subsection (b) filed 3-17-2011 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulation (Register 2011, No. 11).

§ 542. Matchmaker's License.

In order to be licensed as a matchmaker, an applicant shall pass a written examination administered by the commission on California law and regulations relating to martial arts and kickboxing, and shall have been involved in matchmaking in at least five (5) amateur events. The examination may be waived if the applicant possesses a current and valid license as a matchmaker in another state or country and has not been subject to any disciplinary action.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18648, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. New section filed 12-17-86, effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).
2. Amendment filed 9-14-94; operative 10-14-94 (Register 94, No. 37).

§ 543. Referee's License.

In order to be licensed as a referee, an applicant shall meet all the following requirements:

(a) Have two years of documented experience refereeing martial arts or kickboxing matches with a minimum of 100 matches with a minimum of 100 matches refereed. It is not necessary that this experience be obtained by refereeing professional contests.

(b) Be found after examination by a licensed physician to be physically and mentally fit to referee a martial arts contest and to have uncorrected visual acuity of at least 20/100 in both eyes. Weight shall be proportionate to height in accordance with the standards of the American Medical Association in effect at the time of the effective date of this regulation.

(c) Be in good physical condition with the speed and reflexes in the ring necessary for the protection of the fighters.

(d) Pass a written examination administered by the commission on the fundamentals of martial arts and kickboxing, refereeing and judging martial arts matches and contests, and California law and regulations relating to martial arts and kickboxing.

(e) Perform a demonstration of competency by performing as a referee in a martial arts match before a representative of the commission and two licensed referees. The applicant shall demonstrate knowledge of refereeing techniques and the ability to manage and control a martial arts match.

(f) Perform a demonstration of competence in judging by judging at least 50 martial arts or kickboxing contests as verified by a representative of the commission.

(g) These requirements may be waived for any applicant who is licensed or approved as a referee by the Professional Kickboxing Association or the World Kickboxing Association.

(h) In order to renew a referee's license, a referee shall comply with subsections (b) and (c) in addition to any other requirements for renewal set forth in the law or these regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18648, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 12-17-86, effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).

**§ 544. Manager's Application.**

In order to be issued a manager's license, an applicant shall pass a written examination administered by the commission on the fundamentals of martial arts and kickboxing and California law and regulations relating to martial arts and kickboxing. The examination may be waived if the applicant possesses a current and valid license as a martial arts and kickboxing manager in another state or country and has not been subject to any disciplinary action.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18648, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 12-17-86, effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).

**§ 545. Second's License.**

In order to be issued a second's license, an applicant shall meet all the following requirements:

(a) Pass a written examination administered by the commission on the fundamentals of martial arts and kickboxing and California laws and regulations relating to martial arts and kickboxing.

(b) Perform a demonstration of competency by demonstrating the duties of a second before a representative of the commission.

(c) The examination and demonstration of competency may be waived if the applicant possesses a current and valid license as a martial arts and kickboxing second in another state or country and has not been subject to any disciplinary action.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18611, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18648, 18763 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 12-17-86, effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).

**§ 546. Professional Martial Arts Fighter's License-HIV/HBV Testing.**

(a) As used in Section 18712(a) of the code:

(1) The phrase "within 30 days prior to the date of application" means that the blood test will be accepted for licensure purposes for 30 days from the date of the test report.

(2) The phrase "documentary evidence satisfactory to the commission" means the original or a copy of the test report on letterhead of the laboratory, accompanied by the applicant's declaration under penalty of perjury that the report represents the applicant's HIV/HBV test results.

(b) The tests described in Section 18712 of the code shall be referred to collectively as the "HIV/HBV tests."

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code, Reference: Section 18712, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 6-16-97; operative 6-16-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 25).
2. Repealer and new subsection (a)(1) filed 3-20-2001; operative 4-19-2001 (Register 2001, No. 12).

### CHAPTER 3. AMATEUR BOXING RULES

§ 600. Citation.

The rules in this subchapter shall be cited as the "Amateur Boxing Rules."

NOTE: Authority and reference cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10). For prior history, see Register 87, No. 5.

§ 601. Professional Boxing Rules Apply.

The rules of the commission pertaining to professional boxing shall apply to amateur boxing unless the club or organization obtains a law and rule waiver under Section 18646 of the code or the professional boxing rules are inconsistent with these Amateur Boxing Regulations or the provisions of the Boxing Act pertaining to amateur boxing.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 602. Certification.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 603. Examination, Ring Names.

No amateur shall be permitted to take part in a boxing contest unless the following conditions are met:

(a) All amateurs shall enter and compete in all boxing contests or tournaments under their own names. The use of a ring name is prohibited.

(b) No person who has attained the age of 36 years shall be issued an amateur license except by special permission of the commission. The commission may, in its discretion, require (1) an extensive physical examination including possible EKG, neurological examination and heart stress test; (2) a demonstration of proficiency in the ring by a gym exhibition witnessed by a qualified commission employee; and (3) a personal appearance before the commission and such other examinations as the commission may deem appropriate. The applicant shall bear the expense of any medical examination required by the commission in connection with his or her application for licensure.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642, 18646, 18661 and 18710, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 10-3-68; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 68, No. 37).
2. Amendment filed 4-14-72; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 72, No. 16).
3. Repealer and new subsection (f) filed 3-9-79; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 79, No. 10).
4. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).
5. Amendment filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 604. Annual Physical Examination.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 605. Records.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 606. Registration Fee.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 607. Bonds.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 12-4-81; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 81, No. 49).
2. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

§ 608. Gymnasiums.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 10-3-68; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 68, No. 37).

§ 609. Medical Insurance.

Any amateur club or promoter licensed by the commission shall maintain a short term medical assistance insurance policy approved by the commission for all amateur boxers participating in a match conducted by the amateur club or promoter.

"Short term medical assistance insurance" as used in this section, refers to coverage or payment of direct expenses of medical treatment, including emergency aid, diagnostic procedures, drugs, surgical procedures and physical therapy, arising directly from injuries incurred during an amateur boxing match in California which has been approved by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18641, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 610. Equipment.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 611. Gloves.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer filed 9-28-76; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 76, No. 40).

§ 612. Officials.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 613. Professional Boxing Promoters.

No professional boxing promoter shall be allowed to promote or conduct any amateur boxing contest unless the promoter is licensed to promote amateur contests.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18646, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 614. Matchmakers.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-3-68; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 68, No. 37).
2. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 615. Boxer Down.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 616. Resuming Boxing.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 617. Drawing For Tournaments.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 618. Seconds.

Each competitor who has no coach shall have one licensed second who may be furnished by the club. A coach or handler of amateur boxers shall be a licensed second or manager.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642 and 18646, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 4-14-72; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 72, No. 16).
2. Amendment filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 619. Referee.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 620. Winner.

A winner shall be declared in tournaments, but in matched contests where both boxers have an equal number of points a draw decision may be given. Referee and/or judges shall score.

§ 621. Tampering With Amateur.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 9-10-75; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register No. 75, No. 37).

§ 622. Transportation Expenses.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

§ 623. Advance Notice.

Advance notices for all amateur shows shall be filed in the office of the commission at least five days before the date of each show.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18641, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-3-68; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 68, No. 37).
2. Amendment filed 2-24-89; operative 3-26-89 (Register 89, No. 10).

CHAPTER 4. AMATEUR FULL-CONTACT MARTIAL ARTS

## ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### § 700. Citation.

The rules in this chapter shall be cited and referred to as the "Amateur Full-Contact Martial Arts and Kickboxing Rules."

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Renumbering of former chapter 4 to new chapter 5 , new chapter 4, article 1 and section filed 8-2-94; operative 9-1-94 (Register 94, No. 31).

### § 702. Professional Full-Contact Martial Arts And Kickboxing Rules Apply.

The Professional Full-Contact Martial Arts and Kickboxing Rules (Chapter 2 of this division.) shall apply to amateur full-contact martial arts and kickboxing, unless a club or organization obtains a waiver of the applicable laws and rules under Section 18646 of the code or unless they are clearly inconsistent with the rules contained in this chapter.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. New section filed 8-2-94; operative 9-1-94 (Register 94, No. 31).

### § 705. Classes Of Amateur Contestants.

(a) Novice Class. Any contestant who has participated in three or less full-contact martial arts or kickboxing contests approved by the commission may be in the Novice Class.

(b) Open Class. Any contestant who has participated in more than three full contact martial arts or kickboxing contests approved by the commission shall be in the Open Class.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. New section filed 8-2-94; operative 9-1-94 (Register 94, No. 31).

## ARTICLE 2. SAFETY STANDARDS

### § 710. Contestants' Equipment.

In addition to that equipment required in Section 513 of these regulations, every contestant shall wear all of the following during a contest or match:

(a) At least ten (10) ounce gloves;

- (b) If the contestant is in the Novice class, headgear that is approved by the Amateur Boxing Federation or an equivalent organization.
- (c) Padded shin guards that extend from the ankle or instep to the top of the shin, and a safety boot that covers the toes.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New article 2 and section filed 8-2-94; operative 9-1-94 (Register 94, No. 31). (c)

§ 711. Headgear; Under 18.

In addition to that equipment required in Section 513 and 710 of these regulations, every contestant in the Open Class who is under 18 years of age may wear a headgear that is approved by the Amateur Boxing Federation or an equivalent organization during a contest or match.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18766, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 8-2-94; operative 9-1-94 (Register 94, No. 31).

**ARTICLE 3. CONDUCT OF MATCHES AND CONTESTS**

§ 720. Number of Rounds.

(a) The maximum number of rounds allowed for any contestant in the Novice Class shall not exceed three two-minute rounds with a one-minute rest period between rounds.

(b) The maximum number of rounds allowed for any contestant in the Open Class shall not exceed five two-minute rounds with a one-minute rest period between rounds.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New article 3 and section filed 8-2-94; operative 9-1-94 (Register 94, No. 31).

§ 723. Kicks; Novice Class.

Between contestants in the Novice Class, the only kicks allowed are to the outside of the legs or boot and kicks to the upper body. All other kicks shall be considered a foul.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18763, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New section filed 8-2-94; operative 9-1-94 (Register 94, No. 31).

## CHAPTER 5. WRESTLING RULES

### ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### § 800. Citation of Wrestling Rules.

The rules in this subchapter shall be cited as the “Wrestling Rules.”

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Repealer of subchapter 3 (ss 800 through 838 and new subchapter 3 (ss 800 through 827) filed 6-30-64; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 64, No. 14). For prior history, see note to section 201 and Register 62, No.
2. Renumbering of former subchapter 3 to subchapter 4 filed 10-2-84; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 84, No. 40).
3. Renumbering of former section 800 to section 815 and new section 800 filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).
4. Renumbering of chapter 4 to chapter 5 filed 8-2-94; operative 9-1-94 (Register 94, No. 31).

#### § 801. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter,

- (a) “commission” means the State Athletic Commission.
- (b) “code” means the Business and Professions Code.
- (c) “Rules” means the Wrestling rules.
- (d) The terms “promoter” and “club” are synonymous and mean and include any person, partnership, club, corporation, organization, or association conducting, holding or giving wrestling exhibitions.
- (e) the masculine gender includes the feminine gender.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18611, 18620, 18621 and 18622, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

#### § 802. Professional Boxing Rules Applicable.

The following professional boxing rules when otherwise appropriate shall apply to wrestling: 202, 204, 205, 206, 210, 211, 212, 214, 218, 252, 253, 254, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 266, 267, 268, 269, 271, 272, 273, 274, 276, 277, 292, 293, 294, 390, 391, 392, 395, and 399.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-3-68; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 68, No. 37).
2. Amendment filed 12-4-81; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 81, No. 49).
3. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

ARTICLE 2. WRESTLER'S LICENSE

§ 803. Age Limitations and Requirements.

- (a) No wrestler's license shall be issued to any person under 18 years of age.
- (b) All applications for a wrestler's license shall be in writing on a form furnished by the commission. Any person who gives incorrect information in an application for a wrestler's license may have his license revoked by the commission, and any purse to which he might otherwise be entitled may be confiscated.
- (c) All applicants for a wrestler's license shall be found after examination by a licensed physician to be physically and mentally fit to wrestle in a match or event and to have an uncorrected visual acuity of at least 20/100 in both eyes.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642, 18648, 18660 and 18702, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 7-27-71; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 71, No. 30).
2. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).
3. Amendment filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).

ARTICLE 3. RING

§ 804. Ring Construction and Equipment.

The size, construction, and equipment of wrestling rings shall be as approved by the commission.

The ring floor shall be padded to a thickness as approved by the commission. A one-piece wrestling mat or soft padding may be used with a top covering of clean canvas tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform.

Any mat or padding and canvas covering which has been used for boxing matches shall not be used for wrestling exhibitions until the mat or the canvas covering has been washed and is free from resin.

The promoter shall keep the mat or padding and covering in a clean and sanitary condition.

ARTICLE 4. REFEREE

§ 805. Referee's Physical.

All referees shall be examined annually to establish their physical fitness. No referee's license shall be issued to a person who has attained the age of 60 years except by special action of the commission.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 3-26-71; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 71, No. 13).
2. Amendment filed 7-27-71; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 71, No. 31).

§ 805.1. License Requirement.

In order to be licensed as a wrestling referee, an applicant shall be found after examination by a licensed physician to be physically and mentally fit to referee a wrestling match or event and to have an uncorrected visual acuity of at least 20/100 in both eyes.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. New Section filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).

§ 806. Selection of Referee by Club.

At any wrestling club where the promoter appoints the referee licensed by the commission, the announcer shall announce, prior to the commencement of the wrestling exhibition, that the wrestling promoter has appointed the referee by using the following language: "The referee of this wrestling event was appointed by (insert the name of the wrestling club)."

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18877, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Repealer of former Section 806 and renumbering and amendment of former Section 828 to Section 806 filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43). For history of former section, see Register 64, No. 14.

§ 807. Dangerous Conduct; Punishment

The referee shall not permit physically dangerous conduct or tactics by any wrestler. Any wrestler who fails to discontinue such tactics, after being warned by the referee, shall be disqualified and subject to disciplinary action.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18777 and 18841, Business and Professions Code.

**HISTORY:**

1. Amendment filed 10-3-68; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 68, No. 37).
2. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

## ARTICLE 5. TIMEKEEPER

### § 808. Timekeeper.

There shall be a timekeeper appointed by the promoter present at all exhibitions. He shall officially keep time and follow the instructions of the referee.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

### § 809. Timekeeper's Duties.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

### § 810. Periods.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43)

### § 811. Time Limit Exhibitions.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

## ARTICLE 6. CLUB PHYSICIAN

### § 812. Club Physician's Duties.

A club physician approved by the commission shall examine all wrestlers and referees before they enter the ring for an exhibition and shall be present during the exhibition. No wrestler shall be permitted to wrestle who is suffering from any illness. The physician shall report to the commission any wrestler or referee examined proven unfit for participating in a wrestling exhibition. Such wrestler or referee shall be suspended until it is shown that he is fit for further participation in a wrestling exhibition.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18646, 18705 and 18706, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

§ 813. Physical Examination of Wrestlers.

Any wrestler applying for a license, or annual renewal thereof, shall be examined by a physician who is licensed in California or any other state and who is approved by the commission to establish physical fitness.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18642 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-3-68; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 68, No. 37).
2. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

ARTICLE 7. PROMOTERS AND EXHIBITIONS

§ 814. Advance Notice.

At least seven days before wrestling exhibitions, the promoter shall furnish the commission an advance notice giving the names of the wrestlers to be used in the exhibitions. The commission shall be promptly notified of any changes or additions to this notice. The forms for this notice shall be furnished by the commission. Notice of any change in announced or advertised wrestling programs or wrestling exhibitions shall be given to the press if there is sufficient time and an announcement shall be made prior to the program indicating the change and advising patrons desiring refunds to present their tickets to the box office at once. The box office shall remain open a reasonable length of time to redeem such tickets.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18624, 18682 and 18751, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18670 and 18748.5, Business and Professions Code

HISTORY:

1. Repealer and new section filed 7-19-66; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 66, No. 23).
2. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

§ 815. Wrestling Exhibitions.

Unless a special license is obtained, all professional wrestling programs under the supervision and authority of the commission are exhibitions only, and not contents, and any such exhibitions cannot be advertised or announced as contests.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18624, 18682 and 18751, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Renumbering of former Section 800 to Section 815 filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43). For history of former section, see Register 81, No. 49.

§ 816. Duties of Licensees.

It shall be the duty of the referee, promoter, and his agents, attaches and employees, and the participants in any wrestling exhibition to maintain peace and order in the conduct of any exhibition. There shall be no abuse of a commission official at any time.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18777, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer of former Section 816 and renumbering and amendment of former Section 825 to Section 816 filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43). For history of former section, see Registers 84, No. 40 and No. 64.

§ 817. Promoter's License.

In order to be issued a wrestling promoter's license, an applicant shall meet all the following requirements:

(a) Provide evidence that the promoter will have complete control over the sale of tickets, collection of tickets, counting of tickets, and preparation of revenue reports, and supervision over the box office employees, ticket takers and ushers and security for each event promoted. In the alternative a promoter may submit for review by the commission an agreement between the promoter and the facility in which events will be conducted relating to the sale and accounting of tickets and revenues, preparation of required reports, the supervision of box office employees, ticket takers, ushers, and security of each event.

(b) Provide evidence that the facility or facilities in which events will be held meet state and local fire and safety requirements and have dressing rooms and facilities which meet the requirements of Rules 292, 293 and 294.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18641 and 18648, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. New section filed 12-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 51).

## ARTICLE 8. COSTUMES FOR WRESTLERS

§ 818. Wrestler's Appearance.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

## ARTICLE 9. CONTRACTS

§ 819. Contracts.

Any contract or agreement between a wrestler and a promoter and/or booking agent shall be in writing, signed by all parties and made available to the commission on demand.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640 and 18641, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

ARTICLE 10. ACCOUNTS

§ 820. Records.

Promoters, booking agents, managers and others licensed in connection with the promotion of wrestling exhibitions, shall maintain a full, true and accurate set of books of account and other records of receipts and disbursements in connection with all exhibitions, and the records shall at all times be open to the inspection and audit by representatives of the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18640, 18824, 18825 and 18826, Business and Professions Code

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

§ 821. Payment of Wrestlers.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY

1. Repealer filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

ARTICLE 11. BOOKING AGENTS

§ 822. Booking Agent.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

§ 823. Wrestler Must Indicate Authorized Booking Agent.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

## ARTICLE 12. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

### § 824. Responsibility of Club.

(a) Each club shall be directly responsible to the commission for the conduct of its employees, and any violation of the act or of the rules and regulations of the commission by any employee of a club shall be deemed to be a violation by the club.

(b) Clubs and booking agents, if any, are responsible for any violations of the act or commission rules by their wrestlers.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 18624, 18670, and 18682, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 18670 and 18682, Business and Professions Code

#### HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 12-4-81; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 81, No. 49).

### § 825. Duties of Licensees.

#### HISTORY:

1. Renumbering and amendment of former Section 825 to Section 816 filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43). For history of former Section, see Registers 84, No. 40 and 64, No. 14.

### § 826. Discrimination.

There shall be no discrimination against any participant on account of sex, race, color or creed.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

### § 827. Women Wrestlers Prohibited.

#### HISTORY:

1. Repealer filed 10-3-68; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 68, No. 43).

### § 828. Selection of Referee by Club.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18624, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18743.3, Business and Professions Code.

#### HISTORY:

1. New section filed 5-23-66; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 66, No. 15).  
2. Renumbering and amendment of former Section 828 to Section 806 filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).

§ 829. Postponement or Cancellation.

A small advance sale shall not be regarded as legitimate reason for a postponement. Indoor wrestling shows shall not be cancelled for any reason except with the written approval of the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 18640, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. New section filed 10-17-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 43).