

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 and by adding Section 6.5 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 105/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 5001)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

9 Sec. 1. Short title and definitions.

10 (a) This Act may be cited as the Boxing and Full-contact
11 Martial Arts Act.

12 (b) As used in this Act:

13 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
14 Professional Regulation.

15 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
16 Professional Regulation.

17 "Board" means the State of Illinois Athletic Board
18 established pursuant to this Act.

19 "License" means the license issued for promoters,
20 professionals, or officials in accordance with this Act.

21 "Professional contest" means a boxing or full-contact
22 martial arts competition in which all of the participants
23 competing against one another are professionals and where

1 the public is able to attend or a fee is charged.

2 "Permit" means the authorization from the Department
3 to a promoter to conduct professional or amateur contests,
4 or a combination of both.

5 "Promoter" means a person who is licensed and who holds
6 a permit to conduct professional or amateur contests, or a
7 combination of both.

8 Unless the context indicates otherwise, "person"
9 includes, but is not limited to, an individual,
10 association, organization, business entity, gymnasium, or
11 club.

12 "Judge" means a person licensed by the Department who
13 is located at ringside or adjacent to the fighting area
14 during a professional contest and who has the
15 responsibility of scoring the performance of the
16 participants in that professional contest.

17 "Referee" means a person licensed by the Department who
18 has the general supervision of and is present inside of the
19 ring or fighting area during a professional contest.

20 "Amateur" means a person registered by the Department
21 who is not competing for, and has never received or
22 competed for, any purse or other article of value, directly
23 or indirectly, either for participating in any contest or
24 for the expenses of training therefor, other than a
25 non-monetary prize that does not exceed \$50 in value.

26 "Professional" means a person licensed by the

1 Department who competes for a money prize, purse, or other
2 type of compensation in a professional contest held in
3 Illinois.

4 "Second" means a person licensed by the Department who
5 is present at any professional contest to provide
6 assistance or advice to a professional during the contest.

7 "Matchmaker" means a person licensed by the Department
8 who brings together professionals to compete in contests.

9 "Manager" means a person licensed by the Department who
10 is not a promoter and who, under contract, agreement, or
11 other arrangement, undertakes to, directly or indirectly,
12 control or administer the affairs of professionals.

13 "Timekeeper" means a person licensed by the Department
14 who is the official timer of the length of rounds and the
15 intervals between the rounds.

16 "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other
17 remuneration for which contestants are participating in a
18 professional contest.

19 "Physician" means a person licensed to practice
20 medicine in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act
21 of 1987.

22 "Martial arts" means a discipline or combination of
23 different disciplines that utilizes sparring techniques
24 without the intent to injure, disable, or incapacitate
25 one's opponent, such as, but not limited to, Karate, Kung
26 Fu, Judo, Jujutsu, Tae Kwon Do, and Kyuki-Do.

1 "Full-contact martial arts" means the use of a singular
2 discipline or a combination of techniques from different
3 disciplines of the martial arts, including, without
4 limitation, full-force grappling, kicking, and striking
5 with the intent to injure, disable, or incapacitate one's
6 opponent.

7 "Amateur contest" means a boxing or full-contact
8 martial arts competition in which all of the participants
9 competing against one another are amateurs and where the
10 public is able to attend or a fee is charged.

11 "Contestant" means a person who competes in either a
12 boxing or full-contact martial arts contest.

13 "Address of record" means the designated address
14 recorded by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's
15 application file, license file, or registration file as
16 maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.
17 It is the duty of the applicant or licensee to inform the
18 Department of any change of address and those changes must
19 be made either through the Department's website or by
20 contacting the Department.

21 "Bout" means one match between 2 contestants.

22 "Sanctioning body" means an organization approved by
23 the Department under the requirements and standards stated
24 in this Act and the rules adopted under this Act to act as
25 a governing body that sanctions professional or amateur
26 contests.

1 "Elimination tournament" means a combative sports
2 contest in which the contestants compete in a series of
3 matches until not more than one contestant remains in any
4 weight category.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;
6 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

7 (225 ILCS 105/6.5 new)

8 Sec. 6.5. Elimination tournaments.

9 (a) All elimination tournaments conducted in this State
10 must be conducted in accordance with this Section.

11 (b) Before the start of any elimination tournament, the
12 Department shall check all promoters, professionals, and
13 officials associated with the elimination tournament for
14 licenses issued by the Department. Any individual without a
15 current license registered or issued by the Commission shall
16 not participate in the event.

17 (c) The promoter of an elimination tournament must:

18 (1) complete an application provided by the
19 Department;

20 (2) provide a surety bond, cash, certificate of
21 deposit, or other form of security acceptable to the
22 Department in the amount of \$5,000; the Department may
23 increase the security as circumstances warrant;

24 (3) provide medical insurance in the amount of at least
25 \$10,000 for each participant; and

1 (4) submit a \$50 permit fee.

2 In addition, the promoter of an elimination tournament
3 must:

4 (A) arrange for an ambulance to be on site at each
5 event with emergency medical personnel and proper
6 resuscitation equipment;

7 (B) provide 16-ounce boxing gloves that shall be worn
8 by all participants;

9 (C) provide headgear that shall be worn by all
10 participants;

11 (D) provide adequate security at each event; and

12 (E) arrange spectator seating at least 6 feet away from
13 the ring apron.

14 The promoter of an elimination tournament may act as a
15 matchmaker for the purposes of arranging bouts.

16 Promoters of elimination tournaments may request the
17 Department to not accept any participant due to conduct or
18 safety. Upon approval of the request by the Department, the
19 participant in question shall be banned from participating in
20 the event.

21 (d) Elimination tournaments shall consist of 3 one-minute
22 rounds with a one-minute rest period between each round. Each
23 round shall be judged on a 10-point must system.

24 Elimination tournaments shall be single-elimination
25 events. An elimination participant who has lost a bout may not
26 participate in the same program of bouts.

1 If a participant is knocked down 3 times in a round, that
2 participant shall be declared the loser of the bout.

3 If a bout is declared a draw, the judges shall reevaluate
4 their scorecards and select a winner.

5 The referee or the ringside physician may stop a bout if,
6 in the judgment of either, allowing the bout to continue may
7 jeopardize the health or the safety of a participant.

8 Elimination tournaments may be one-night or 2-night
9 events. Elimination tournament participants may not
10 participate in more than one match during the first night of a
11 2-night elimination tournament.

12 An elimination tournament participant may participate in
13 any number of bouts the second night of a 2-night elimination
14 tournament.

15 Competing for or winning a prize in an elimination
16 tournament shall not make the participant a professional within
17 the scope of this Act unless all other participants in the
18 tournament are professionals.

19 Bouts between male and female participants shall not be
20 permitted.

21 (e) Participants in elimination tournaments shall:

22 (1) be at least 18 years of age;

23 (2) provide the Department with one form of photo
24 identification with date of birth;

25 (3) complete an application form provided by the
26 Department;

1 (4) submit the required license fee of \$20; and

2 (5) provide 2 photographs of himself or herself.

3 An individual may not participate in elimination
4 tournaments if he or she (i) has been a competitor in a
5 professional boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts
6 competition or (ii) has been a winner of more than 5 of any
7 combination of amateur boxing, kickboxing, or elimination
8 tournament events in the past 5 years or more than 3 of any
9 combination of amateur boxing, kickboxing, or elimination
10 tournament events in the past 12 months, unless the event is
11 restricted to winners of previous events.

12 A participant shall not wear any type of body piercing,
13 hard contact lenses, dentures, or removable dental work during
14 a bout. A participant with dental braces may compete if the
15 participant wears a fitted mouthpiece covering the entire
16 brace.

17 Male participants must wear a groin protector and a
18 mouthpiece during all bouts.

19 Female participants shall provide a negative pregnancy
20 test that shall be verified by the ringside physician or they
21 shall not be permitted to compete.

22 (f) Each participant shall submit to and complete a
23 pre-bout medical examination performed by a
24 Department-appointed ringside physician before the elimination
25 tournament begins. The physicals shall be performed at the
26 location of the event, unless an alternate location is approved

1 by the Department. The ringside physician shall be a physician
2 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or doctor of
3 osteopathy. The examination shall cover the following, with the
4 results written on a form provided by the Department: blood
5 pressure, head, eyes, ears, nose, throat, lungs, chest, heart,
6 and abdomen.

7 No participant shall be allowed to participate in an
8 elimination tournament if he or she is under the influence of
9 alcohol or drugs. The Department may require elimination
10 tournament participants to submit to an alcohol breathalyzer
11 test at any time.

12 If the ringside physician determines a participant is unfit
13 to compete for any reason, that participant shall not
14 participate in the elimination tournament. The ringside
15 physician shall remain at ringside at all times during an
16 elimination tournament bout and shall perform post-bout
17 medical evaluations of all participants. The Department shall
18 provide forms for the ringside physician to complete.

19 (g) The promoter shall provide all of the following
20 ringside at the elimination tournament:

21 (1) a sufficient number of buckets for use by the
22 participants;

23 (2) stools for use by seconds;

24 (3) rubber gloves for use by the referees, seconds,
25 ringside physicians, and inspectors;

26 (4) seats at ringside for the assigned officials,

1 including a seat near the steps into the ring for the
2 physician;

3 (5) scales for weigh-ins, which the Department may
4 require to be certified;

5 (6) a bell;

6 (7) a public address system;

7 (8) a separate dressing room for both genders, if
8 participants of each gender are participating;

9 (9) a separate room for physical examinations; and

10 (10) a separate dressing room for officials, unless the
11 physical arrangements of the contest site make an
12 additional dressing room impossible.

13 (h) Elimination tournaments shall consist of the following
14 4 weight classes for male and female participants:

15 (1) The lightweight class shall consist of
16 participants of at least 140 but less than 160 pounds in
17 weight.

18 (2) The light heavyweight class shall consist of
19 participants of at least 160 but less than 185 pounds in
20 weight.

21 (3) The heavyweight class shall consist of
22 participants of at least 185 but less than 205 pounds in
23 weight.

24 (3) The super heavyweight class shall consist of
25 participants of at least 205 pounds in weight.

26 The promoter may add additional weight classes to the

1 program of bouts if participants in other categories apply to
2 compete upon approval by the Department.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.