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**TITLE 92. OKLAHOMA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
CHAPTER 10. RULES FOR BOXING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES  
SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**92: 10-1-1. Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act and to protect, maintain and improve the safety and welfare of the participants of including but not limited to bare knuckle fighting, professional boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, elimination tournaments, and mixed martial arts, as well as the general public.

**92:10-1-2. Definitions**

The definitions found at 3A O.S. § 602 shall apply to this Chapter. The following words or terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"**Act**" means the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act, 3A O.S. §§ 601 et seq.

"**Administrator**" means the administrator of Oklahoma State Athletic Commission licensing representing the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.

"**Amateur Combative Sports Event**" means a combative sports event in which the participants have never been licensed as professionals in any sport.

"**Amateur Combative Sports Practitioner**" means a person who has never received or competed for any purse or other article either for the expenses of training therefor or for participating in any combative sports contest or exhibition which exceeds in monies or other things of value a sum to be determined by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.

"**Amateur Kickboxer**" means a person who participates in the sport of kickboxing at a non-professional level.

"**Amateur Mixed Martial Artist**" means a person Eighteen (18) years of age or older who has never received or competed for any purse or other thing of value either for the expenses of training therefor or for participating in any combative sport contest or professional exhibition which exceeds in monies or other things of value a sum to be determined by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.

"**Amateur Mixed Martial Arts**" means any form of competitive pugilistic contest in which the participants have never been licensed as a professional in any combative sport and blows are delivered with any part of the hands, feet, or knees, and multiple combative disciplines are used to include grappling.

"**Applicant**" means any individual, club, association, corporation, partnership or trust which submits to the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission an application for a license or permit pursuant to the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act.

"**Announcer**" means a person responsible for announcing the names of the officials, the participants, their correct weight, the decisions of the referee and judges during an event.

"**Assessment**" means equal to five percent (5%) of the total gross receipts of any professional combative sports event or, amateur combat sports event conducted in this state, exclusive of any federal tax or tax imposed by any political subdivision of this state,

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levied by every promoter and vendor to the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.

“Bare Knuckle Fighting” means any form of competitive pugilistic contest in which the participants engage in hand-to-hand combat without the use of traditional boxing gloves or significant hand padding.

“Combat Jiu-Jitsu” means a hybrid grappling combative sport that blends traditional Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) techniques with elements of combative striking.

**"Combative sports practitioner"** or **"Practitioner"** means a person who competes or spars in a combative sports event including but not limited to and ~~includes~~ boxers, kickboxers, mixed martial artists and wrestlers.

**"Commission"** means the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission or its designee, including the Administrator.

**"Down"** ~~means when any part of a participant's body, except the participants' feet, touches the ring floor or when the participant is hanging helplessly over the ropes as a result of a legal blow as ruled by the referee.~~

**"Drug"** means a controlled substance.

~~**"Elimination Tournament"** means a bout in which the participants lack training in boxing skills. Such participants shall engage in the use of boxing techniques using fists only where the objective is to win by decision, knockout (KO) or technical knockout (TKO).~~ Means in combat sports, a competitive format where participants are progressively removed from contention after a loss, leading to a single overall winner.

**"Event"** means "contest" or "exhibition" including a match, bout, contest, show, or tournament where sparring, boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, elimination tournaments and the mixed martial arts, takes place.

“Face Value” means the dollar value of a ticket equal to the dollar amount that a customer is required to pay or, for complimentary tickets, would have been required to pay to purchase a ticket with the equivalent seating priority in order to view the event. For tables, the cost of each ticket is calculated by dividing the total price of the table by the number of seats at the table.

**"Inspector"** means a person who is employed by the Commission to assist the Administrator as directed by the Commission or the Administrator. The Inspector shall have the same powers as the Administrator in his/her absence.

**"Judge"** means an individual, other than a referee, who shall have a vote in determining the winner of an event.

**"Mandatory 8 count"** means a required count of eight (8) that is given by a referee to a participant who has been knocked down.

**"Matchmaker"** means an individual who brings together participants or arranges events.

**"Mixed Martial Arts"** means unarmed combat involving the use, subject to any applicable limitations set forth in this chapter, of combinations of techniques from different disciplines of boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, and the martial arts, including, without limitation, grappling, kicking and striking.

“Muay Thai” means a traditional martial art and combat sport that is characterized by the use of fists, elbows, knees, and shins as points of contact.

**"No Decision"** means boxing or sparring where a decision is not rendered.

**"Official"** mean referees, judges, matchmakers, managers, second(s), announcers, timekeepers and physicians involved in events.

**"OSAC"** means Oklahoma State Athletic Commission

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**"Participant"** means a person who takes part in an event.

**"Person"** means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, club, association, corporation or trust.

**"Promoter"** means any person who produces or stages events and shall include any officer, director, or employees as defined by the Commission.

**"Referee"** means the person in charge of enforcing these rules during an event.

**"Ring Official"** means any individual who performs an official function during the progress of an event including but not limited to timekeepers, judges, referees, and attending physicians.

**"Second"** means any person aiding, assisting, or advising a participant during a boxing, kickboxing, elimination tournament, or mixed martial arts event or exhibition.

**"Slap Fighting"** means a contest where two participants take turns delivering open-handed slaps to each other's faces until one competitor is declared the winner.

**"Timekeeper"** means a person responsible for keeping accurate time during each event and also responsible for the knockdown count for boxing, kickboxing, elimination tournaments, and mixed martial arts event or exhibition.

**"Vendor"** means a person who participates in the conduct of an event by offering for sale food or merchandise, including but not limited to, wearing apparel, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, souvenirs and programs.

**"Wrestling" or "Professional Wrestling" or "Entertainment Wrestling"** means any competition or performance of wrestling skills and techniques by two or more individuals who deliver blows to an opponent's body, execute throws to an opponent's body, or apply holds to the opponent's body. Participating wrestlers may perform without being required to use their best efforts in order to win and the winner may have been selected before the performance commences. Participating wrestlers may or may not receive a purse or other compensation for their participation in an event.

### 92:10-1-4. Licenses process

- (a) All participants must apply for and be issued a license before participating in an event.
- (b) Each applicant for a license shall request an official application from the Commission. The Commission will not process any application for a license that does not contain the proper fee and all information required from the applicant. All licenses expire on June 30 of each year following the date of issuance.
- (c) Each participant shall consistently use the same name in events. Each participant shall provide the Commission with the participant's legal name and the name to be used in events, if any.
  - (d) The license fees and permit fees shall be:
    - (1) Professional Promoter - \$250.00
    - (2) Combative Sports Practitioner Fee - \$30.00
    - (3) Referee Fee - \$50.00
    - (4) Judge - \$50.00
    - (5) Matchmaker - \$150.00
    - (6) Second - \$25.00
    - (7) Announcer - \$20.00
    - (8) Timekeeper - \$40.00

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- (9) Vendor - \$50.00
  - (10) Event Permit Boxing - \$50.00
  - (11) Event Permit MMA - \$100.00
  - (12) Event Permit Wrestling - \$50.00
  - (13) National MMA ID Cards - \$20.00
  - (14) Federal Boxer ID Cards - \$20.00
  - (15) Replacement License, Permit or ID - \$15.00
  - (16) Fight Fax Records - \$5.00 per record requested
- (e) Applicants must provide a residence or business address at the time of application and inform the Commission in writing of any change of address. An applicant whose license or permit is returned to the Commission office because of an incorrect address, or whose application is not legible forfeits the fee that has been paid and must submit a new application and pay a replacement fee in order to be issued a license or permit.
- (f) Applicants shall provide the Commission with identification showing proof of age.
- (g) Any person whose license is lost or stolen may obtain a replacement from the Commission.
- (h) No license issued under the Act or these rules shall be transferable.
- (i) Applicants for licensure as combative sports practitioners ~~in~~ including but not limited to boxing, kickboxing or MMA with an exclusion for wrestlers who are 40 years of age or older shall attach to their application the following:
- (1) the results a thorough physical examination administered by a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) on a form provided by the Commission;
  - (2) a Dilated Ophthalmologic Examination;
  - (3) a Brain MRI
  - ~~(4) a Cardiac Stress Echo; and~~
  - (5) a Cardiac Stress Test.
- (j) The examinations and tests required by this subsection shall be dated no more than One Hundred Eighty (180) days prior to the date of the event. The application shall be submitted to the Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the event. The Commissioner who has experience in sports medicine, or a physician certified by the Association of Ringside Physicians approved by the Commission, shall review the application. The Executive Director shall deny the application if the Commissioner or approved physician determines that competing in a combative sports event poses an undue risk to the applicant's health or safety.
- (k) If an application is denied under subsection (i) of this section, the applicant may file a written request within ninety (90) days for the denial to be reviewed by the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Commission may in its discretion reverse the denial and approve the application. The review shall not constitute an individual proceeding under the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act.

**92: 10-1-5. Sanctioning Permits**

- (a) Every professional combative sports event and amateur combative sports ~~mixed martial arts~~ event must be sanctioned by the Commission.
- (b) The promoter shall obtain a separate sanctioning permit for each event from the Commission before each event. The request for the sanctioning permit, fee and bout card must be received by the Commission no later than 4 working days prior to the event.
- (c) The Commission will not approve sanctioning permits between human participants and

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non-humans or between males and females. A male participant is a person of the heterogametic sex born with XY chromosomes. A female participant is a person born of the homogametic sex with XX chromosomes.

(d) The fee for sanctioning an event for boxing, kickboxing, or wrestling shall be \$25.00.<sup>1</sup>

(e) No licensed promoter, official or participant shall serve in any capacity at events for which the Commission has denied a sanctioning permit.

(f) The notice of sanction issued by the Commission shall comply with the requirements of the Act.

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