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In accordance with Section 4, Chapter 234, Laws of 1959,

I Wilbert F. Lewis, Commission Chairman,

do hereby certify that the enclosed documents are true and

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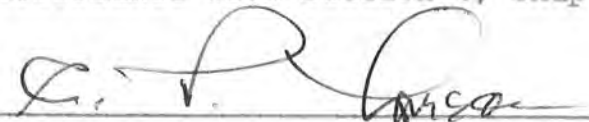
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STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
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PROFESSIONAL BOXING RULES

.04.010 In cases of infraction of the law, the rules and regulations, orders of the State Athletic Commission, or the failure to fulfill any contracts or agreements, it shall rest with the Commission to impose such penalties as may be deemed expedient.

NOTE: For purposes of brevity, in the following rules the word "club" will be used to designate a club, corporation, organization, association or person holding license under this Commission.

"Purse" will designate the sum of money or other compensation by way of guarantee, percentage or otherwise.

BOXING WEIGHTS AND CLASSES

.04.020	Flyweight	112 pounds or under
	Bantamweight	over 112 to 118 pounds
	Featherweight	over 118 to 126 pounds
	Junior Lightweight	over 126 to 130 pounds
	Lightweight	over 130 to 135 pounds
	Junior Welterweight	over 135 to 140 pounds
	Welterweight	over 140 to 147 pounds
	Middleweight	over 147 to 160 pounds
	Light heavyweight	over 160 to 175 pounds
	Heavyweight	all over 175 pounds

No contests 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.

112 lbs.	-	118 lbs.	not more than 3 lbs.
118 lbs.	-	126 lbs.	not more than 5 lbs.
126 lbs.	-	130 lbs.	not more than 7 lbs.
130 lbs.	-	135 lbs.	not more than 7 lbs.
135 lbs.	-	140 lbs.	not more than 9 lbs.
140 lbs.	-	147 lbs.	not more than 9 lbs.
147 lbs.	-	160 lbs.	not more than 11 lbs.
160 lbs.	-	175 lbs.	not more than 12 lbs.
175 lbs.	and over,		no limit.

WEIGHING TIME

.04.030 (1) Contestants shall be weighed not earlier than 12 noon nor later than 2 P.M. on the date of the scheduled match in the presence of each other, a Commission inspector and an official of the club promoting the match, on club scales or other scales approved by the Commission or at such place or places as may be designated by consent of Commission inspector.

By special permission of the Commission, preliminary boxers may be allowed to weigh in and be examined not later than one (1) hour before the scheduled time of the first match on the card. The weight of each contestant shall be recorded on a report sheet provided by the Commission.

Should an afternoon show be scheduled, the weighing-in time shall be advanced to 10 A. M.

(2) At the official weighing-in of all contestants duly accredited newspaper, radio and television representatives must, upon request, be admitted.

#### EQUIPMENT

.04.040

##### (1) Ring

To be not less than 16 feet square or more than 24 feet within the ropes. The ring floor to extend beyond the ropes not less than 18 inches. The ring posts shall not be nearer to the ring ropes than 18 inches. The ring floor shall be padded with felt, rubber, matting or other soft material to a thickness of not less than two inches. Padding must extend beyond the ring ropes and over the edge of the platform, with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform. Material that tends to gather in lumps or ridges must not be used.

##### (2) Height of Ring

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 three inches in diameter, extending from floor of building to height of 58 inches above ring floor.

##### (3) Ring Ropes

Ring ropes shall be three in number, not less than one inch in diameter; the lower rope 18 inches above ring floor, the second rope 35 inches above floor, the third rope 52 inches above floor. Ropes shall be wrapped in soft material and be of proper tension.

(4) Gong or Bell

Gong or bell must not be less than 10 inches in diameter, adjusted securely on a level with the ring platform. The timekeeper shall use a metal hammer to indicate the beginning and the ending of rounds, so that the contestants can hear the sound of the bell or gong.

(5) Obstructions

The entire ring platform shall be cleared of all obstructions including buckets, stools, etc., the instant the ten second signal is given by the timekeeper, and none of these articles shall be placed on the ring floor until the gong has ended the round.

.04.050 Gloves

(1) Gloves shall be examined by the inspector. If padding is found to be misplaced or lumpy, or if gloves are found to be imperfect, they shall be changed before the contest starts.

(2) No breaking, roughing or twisting of gloves shall be permitted.

(3) Gloves for all main events shall be new, furnished by club management.

(4) If gloves used in other bouts have been used before they must be whole, clean and in sanitary condition.

(5) Gloves for the main event must be put on in the ring after the referee has first inspected the bandaged hands of both contestants.

.04.060 Number of Rounds

(See Section 67.08.080 of State Law)

No boxing contest or sparring exhibition held in this state whether under the provisions of this act or otherwise shall be for more than ten (10) rounds and no one round of any such contest or exhibition shall be for a longer period than three (3) minutes and there shall be not less than one minute intermission between each round. In the event of bouts involving national championships the Commission may grant an extension of no more than five (5) additional rounds.

No contestant in any boxing contest or sparring match or exhibition whether under this chapter or otherwise shall be permitted to wear gloves weighing less than six ounces. The duration of rounds of wrestling matches whether held under the provisions of this act or otherwise and the number of such rounds shall be regulated by order of the Commission. The Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to insure clean and sportsmanlike conduct on the part of all contestants and officials, and the orderly and proper conduct of the contest in all respects, but such rules and regulations shall apply only to contests held under the provisions of this act.

.04.070 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. This may cross the back of the hand twice, but not extend within one inch of the knuckles when hand is clenched to make a fist.

Soft surgical bandages not over two inches wide, held in place by not more than two feet of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. One ten yard roll of bandage is to make the wrappings for each hand.

Bandages shall be adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of both contestants unless otherwise directed by the Inspector.

.04.080 Water Buckets, Etc.

There shall be provided by the club a sufficient number of water buckets for the use of all contestants. Clubs shall also provide fans, powdered rosin for canvas, stools for seconds, and such other articles as are required in the conducting of contests. A bucket used by a contestant cannot be used again until it has been washed and sterilized.



.04.090            BOND            Must Furnish (See 67.08.030 of State Law.)

Every licensee receiving a license as herein provided for shall file a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with the Commission in cities of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, and of two thousand five hundred dollars in cities of more than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants conditioned for the faithful performance by such licensee of the provisions of this chapter, the payment of the taxes provided for herein and the obedience (observance) of all rules and regulations of the Commission, which bond shall be subject to the approval of the attorney general.

.04.100            OFFICIALS

The officials of boxing contests shall consist of a referee, a timekeeper, an announcer, a physician, and two or three judges. At the discretion of the Commission the three judge system may be used in lieu of the two judge and referee system.

.04.110            REFEREE

(1)            The chief official of contests shall be the referee, who shall have general supervision over bouts and take his place in the ring prior to each contest.

(2)            The referee shall, before starting a contest, ascertain from each contestant the name of his chief second, and shall hold said chief second responsible for the conduct of his assistant seconds during the progress of the contest.

(3)            The referee shall call contestants together before each bout for final instructions, at which time each contestant shall be accompanied by his chief second only. The principals after receiving instructions shall shake hands and retire to their corners. They shall not again shake hands until the beginning of the last round.

(4)            No persons other than the contestants and the referee may enter the ring during the progress of a round.

(5)            The referee shall inspect the bandages and the gloves and make sure that no foreign substances have been applied to either the gloves or any part of a boxer's head or body to the detriment of an opponent.

(6) Referees must wear white or gray trousers and white or gray shirt or uniforms subject to approval of the commission.

All referees must take an annual physical and eye examination similar to that given to all applicants for boxers' and wrestlers' licenses and they shall be examined before officiating in any contest by the club physician before entering the ring the same as boxers and wrestlers; if such examinations indicate the referee is physically or otherwise disabled or incapacitated, such fact should be immediately reported, in writing, by the examining physician to the inspector in charge, who shall take appropriate action to replace such referee.

.04.120 THE REFEREE SHALL HAVE POWER

(1) The referee shall have power to stop a contest at any time if he considers it too one-sided, or if either contestant is in such condition that to continue might subject him to serious injury, and in either case to render a decision.

In cases where a boxer or wrestler shall receive a cut eye or any other injury which the referee may believe shall incapacitate the boxer or wrestler, the referee shall call into the ring the club physician for examination of the boxer or wrestler before the referee shall render his decision in the matter.

(2) The referee shall stop a contest if in his judgment there is stalling or faking by either or both contestants or if there is collusion affecting the result, in which case he shall recommend to the Commission that the purse or purses of the offending boxer or boxers be forfeited and paid to the Commission.

(3) The referee shall penalize any contestant who fouls his 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 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 indicate on the official score card the number of points taken away from a contestant in any and all rounds in which he may find it necessary to charge the contestant with such loss.

The referee shall, at the conclusion of each round notify the judges of the number of points to be deducted in accordance with his determination. Judges shall not deduct points without first receiving instruction from the referee.

Persistent fouling by a contestant requiring cautioning by the referee shall be noted on the referee's score card and called to the attention of the Commission for appropriate punishment.

No contestant may be awarded a contest on a claim of a low-blow foul, nor may a contestant lose a decision by reason of a low-blow foul. Except where a contestant commits two fouls and after being warned each time by the referee, he commits a third foul, the referee may then within his discretion award the decision to the contestant who has been fouled.

If, by reason of any other foul committed intentionally during a contest, an opponent shall be rendered incapacitated or unfit to continue, the contest shall be terminated by the referee and such incapacitated contestant shall be declared the winner if, at the termination thereof, he shall actually be ahead on points. The referee shall in such event recommend to the Commission that they order the purse of the offending contestant withheld from payment, for disposition by the Commission and such offender shall be subject to fine, suspension or other punishment, as may be determined by the Commission upon full hearing thereof.

If the incapacitated opponent referred to in the preceding paragraph shall not be ahead on points, the contest shall, nevertheless, be terminated, no decision shall be rendered by the referee and he shall order the purses of both contestants withheld from payment; a full report shall be made by the referee to the Commission. A hearing shall be held by the Commission and such disposition of the proceeds of the purses and such fines and penalties and other punishment may be assessed as the Commission in its judgment may deem expedient.

No purse ordered held for investigation can be released except by order of the Commission.

In the event of an unintentional foul (except as provided in (4) - below) other than low-blow fouls, rendering an opponent incapacitated or unfit to continue (in the opinion of the referee), the contest shall be terminated, no decision shall be rendered but the referee shall order withheld from payment the purses of both contestants; the referee shall make a full report thereof, as is otherwise indicated herein, and the matter shall be heard by the Commission and be disposed of as the Commission may in its judgement deem expedient. Referees are hereby required to report to the Commission repeated or persistent intentional or unintentional fouling by any contestant, in which connection the Commission may order a hearing and subject the offending contestant to such punishment, which may include a fine or suspension, or both.

(4) A. If an accidental butt occurs during any bout, the referee shall immediately warn the guilty boxer and he may penalize him by a deduction in points for the round, at the same time he shall so notify the other contestant. Should any such penalty be charged against the boxer guilty of butting it shall be charged at the end of the round in which the butting occurred and the referee's score card shall be so marked at the conclusion of the round, at which time he shall also notify the judges; the referee shall explain in writing on the back of his card the nature and circumstances surrounding the penalty.

B. If a boxer is accidentally butted in a bout so that he can not continue, the referee shall:

Call the bout a draw if the injured boxer is behind in points,  
or

Declare the injured boxer the winner on a technical decision if he has a lead in points. When judges are used the majority vote as disclosed by the score cards shall prevail in determining the decision as specified in this section and the previous section hereof. If all three score cards differ the contest shall be declared a technical draw.

If any accidental butt occurs during the first round of any contest the referee shall call the bout a draw.

The provisions of section B-paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of this rule do not apply in world championship matches.

This rule applies only to accidental butting. Intentional butting is a foul and shall be penalized as such.

C. The referee shall use his discretion in deciding any matters that may come up during a contest and are not covered by these rules.

.04.130 DUTIES OF REFEREE

(1) In case of a knockdown the referee shall require the fallen contestant to take a count of eight (8). The referee may compel a hurt contestant to take an eight (8) count whether or not he is down. In the case of a cut eye or similar laceration the referee shall consult with the ringside physician. Such consultation shall take place upon the conclusion of a round or with "time out" or in an emergency during the progress of any round. The termination of the bout shall be governed by the examining physician's decision.

(2) A contestant who goes down without being struck, and stays down, shall be disqualified and the referee may render the decision to his opponent, and the referee shall recommend to the Commission that the purse of the offending boxer be forfeited and paid to the Commission.

(3) Should a contestant leave the ring during the one minute period between rounds and fail to be in the ring when the gong rings the signal to resume boxing, or should a contestant fail to rise from his chair at the beginning of a round, the referee shall start counting immediately, and unless the contestant is on his feet in the ring at the end of ten seconds shall declare him counted out.

(4) Should a contestant who is "down" arise before the count of "ten" is reached, and go down again immediately without being struck, the referee shall resume the count where he left off.

If in any boxing contest during the rest period between rounds the referee shall decide that either of the contestants is not able to continue, or if the chief second of either of the contestants shall inform the referee that his boxer is unable to continue, and the referee concurs therein, he shall render his decision before the gong or bell rings and then indicate on his score card that the opponent of the incapacitated boxer is the winner of the contest on a technical knockout as of the round which has last been finished.

When a boxer resumes boxing after having been knocked or fallen or slipped to the floor, the referee shall wipe any accumulated resin or other foreign material from the boxer's gloves with a damp towel or on his shirt.

.04.140 METHOD OF COUNTING OVER A BOXER WHO IS DOWN

When a contestant is knocked down the referee shall order the opponent to retire to the farthest corner of the ring, pointing to the corner, and immediately beginning the count over the boxer who is down. The referee is the sole judge as to whether or not there has been a knockdown.

He shall audibly announce the passing of each second, accompanying the count with motions of his arm, the downward motion indicating the end of each second.

Any contestant who is knocked down shall not be allowed to resume boxing until after the referee has finished the count of eight. The contestant may take this count either on the floor or standing if he has not been struck hard enough to keep him down.

The timekeeper shall stand up and strike with his hammer on the edge of the platform at the end of each second, or by other effective signaling method, give the referee the correct one-second intervals for his count.

Should the opponent fail to stay in the farthest corner the referee shall cease counting until he has returned to it, and then go on with the count from the point at which it was interrupted. When a boxer is cleanly knocked down he shall be required to take a count of "8" whether or not he has regained his feet before the count of "8" has been reached. This rule will prevent a boxer being struck while proper reflexes are absent and will also aid the referee in judging the condition of the boxer.

If the boxer who is down arises during the count the referee may, if he deems it advisable, step between the contestants long enough to assure himself that the boxer just arisen is in fit condition to continue. If so assured he shall without loss of time order both boxers to go on with the contest. During such intervention by the referee the striking of a blow by either boxer may be ruled "foul."

If the contestant taking the count is still down when the referee calls the count of "ten" the referee shall wave both arms to indicate that he has been knocked out, and shall raise the hand of the opponent as the winner. The referee's count is the official count. Upon the opinion and decision of both the physician and referee on any knockout, bad or continuous beating, a boxer will be suspended until such time as he takes a complete physical examination and is reinstated by such report from the Commission physician. This report will not include the Seriological test for syphilis, which is taken once a year. Any boxer knocked out six times in a row, or within six months time will be suspended.

If the round ends during the count the timekeeper shall sound the gong once, thus indicating the termination of the three minute round and that the contestant who is down has not been counted out.

.04.150

WHEN BOXER FALLS FROM RING DURING ROUND

(1) A contestant who has been knocked or has fallen through the ropes and over the edge of the ring platform during a contest may be helped back by anyone except his seconds or manager and the referee will allow a reasonable time for this return. When on the ring platform outside the ropes the contestant must reenter the ring immediately, when he may either resume the contest or stay down for a count, which in the latter case shall be started by the referee as soon as the fallen contestant is back in the ring.

Should the contestant stall for time outside the ropes the referee shall start the count without waiting for him to reenter the ring, and if he is not on his feet in the ring within ten seconds shall declare him "knocked out".

When one boxer has fallen through the ropes the other shall retire to the farthest corner and stay there until the count is completed or his opponent is on his feet in the ring. The referee must signal for the resumption of fighting when the fighter has returned to 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 disqualified, and the referee shall recommend to the Commission that the purse of the offending boxer or boxers be forfeited and paid to the Commission.

(2) In case of serious injury to a contestant the referee shall be automatically under suspension until investigation by the Commission establishes whether the injury was the result of negligence or incompetence on the part of the referee, or of circumstances not reasonably within his control.



(3) Any referee failing to familiarize himself with the rules and to properly enforce them is liable to permanent suspension.

.04,160 TO SUBMIT A REPORT

(1) A referee of any contest shall submit a report of any and all contests which he referees. Any matter involving disregard of the rules or law must be included in the report and any recommendations relative to fines or suspensions of violators of the rules or law.

Mail the report to the Commission office.

All referees must fully and explicitly describe the circumstances in which any bout is stopped on account of a technical knock-out. When requested by the Commission the referee's report must contain the exact reason for his actions in awarding the decision to the winner as a result of a technical knock-out.

(2) The referee shall recommend to the Commission that they declare forfeited any remuneration or purse, or any part thereof, belonging to the contestants or one of them, or any part of the gate receipts for which contestants are competing, if in his judgement such contestant or contestants are not honestly competing. It is the desire of the Commission to strictly enforce the above, and every referee is ordered to warn competing boxers of the power of the Commission to hold up the purse or purses, should there be any apparent cause for such warning.

(3) In any case where the referee decides that both contestants are not honestly competing, the BOUT MUST BE STOPPED BEFORE THE END OF THE LAST ROUND, AND NO DECISION BE GIVEN. In such cases the purses shall be forfeited. A contestant earns nothing and shall not be paid for a contest in which there is stalling, faking, dishonesty or collusion. The Commission shall have the power, independent of the referee or his decision, to determine the merits of any contest, and take whatever action it considers proper.

As counting a boxer out, or disqualifying one of the contestants for fouling, is held to be in effect giving a decision, in case the referee decides that one or both the contestants are not honestly competing, and the knockdown is "a dive" or the foul is prearranged termination of the bout, he SHALL NOT FINISH THE KNOCKDOWN COUNT or DISQUALIFY FOR FOULING or AWARD DECISION TO OPPONENT, but shall stop the bout and order the purses of both boxers held pending investigation by the Commission. The announcer shall so inform the audience, particularly that no decision has been rendered.

(4) Once given, the referee's decision cannot be changed, except as follows: Should the Commission at any time following the rendering of a decision, determine there was collusion affecting the result of any contest, such decision shall be changed as the Commission may direct. No purse ordered held for investigation can be released except by order of the Commission.

.04.170 REFEREE'S FEES TO BE PAID BY CLUB

(1) The Commissioner in each district shall decide the fee and number of referees to be used at each boxing card and wrestling exhibition, in each city under his jurisdiction.

(2) The Commission through its Chief Inspectors, shall select and assign all referees.

In charity shows sanctioned by the Commission all referee fees will be fixed by the Commission.

.04.180 CHIEF INSPECTORS

(1) Each Commissioner shall serve as Chief Inspector in his district, but shall receive no compensation for said service.

(2) The Chief Inspectors shall select and assign inspectors, timekeepers, referees, announcers and judges for all bouts held in their respective districts.

.04.190

DUTIES OF STATE INSPECTORS

- (1) They shall attend to the forwarding of all reports to the Executive Secretary of the Commission; prepare reports on suspensions, applications for re-installment, and all other matters arising in their respective districts which require joint action by the Commission.
- (2) They shall have under their charge the issuing of licenses to boxers, managers, seconds, wrestlers, referees, timekeepers, clubs, physicians, judges, announcers and trainers. They shall investigate applications for club licenses and report same to the Commission but shall not issue club licenses except upon the order of the Commission. They shall not reinstate anyone under suspension or release fines or money held for forfeiture, these being matters for action by the Commission's representative in the form of certified checks made payable to the order of the State Athletic Commission of Washington.
- (3) Inspectors shall report directly to the chief inspector of the district and be under his authority.
- (4) Inspectors shall be in charge of all details of the contest that do not come under the jurisdiction of the other officials.
- (5) Inspectors shall see that all necessary equipment is provided, that the contestants are ready on time, that the seconds are properly instructed in their duties, that the doctor's report and the statement of weights are delivered to the referee, and that all regulations pertaining to the proper conduct of the bout are enforced.
- (6) Inspectors shall insist that clubs enforce the rule against gambling.

- (7) Inspectors shall see that all seconds present a neat appearance and are attired according to the requirements of the rules.
- (8) The referee's report shall be made on the form supplied for that purpose by the Inspector. The referee shall sign the report in the presence of a State Inspector after the termination of the show.
- (9) In accordance with the law, each inspector shall receive for each contest officially attended, a fee not to exceed one percent of the net gate of said contest. Ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be the minimum charge.
- (10) Inspectors will check number and places of ticket cans at the gates and see that they are sealed and padlocked. After the show have them opened and tickets counted under their supervision.
- .04.200      CONTESTANTS      LICENSE FEE \$2.00
- (1) Boxers and wrestlers may assume and use ring names, but the right to use any certain 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.
- (2) No professional boxer shall be allowed to sell tickets for any show in which he is engaged, on a commission basis or otherwise, on which he will receive remuneration for his services, as a boxer.
- (3) Contestants shall report to the inspector in the dressing room at least one hour before they are due to appear in the ring.

(4) Contestants shall box in proper costume, including such foul proof protection cups as shall be listed as approved by the Commission all of which shall be firmly adjusted before leaving the dressing room. Failure to obey this rule may result in a fine of not less than \$5.00 being imposed on the violator.

(5) Boxers signed to engage in a contest must appear at scheduled ring time equipped with a pair of regulation trunks, which may be black, purple, dark green, dark red, dark blue or orange. These trunks must be of solid colors except white. They may be ornamented with a stripe around the belt and down the sides of a color which contrasts with the trunks, but which must also be chosen from one of the colors above specified. These trunks may bear a suitable emblem or insignia provided it is not of a commercial or advertising nature. The contestants shall not wear the same colors in the ring.

Boxers must wear regulation trunks which are loose fitting and made of light-weight cloth similar to an athlete's "running pants."

Tights will not be permitted.

The belt of the trunks shall not extend above the waist line.

Shoes shall be of soft material, and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles, or hard heels. Socks, rolled down to the tops of the shoes, may be of any color. No other apparel than above specified may be worn in the ring, except a bath robe, sweat clothes or jacket.

(6) The use of grease or other substances that might handicap an opponent is prohibited.

(7) Contestants must be clean and present a tidy appearance and be cleanly shaved.

(8) 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 valid written excuse or furnishing a certificate from a Commission physician in advance in case of a physical disability, automatically suspends himself for a period of sixty days. Any boxer who files a certificate from a Commission physician stating that he is unable to fulfill a contract on account of physical disability must, 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.

(9) A boxer must be in the city where appearing, forty-eight hours before the contest. Main event boxers scheduled to appear in cities of more than 75,000 population shall be present in such city at least five days in advance of the date on which the bout is scheduled for the purpose of training, publicity and for whatever other purposes the promoter may desire.

Any boxer or manager of boxers who violates this rule will be suspended and fined.

When a boxer competes in a bout of more than four rounds he will not be allowed to compete again until six days have elapsed.

When a boxer competes in a bout of four rounds or less, he will not be allowed to compete again until two days have elapsed.

(10) No one shall be allowed in the boxer's dressing room except his manager, seconds and Commission or club representatives.

.04.210 DOWN \_ A CONTESTANT 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.

A boxer is considered "down" if he is hanging helplessly over the ropes and the referee has begun to count over him. (referee can count a contestant out either on the ropes or on the floor.)

.04.220 FOULS IN BOXING

- (1)
  - (a) Hitting below the belt.
  - (b) Hitting an opponent who is down or is getting up after being down.
  - (c) Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other.
  - (d) Holding or deliberately maintaining a clinch.
  - (e) Wrestling or roughing at the ropes.
  - (f) Pushing an opponent about the ring or into the ropes, or striking an opponent who is helpless as a result of blows and so supported by the ropes that he cannot fall.
  - (g) Butting with the head, the shoulder or using the knee or elbow.
  - (h) Hitting with the open glove or with the butt or inside of the hand, the elbow, the wrist and all back-hand blows.
  - (i) Purposely going down without being hit or for the purpose of avoiding a blow.
  - (j) Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
  - (k) The use of the pivot blow or the rabbit punch.
  - (l) Jabbing opponent's eyes with the thumb of the gloves. (Subjects offender to fine or suspension.)
  - (m) The use of abusive language in the ring.
  - (n) Any unsportsmanlike trick or action causing injury to an opponent.
  - (o) Hitting on the break.
  - (p) Hitting after the bell has sounded ending the round.
  - (q) Roughing at the ropes.
  - (r) Pushing an opponent about the ring or into the ropes.
- (2) Any boxer guilty of foul tactics in a boxing contest may be disqualified or fined, or both, and his purse withheld from payment, and the boxer shall be automatically suspended. Disposition of the purse and the penalty to be imposed upon the boxer shall be determined by the Commission.
- (3) If a bout is stopped because of accidental fouling, the referee and physician shall determine whether the boxer who has been fouled can continue or not and if his chances have not been seriously jeopardized as a result of the foul, may order the bout continued after a reasonable interval set by the referee, who shall so instruct the timekeeper.

If conditions, except as otherwise provided by these rules and particularly as otherwise provided by Section .04.120,,part 4, relating to accidental butting, make it necessary to stop the bout the referee shall order as follows, and so notify the boxers, their managers, and the club, whose announcer shall notify the spectators:

The remuneration of both boxers shall be withheld by the Commission for use by the club in paying the boxers (in the same amount if the Commission so orders) for a second contest between them, to take place as an "added attraction" at the next show held by the club, or at a later date set by the Commission after a hearing.

The club must provide preliminaries and main bouts of normal quality so that the rematch will be actually an "added attraction".

Where a rematch is ordered the first two days of the ticket sale shall be reserved, and so announced and advertised, for purchase of tickets by holders of seats at the first show, who will be given choice of locations as they present their ticket stubs at the box office.

Suspensions, fines and forfeitures of payments of either or both contestants shall be held in abeyance after the first bout, where a rematch is ordered by the referee or the Commission, and the ensuing conduct of the boxers in the rematch will be considered by the Commission in its final ruling. All moneys held will be forwarded to the Commission office.

.04.230 NOTE FOR REFEREES

(1) It is the intention of the Commission to enforce clean and sportsmanlike boxing and to prevent injuries to contestants through use of unfair methods. Foul practices are a distinct injury to the sport.



A clean, hard fought contest is interesting to the spectators, but holding, wrestling, using unfair blows, pushing, stalling, mauling and roughing is not a part of the sport, and will not be tolerated. Referees will not permit unfair practices that may cause injury to a contestant, and are held strictly responsible for enforcing these rules. The only fair blow is a blow delivered with the padded knuckles.

(2) Holding with one hand and hitting with the other, which is an unfair method of landing a blow and may have a decisive effect because the contestant so struck is unable to avoid or move with the blow to break its force, is classified as a major foul. Referees must warn offenders that this type of foul will not be tolerated and will be strictly penalized.

(3) The kidney punch, which is an illegal blow landing on that part of the back near the spine and over the kidneys, is strictly barred because it may produce permanent injury. The importance of enforcing the rule against this blow is frequently overlooked. It must be enforced.

(4) The pivot punch is a blow delivered by whirling around and striking at an opponent with the side or back of the hand or the wrist. The half-pivot, or back-hand blow, also barred, is struck by bringing the hand back after missing, and so landing with the side of the hand, with the chance of making it a blow with the wrist.

(5) A rabbit punch is any blow struck at the back of the neck near the base of the skull. It is barred as dangerous. A blow landed on the head behind the ear, or on the side of the neck, as the opponent turns his head to avoid a blow, is not a rabbit punch. Any deliberate attempt to use the rabbit punch should be penalized.

(6) Butting with the top of the head is apt to cause cuts over opponent's eyes and other injuries affecting the outcome of the contest and the butting fighter may be penalized.

(7) Thumbing or jabbing with the glove has frequently caused serious injuries to the eyes. Referees must, if this trick is deliberately used, disqualify the offender.

(8) If a contestant is helpless on the ropes, the referee shall at once intervene, declare the helpless boxer "down" and proceed with the count as in the case of a knockdown.

(9) In cases of minor fouls, such as hitting or flicking with an open glove, clinching and prolonging a contest after a warning has been given, the referee shall punish persistent disregard of the rule with disqualification.

The referee may disqualify a contestant for fouling with or without warning.

.04.240 TO PREVENT INJURY TO BOXERS

(1) Any boxer applying for a license must first be examined by a physician, who has been appointed by the Commission as examining physician, to establish both physical and mental fitness for competition, and annually thereafter the boxer must take this required examination. The Commission may order examinations of boxers or wrestlers at any time for the purpose of determining whether such boxer or wrestler is fit and qualified to engage in future contests. The printed form supplied the physician must be filled out and returned to the Commission, by the physician, and must be in the possession of the Commission before the license application can be acted upon. The examination must be repeated and reports turned in once a year, as long as the boxer is licensed by the Commission.

It is the suggestion of the Commission that all boxers and wrestlers have, in addition to the ordinary heart examination a Fluoroscopic examination of the heart. This should be re-instated after a lapse of ninety days, with no further charge to the contestant.

Lists of qualified physicians appointed by the Commission for this work may be obtained from the boxing inspector of the district. The fee for this examination must be paid by the boxer or wrestler.

A boxer presenting himself for physical examination must be clean in person and clothing. Failure to conform strictly to this rule is ground for suspension.

(2) The use of any drugs, alcoholics or stimulants, or injections in any part of the body, either before or during a match, by any boxer is adequate grounds for revoking his license, as well as revoking the license of the person administering the same.

(3) Boxers who have been knocked out shall be kept in a prone position until they shall have recovered.

(4) An application for boxer's license must be in writing and be verified before a notary public. Application for boxer's license must be on file with the Commission at least four days before it can be granted.

(5) Before a license is issued to any boxer, the application for such license must be approved by a member of the Commission, as to the ability of such applicant.

(6) If a boxer uses an assumed ring name, both the real name and his ring name must be included in the application. The word "killer" or "bloody" or any similar term must not be used by any contestant and must be eliminated from all advertisements and announcements referring to boxing and wrestling contests or exhibitions.

(7) Whenever a licensed boxer, because of injuries or illness, is unable to take part in a contest for which he is under contract, he (or his manager) must immediately report the fact to the nearest inspector, and submit to an examination by a physician designated by the inspector. The examination fee to be paid by the boxer, or club, if the latter requests an examination.

(8) Any professional boxer engaging in amateur contests shall automatically have his license revoked.

(9) All professional boxers should have attained their 18th birthday before being allowed to compete in any boxing contest in this State. No boxer under 18 or over 36 years old shall be granted a license except by special action of the Commission.

(10) No license shall be issued to any applicant for a boxer's license who is found to be blind in one eye or whose vision in one eye shall be so poor as to cause any examining physician to recommend that no license be granted. This rule will be effective regardless of how keen the boxer's vision may be in the other eye. Nor shall a boxer's license be issued to any boxer who has suffered cerebral hemorrhage or any other serious head injury.

.04.250            MANAGERS    LICENSE FEE \$35.00

(1) Managers must not sign a contract for the appearance of any boxer with whom he has not a written contract on file with the Commission. Contracts between boxer and manager must be on a contract form approved by and furnished by the Commission, except that any particular contract form not furnished by the Commission may be approved by the Commission as a whole. A contract between a manager and a boxer on file with the Commission will be recognized until such time as a court of competent jurisdiction determines it to be of no further force and effect.

- (2) Managers must not attempt to select or insist upon the selection of any designated referee in a bout in which a boxer under his management is to appear and shall not have the name of such referee written into the official contract, under penalty of a fine of not less than \$100.00. Managers cannot contribute to the pay of any referee under any circumstances.
- (3) Managers who act as seconds for their own boxers, exclusively, are not required to take out a second's license.
- (4) Contracts between manager and boxer are not transferable except with approval and consent of the Commission and may be voided by the Commission for cause. In case of a minor, the contract must be executed by his proper legal guardian. To settle dispute, birth certificate may be required.
- (5) All contracts between manager and boxer must be in writing and signed in triplicate, the original filed with the Commission for approval. Contracts must state the division of the boxer's earnings, which in no case shall allow the manager more than 33 1/3 per cent of the boxer's purse.
- (6) No assignment of any part or parts of a boxer's or a manager's interest in a contract can be made without the written approval and consent of the Commission.
- (7) 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 the manager.
- (8) Any boxer not under contract to a manager can make his own matches, sign contracts and need not apply for a manager's license to handle his own affairs.

- (9) In cases where boxers sign contracts with managers the boxer's share of any purse which he may earn will not be less than  $66 \frac{2}{3}$  per cent.
- (10) If a manager shall fail to make application for a license he shall forfeit all rights to boxers on whom he has filed contracts in this State and the boxer shall be free to sign contracts with other licensed managers. Managers must file contracts on all boxers under their management.
- (11) If a manager is doing business for a boxer not signed to a contract, such boxer must personally sign all contracts for appearances at licensed clubs and his signature must be properly witnessed.
- (12) No boxer can have more than one manager without the express approval of the Commission.

.04.260                      SECONDS Annual License Fee is \$2.00

- (1) Seconds, and managers acting as seconds, must be neatly attired when in the ring and wear jerseys of plain colors and with sleeves. Sport shirts without ties are permissible. No advertising matter shall appear on the person or clothing of seconds or managers or on the person or clothing of anyone appearing in the ring in any capacity.
- (2) A second holding only a second's license shall not attempt to act as a manager, or assist in any way in procuring matches, or take a share of the boxer's earnings. If found guilty of such actions he shall be suspended.
- (3) Seconds shall not be more than three in number, including "house assistant second."
- (4) Seconds must not coach or in any way assist a principal during a round, or by word or action attempt to heckle or annoy his opponent. They must remain seated in place, and be silent.
- (5) Before a bout the referee shall be informed of the identity of the chief second.

(6) No father or brother of a boxer shall be allowed to act as his second unless special permission is obtained in writing from the Commission. In no case shall a woman be allowed to act as a second for a boxer.

(7) Fans may be used between rounds, swinging of towels prohibited. Seconds must not spray or forcefully throw water on a contestant.

(8) Seconds shall not enter a ring until the bell indicates the end of a round. They shall leave the ring at the sound of the timer's whistle ten seconds before a round is to begin, removing all obstructions, buckets, stools, etc., promptly at the sounding of the gong.

(9) Violations of the above rules shall be followed by ejection of offenders from the ring corner; and may result in indefinite suspension of the offenders and disqualification of their principal by the referee.

.04,270 MATCHMAKERS License fee \$25.00

(1) Matchmakers must observe all the rules and requirements with respect to weight agreement and weighing-in, and the proper execution and filing of contracts.

(2) Matchmakers will be held responsible by the Commission if they make matches in which one of the principals is outclassed. Persistent lack of judgment in this matter will be regarded as cause for canceling the license of the matchmaker and the club which he represents, for the protection of both the boxers and the public.

(3) Managers are not allowed to have more than three boxers under their management in any one show without special permission in writing from the Commission. Matchmakers must rigidly enforce this rule.

(4) A matchmaker can make matches for only one club unless special written permission is obtained from the Commission, after a vote has been taken.

(5) Any promoter or matchmaker who deals with an unlicensed manager may have his license revoked or suspended and he may be subject to such fine as the Commission may determine.

(6) Any promoter or matchmaker found guilty of managing a boxer shall have his license suspended, and in the case of a promoter, his club license may be revoked.

.04.280 TIMEKEEPER

(1) He must be seated at the ringside close to the gong. He shall indicate the beginning and ending of each round by striking the gong with a hammer.

(2) He shall provide himself with a whistle and an accurate stopwatch that shall have been properly examined and certified before it is used.

(3) Ten seconds before the beginning of each round the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of the contestants by blowing the whistle.

(4) In event of a contest terminating before the scheduled limit of rounds, the timekeeper shall inform the announcer of the exact duration of the contest.

(5) The timekeeper's procedure in the case of a knockdown is detailed in the section of these rules under the heading, "Section .04.140 and .04.150"

.04.290 ANNOUNCER

(1) After contestants and their chief seconds are in the ring the announcer shall announce the names of the contestants, their correct weights, and other matters as may be directed by the Commission or the inspector. Clubs shall provide the announcement of rounds. The announcer shall announce the decisions.

(2) All substitutions of contestants or changes in any boxing program shall be announced to the audience by the announcer before the first boxing contest.



.04.300

## JUDGES

(1) There may be two or three judges who shall be appointed by the Commission. At the discretion of the Commission, three judges may be used to score a contest. In which case the third judge would vote in lieu of the referee. The Commission may elect to appoint two judges and a referee, in which case the referee shall score in the same manner as the judges, and his score shall be included with the score of the judges in determining the winner. The majority opinion shall be conclusive and if there is no majority then the decision shall be a draw.

In event two votes are a draw, and one vote is for one fighter the decision is a draw.

Only by special Commission action can a referee only be the judge.

When scoring a contest, the elements of offense, defense, clean hitting, ring generalship and sportsmanship should be considered.

(2) The judges shall sit at opposite sides of the ring, and shall reach their decision without conferring in any manner with any other official or person.

(3) The Ten-Point System of scoring for each round will be used. The winner of any round is marked "10." The loser may be marked from 1 to 9. When a round is even each contestant is given a score of "10."

At the conclusion of the contest, the judges' and referee's vote, which are equal in value, shall be added and turned over to the announcer, who in turn, will hand the votes to the Commission and their decision be given by the announcer.

(4) A knockdown, being the closest approach to a knock-out, should be scored. A knock-down is rated as such as soon as it occurs.

The use of foul blows and other such tactics shall result in a penalty of two (2) points for each foul committed. The referee shall advise the judges of the number of points to be deducted immediately upon the termination of the round during which such deductions apply.

The referee and the judges shall clearly write their decisions and sign the same.

When a contestant fails to answer the bell for a round, his opponent shall be credited with a "T. K. O." in the ensuing round rather than in the one just completed. It is advisable to actually ring the bell for the next round and then count out the contestant who does not answer the bell.

(5) Points for each round shall be awarded immediately after the termination of the round.

(6) The referee shall have the power to penalize either contestant for any foul which does not, in his opinion, merit disqualification. In the case of fouls or other infractions of the rules, the referee shall be the sole judge of the number of points to be deducted from the offender's total in any particular round, and the referee shall at the conclusion of each round notify the judges of the number of points to be deducted in accordance with his 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 shall notify both contestants of any penalties which may be assessed 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.

At the conclusion of the contest, the judges and the referee shall total the points for each contestant on their respective score sheets and encircle the name of the winner or draw, as the case may be, sign their sheets and hand them to the announcer who shall announce the winner in the customary manner. The announcer shall then deliver the sheets to the State inspector in charge.

(7) In contests of four rounds or more the contestant receiving a majority of points shall be awarded the decision.

Judges shall keep their score secret from surrounding spectators and ignore any suggestions or advice.

Coaching or advice by seconds from the corners of contestants is forbidden and strictly enforced by the referee under penalty of suspension.

.04.310 CLUB PHYSICIAN

(1) Within eight hours of entering the ring each contestant must be given a thorough physical examination by a physician who has been appointed by the Commission.

(2) Should the boxer examined prove unfit for competition, through physical injury, faulty heart action, the presence of any infection or contagious disease, or any weakness or disability discovered by the physician that should bar him, the boxer must be rejected and immediate report of that fact made to the club and the inspector.

(3) One hour before the start of a boxing show the physician shall certify to the inspector in writing over his signature that the contestants passed by him are in good physical condition to engage in the contest, and shall mail to the Commission his written report on boxers examined, within twenty-four hours.

(4) The physician shall be in attendance at the ringside during all the contests and shall be prepared to assist should any serious emergency arise. The Commission physician at ringside will have the authority to stop a fight when he considers a boy badly injured or in no shape to continue. No bout shall be allowed to proceed unless the physician is in his seat. This also applies to wrestling matches.

(5) The club physician shall have a suitable place or room in which to make the examinations. Physicians, other than those licensed by the Commission shall not be allowed in the dressing room of any boxer before a bout.

(6) Physicians are to report boxers who fail to comply with the rule that any boxer presenting himself for physical examination must be clean in person and clothing.

(7) A boxer rejected by a club physician for disability will be placed on the suspended list until it is shown that such disability no longer exists.

.04.320                   REGARDING SUSPENSIONS

(1) Clubs and their matchmakers will take notice of the suspension bulletins sent out by the Commission, and will not permit any person under suspension to take any part whatsoever, as a participant or in arranging or conducting matches or exhibitions, during the period of suspension.

(2) Every person debarred or suspended by the Commission shall refrain from participating in any detail of matchmaking or holding bouts during such disbarment or suspension.

(3) All persons under suspension or whose licenses have been revoked are barred from the dressing rooms of all clubs, and from occupying seats within six rows of the ring platform, and from approaching within six rows of seats from the ring platform and from holding intercourse in the arena with any of the principals in the bouts, or their managers or seconds or the referee, directly or by messenger, during any boxing show. Any violator of this rule is to be ejected from the arena or club building, and the price paid for the ticket shall be refunded to him upon his presenting the ticket stub at the box office, and he shall thereafter be barred entirely from all club arenas in this State during the holding of contests or exhibitions.

(4) Any person holding license under this Commission who has been suspended for using dishonest methods to affect the outcome of any contest, or for any conduct reflecting serious discredit upon the sport of boxing, shall not be eligible for reinstatement.

(5) Any manager under temporary suspension shall be considered to have forfeited for the duration of his suspension all rights in this State held under the terms of any contract with a licensed boxer. Any attempt by a suspended manager to exercise such contract right shall make the suspension permanent, and a boxer who continues any of the contract relations with a suspended manager shall be indefinitely suspended.

(6) Any person holding license under the Commission may be suspended for violations of the law or the rules, or for arrest or conviction on a charge involving moral turpitude.

(7) A boxer whose manager has been suspended may continue boxing independently during the term of such suspension, signing his own contract for matches. No payment of a boxer's earnings may be made by any licensed club to a manager under suspension, or to his agent, but the purse in full shall be paid to the boxer.

(8) Revocation of license or permanent suspension of a manager shall automatically cancel all of his contract rights in this State under any and all contracts with boxers made under authority of this Commission.

(9) In case of such revocation or permanent suspension the boxers are at liberty to operate independently and make their own matches, or to enter into contracts with other managers licensed by the Commission and in good standing.

(10) Following the knockout or technical knockout of a boxer, that boxer shall have his license to box suspended for a minimum period of 30 days.

This suspension to take effect immediately following the knock-out or technical knockout. If the Commission feels that a 30 day suspension is not sufficient they may impose a longer period or the suspension may for an indefinite period pending the outcome of a physical examination.

.04.330

#### CONTRACTS

(1) All contracts between clubs and boxers or their managers must be drawn in triplicate on the official forms supplied by the Commission. The original copy for the State Athletic Commission must be filed at the Commission office at least five days before the bout.

(2) All contracts must name the opponent and fix a certain date for the contest. If a boxer is signed for a series of bouts, dates and names of opponents must be a part of the agreement and a separate contract signed for each bout.

(3) It is provided, however, that should the club desire to match the boxer with the winner of an ensuing contest that may be done by writing in the space reserved for opponent's name, as follows: "(Name) or (name) or the winner of their contest on (date)." In signing the opponent in this case the matchmaker of the club may sign both principals in the said ensuing contest and with consent of all parties to the contract, have written in the blank space below, in each of their official contracts the provisions: "This contract shall become null and void if the boxer loses the contest with (name of opponent) on (date,) and may be declared null and void at the Pleasure of the club in the event of a "draw" decision, or a decision of "no decision."

(4) All papers filed with the Commission, shall be the property of the Commission.

(5) No verbal agreement or written agreement other than the contract on the official contract form, and no "blanket contract" or option on a boxer's services will be recognized by the Commission. Such options and contracts are expressly prohibited.

(6) 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 the Commission or its referee, nor shall any part thereof be returned through arrangement with the boxer or his manager, to any matchmaker or club official.

(7) As a matter of record all communications to the Commission regarding contracts, or violations or threatened violating thereof, must be made in writing or by telegraph to the Commission through its nearest chief inspector, and rulings of the chief inspector or the Commission must be made only in writing or by telegraph.

(8) If, through inclement weather (in case of an 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 shall be binding upon all parties to the contracts. A small advance sale shall not be regarded as a legitimate reason for a postponement.

.04,340 PAYMENT OF CONTESTANTS

(1) All payments of purses shall be made through the Commission's chief inspector or such inspector as he appoints to act for him. Payments shall be made immediately after the exhibition, or in case of a percentage contract, as soon as the percentage can be determined.

The club's authorized representative shall deliver to the inspector in the club office, checks made out by the club to the parties entitled to payment as follows:

If the contestant has no manager legally entitled to represent him, the check shall be made payable to the said contestant in the full amount due him under his contract with the club.

If the contestant has such manager the club shall provide a check made out by the club to the manager for the percentage of the contestant's purse to which he is entitled under his contract with the contestant, not in any case to be in excess of  $33 \frac{1}{3}$  per cent of the purse.

Also a check made out to the contestant for his contract share of the purse, not less than  $66 \frac{2}{3}$  per cent.

The inspector shall deliver each check to the person it is made out to, and shall take signed receipt therefor on the printed form provided by the Commission, and fill in the form as required and deliver it to the Commission office.

(2) Should any club check be protested, claim shall be made for the amount of the check upon the surety company, as provided in clause .04.090 of these rules.

Clubs will hold all endorsed payment checks for inspection at the Commission's order.

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.

.04.350            TICKETS

(1) The sale of tickets for any proposed exhibition is prohibited until plans showing the seating arrangement, aisle spacing, exit facilities, and the location of fire appliances have been approved by the Fire Department.

(2) Clubs may use only tickets obtained from a printer approved by the Commission. Authorized printers shall send by mail to the Commission office, not less than twenty-four hours before the exhibition for which the tickets have been printed, a sworn inventory of all tickets delivered to any licensed club. This inventory shall account also for any over prints, changes or extras. Clubs will notify printers of this requirement.

(3) 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 must be returned to the box office not later than two hours after the show has started.

(4) All tickets, exclusive of working press, official, employee, and photographer, shall have the price and name of club and date of show printed plainly thereon. Changes in ticket prices or dates of shows must be referred to the Commission for approval.

(5) No ticket shall be sold except at the price printed on it.



(6) Every club holding either boxing or wrestling matches must have printed on the stub of every ticket sold the following advice:

"Retain this coupon in event of postponement or no contest.

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 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.

(7) Tickets of different prices must be printed on cardboard of different colors.

(8) Inspectors will check numbers and places of ticket cans at gates and see that they are sealed and padlocked, and after the show have them opened and tickets counted under their supervision.

(9) All tickets issued to the press shall be marked "Press." Working press tickets shall be consecutively numbered to correspond to the seats and shall not be issued to exceed the comfortable seating capacity of the press box surrounding the ring, and no one, except the officials designated by the Commission and the timekeeper, shall be allowed to sit at the press table unless actually engaged in reporting the contest.

All complimentary and attache tickets shall be marked "Complimentary" and "Attache" in large letters. Attache tickets must be made available for Commission use.

No person shall be admitted to any wrestling show or boxing contest, held in the State of Washington without presenting to the doorkeeper an official ticket, or pass.

Each promoter shall provide himself with a rubberstamp with the word "Attache" thereon.

The persons who may receive "Attache" passes or tickets for admission are included in the following list:

- (a) Officials connected with the specific boxing or wrestling show on any given date.
- (b) Actual contestants.
- (c) Licensed seconds scheduled to work for said contestants.
- (d) Managers of actual contestants.
- (e) Ushers scheduled to work at the specific show.
- (f) An agreed number of firemen and policemen in uniform, who are assigned to work at the specific show.
- (g) Two working newspaper reporters from each daily newspaper in the city where show is held. In case of a major or championship match, special arrangements may be made with the commission for passes to out-of-town newspapermen, actually engaged in reporting the show.
- (h) Building, custodian or manager; Commission inspectors and referees assigned to work at a specific show.

All other persons to whom passes are issued by the Management, including newspaper employees, check room employees, concessionaires, peanut, popcorn and refreshment vendors, must each present his pass to the box office window and purchase a state tax ticket for which he shall pay as follows: If the established price is \$1.00 or less (exclusive of Federal tax) the State tax is 5 cents; if the established price is more than \$1.00 and not over \$2.00, the State tax ticket will cost 10 cents; if the established price is more than \$2.00 and not over \$3.00 the State tax ticket will cost 15 cents. Add 5 cents for each dollar or fraction thereof in excess of an established price of \$3.00;--example, a \$4.00 top will cost 20 cents; a \$5.00 top will cost 25 cents.

If the promoter elects to make a service charge on his passes, he must include in his charge the amount of the Federal tax; the State tax as per the schedule set forth in this section and any other taxes, such as local city tax.

The pass and the tax ticket must be presented to the ticket taker at the door in order to gain admission.

No policemen, firemen, constables and/or employees of the Sheriff's office either in uniform or in civilian attire should be admitted to any boxing or wrestling show without a pass and tax ticket, except policemen and firemen designated in Rule 9 of TICKETS, section (f).

FIVE PER CENT STATE TAX MUST BE PAID ON THE VALUE OF THE SEAT REGARDLESS OF COURTESY TICKETS OR ANY OTHER FORM OF PARTIAL PASS.

(10) Complimentary passes shall be limited to one per cent of the seating capacity of the house unless permission is obtained from the State Athletic Commission to exceed the said one per cent.

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

(12) Ushers must see to it that spectators get the seats their ticket stubs entitle them to, and that anyone occupying such seat unlawfully is asked to vacate, and if necessary is ejected.

(13) The sale of tickets cannot exceed the seating capacity of the house, and no person can be sold the right of admission without a ticket.

(14) Whenever an exhibition is given an authorized representative of the licensed club holding such exhibition shall, in addition to the written report required by the Commission, give a memorandum in writing to the inspector immediately after the close of the box office, showing the number of each class of tickets unsold or unused, and permit the inspector to examine all unsold or unused tickets, stubs, coupons, books, cash, and all other matters relating to the box office and ticket takers. The inspector will make formal report to the Commission by mail immediately upon the completion of such examination. Any fraud on the part of the club's representative will be deemed the act of the club.

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## CLUBS

- (1) Licensed clubs shall not be allowed to hold more than one set of boxing bouts a week without special permission. All main event and semi-finals must have the okeh of the Commissioner or Chief Inspector in each particular district, before a bout or card is announced or publicity given to the newspapers.
- (2) Clubs will be held responsible for maintaining order, and any person who is intoxicated, abusive or disorderly in conduct, to the annoyance of surrounding spectators, must be ejected.
- (3) Licensed clubs are not to exceed forty rounds of boxing for any one program, without written consent of the Commission. An emergency bout must be provided in case the arranged card breaks down and if it is necessary to put on another bout. The emergency bout should not be paid for unless used, but the boxers must then be given a preliminary bout at the following exhibition.
- (4) Advance Notices for all boxing shows must be in the office of the Commission three days prior to the holding of any boxing show. In addition to the regular scheduled boxers the Advance Notice must show the names of boxers engaged by the club for an emergency bout.
- (5) Notice of any change in announced or advertised programs for any contest must be filed immediately with the Commission and the press. Notice of such change or substitution must also be conspicuously posted at the box office, and announced from the ring before the opening contest, and if any of the patrons desire to have the price of their tickets refunded, such refund shall be made if the tickets or ticket stubs are presented at the box office at once. The box office must remain open a reasonable time to redeem such tickets.

- (6) Substitutions will not be permitted in the main bout unless more than twenty-four hours before weighing-in time of the day of the contest, and then will be permitted only when the substitute has been approved by the Commission.
- (7) No intermission shall exceed a period of 10 minutes at any boxing or wrestling show and the inspector in charge shall see that this rule is strictly enforced.  
The time allowed for putting the gloves on main event boxers within the ring, shall not exceed five minutes and the referee and time-keeper shall advise the inspector in charge if this rule is violated.
- (8) Clubs are not allowed to "farm out" or sell their show to any matchmaker, or manager of boxers, or other person.  
No person other than boxer or person officially identified with the sport may be introduced from the ring.
- (9) No club, or member or stockholder or official of a club shall be permitted to act directly or indirectly as a manager of a boxer, or to hold any financial interest in such management or in the boxer's ring earnings.
- (10) Every club must provide a suitable room or place for the examination of contestants by the club physician. The club must furnish ice bags and a blanket at each boxing show, to be in readiness in the event same will be deemed necessary by the Commission physician.
- (11) Copies of all boxing contracts must be filed with the Commission. The making of secret agreements contrary to the terms of the contracts so filed is prohibited under penalty of suspension of all parties thereto.
- (12) Any club doing business directly or indirectly with managers or boxers under suspension may have its license revoked.
- (13) Requests for charity shows must be referred to the Commission.
- (14) No soliciting of any kind by any individual, or organization shall be allowed in any boxing arena without the written permission of the Commission.

(15) All drinks shall be dispensed only in paper cups. Violations of this rule may result in the suspension or revocation of the offending club's license.

(16) A club shall not employ any unlicensed referee, seconds, timekeeper, boxer, matchmaker, announcer or club physician.

It is imperative that every boxer competing must be licensed and in possession of his identification card bearing his photo and license number.

Contestants must show their identification cards to the inspector in charge, and those not having cards in their possession will be required to pay an additional license fee as a fine, which fine with report concerning same by inspector shall be sent to the Commission for approval or refund. Only one appearance is allowed on a receipt.

(17) No admission can be charged to a training quarters where boxers are training except by permission of the Commission. Where such admission fee is charged it shall be considered by the Commission that it is charged for the privilege of seeing an exhibition of boxing, and the club or person making the charge for admission shall furnish the Commission a certified written report, detailing the number of admissions and the total amount of money taken in, within 72 hours thereafter. The state tax of 5 per cent on such gross receipts, exclusive of any Federal taxes paid thereon shall be forwarded to the Commission with the report.

(18) The Commission requires that whenever any person, licensed by the State Athletic Commission of Washington is approached with a request or suggestion that sham or collusive contest be entered into or that the contest shall not be conducted honestly and fairly, such licensed person must immediately report the matter to the State Athletic Commission.

(19) A State Athletic Commissioner, chief inspector or any inspector in attendance upon and supervising a contest or exhibition has the full power of the Commission in enforcing the rules and regulations of the Commission.

SHOULD ANY QUESTION COME UP, NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES, THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE WHATEVER DECISION SEEMS TO IT FAIR AND EQUITABLE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE LETTER OF THE LAW, AND SUCH DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.

WRESTLING RULES  
General Provisions

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.04.370 RING

(a) The professional boxing rules governing the size, construction and equipment of boxing rings shall apply to wrestling rings, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(b) The ring floor shall be padded to a thickness of at least two inches. A regular one-piece wrestling mat is to be preferred, although soft padding of a proper thickness may be used, with a top covering of clean canvas tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform.

(c) Any mat or padding and canvas covering which has been used for boxing matches shall not be used for wrestling matches until the mat or canvas covering has been washed and is free from rosin.

(d) The promoter shall keep the mat or padding and covering in a clean and sanitary condition. Each club shall have two canvas covers, using one while the other is being cleaned.

.04.380 SELECTION OF MATCH OFFICIALS

The Commission reserves the right to appoint the referee, physician, timekeeper and all other officials at all wrestling matches.

.04.390 DUTIES OF REFEREES

(1) The referee is the principal match official and shall represent the Commission. He shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the match and the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

(2) Before starting a match, the referee shall call the wrestlers to the center of the ring for final instructions.

(3) The referee shall pick up the timekeeper's call of time every five minutes and relay it to the wrestlers in a loud voice.

(4) The referee shall order the wrestlers to break clean whenever they become entangled in or on the ropes so that either of the contestants is at a disadvantage in breaking away from a hold or applying a hold. Upon breaking the contestants shall immediately rise and go to the center of the ring and resume wrestling. Failure to break after one warning shall result in disqualification of the offender.

(5) The referee shall get the time required for each fall from the timekeeper and repeat it to the announcer, together with the name of the hold used in securing each fall.

(6) The referee shall indicate the winner of the match by raising the winning contestant's right hand.

(7) The referee shall warn seconds not to touch their man during the match or to give him advice until a rest period is reached.

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#### TIMEKEEPERS

(1) There shall be a timekeeper appointed by the Commission present at all matches. He shall officially keep time and follow the instructions of the referee.

(2) The timekeeper shall take his cue to commence time in any match from the nod of the referee and shall sound the gong simultaneously with the referee's call of "time."

(3) At the termination of each five-minute period, the timekeeper shall call out the time that the contestants have been wrestling sufficiently loud for the referee to hear, as "five minutes," "ten minutes," etc.

(4) In time limit matches the timekeeper shall sound the gong at the end of the designated time limit to indicate the end of the match. If the length of any time limit match is one hour or less, rest periods shall be excluded as part of the time of the match, but if the time limit for a match is more than one hour all rest periods must be included by the timekeeper as a part of the time of the match.



(5) In matches of one fall, he shall sound the gong when the referee announces the winner, and he shall announce the time of the fall to the referee.

(6) In matches of two or more falls, he shall sound the gong when the referee announces the winner of the fall and again at the end of the five minute rest period when the contestants resume the match for the next fall. He shall take his cue from the nod of the referee as in starting the match.

.04.410 MATCHES

(1) All wrestling bouts must be billed, announced and advertised as exhibitions unless written permission is obtained from the Commission to bill, advertise and announce a bout as a contest.

(2) Three days before each wrestling match the promoter shall furnish the Commission an advance notice, giving the names of the wrestlers to be used in the match and the amount of the purse or percentage of the gate receipts each contestant is to receive for his services.

(3) No wrestler shall be permitted to tape his hands, arms, or any other part of his body without the consent of the club physician.

(4) No wrestler shall wrestle at more than one club on the same night.

(5) All wrestling matches shall be limited to two hours. Ninety minute matches shall be decided by two out of three falls, except as otherwise expressly provided herein. Preliminary matches may be one fall of time limit matches.

(6) If, in a 90 minute match, neither contestant procures a fall or has a marked advantage after 90 minutes of wrestling, the referee may in his discretion, following a five minute rest period, order the match continued for an added 30 minutes. If one of the contestants wins a fall during the added 30 minutes period, he shall be declared the winner. If at the end of the added 30 minutes period the referee is unable to decide the winner, the match shall be declared a draw.

(7) If there is only one fall within 90 minutes of wrestling the winner of that fall shall be declared the winner of the match. If each contestant has gained a fall within 90 minutes of wrestling, the referee may in his discretion allow the match to continue after a five minute rest period for an added 30 minutes, and if at the expiration of the added time neither of the contestants has gained another fall, the match shall be declared a draw.

(8) If a match is limited to a period of time less than 90 minutes and neither of the contestants gains a fall or each of them gains a fall, the referee may award the decision on the basis of the following factors:

- (a) Aggressiveness
- (b) Willingness to mix
- (c) Counter wrestling

The match shall be awarded to the contestant who excels in those factors.

(9) Both shoulder blades momentarily pinned to the mat for the referee's count of three seconds shall constitute a fall. Flying and rolling falls shall not count.

(10) Conceding a fall or quitting because of receiving punishment by means of legitimate holds constitutes a fall. The referee shall slap the contestant securing the fall on the back or shoulders in order that the under-man will not be strained by being held too long in a painful position.

(11) If a contestant falls, pitches or is accidentally thrown out of the ring, he shall be allowed 20 seconds to reenter the ring. If he is not inside the ropes within that period, the referee shall award the fall to his opponent.

(12) If a contestant is injured by falling or pitching out of a ring, the referee shall allow sufficient time for examination by the club physician to determine whether he can continue. If he can not continue, the match shall be awarded to the other contestant on a technical fall.

- (13) No wrestler shall deliberately leave the ring during the course of any match except during a rest period and then only with the consent of the referee. If a wrestler deliberately steps outside the ropes he shall immediately be disqualified and his purse shall be paid to the Commission for whatever disposition it may deem appropriate.
- (14) Wrestlers shall be allowed a five minute rest period between falls if the match provides for two out of three falls.
- (15) If the contestants refuse to observe the rules of the Commission, the referee may disqualify the offenders or declare the match "no decision." If a match is declared "no decision" the purse of the offenders shall be forfeited to the Commission.
- (16) If a wrestler fails to answer the bell for the resumption of the match after the rest period following any fall, he shall forfeit the match.
- (17) In no circumstances shall any wrestler molest, hit or physically abuse a spectator or manhandle a referee.
- (18) Wrestlers contesting outside the ropes of the ring in which the match is being held or in the aisles shall be penalized as provided in (section .04.410 No. 13,) Wrestlers who attempt to strike each other with any object or who manhandle the referee shall be suspended, for 60 days for the first offense, one year for the second offense, and shall have their licenses revoked and be disqualified from wrestling for life in the State of Washington for the third offense.  
In addition to suspension the Commission may assess a fine against the Contestant according to the seriousness of the offense.
- (19) If circumstances arise which are not covered by these rules during the course of any match, the referee shall decide the question, and his decision thereon shall be final.

.04.420      FOULS AND PERMISSIBLE WRESTLING HOLDS

(1) All holds known to wrestling science other than those described in the next section as fouls, are permissible. These include toe holds, splits, hammerlocks, scissors holds, head locks, wrist locks, and jiu-jitsu holds and touches, which though pain producing are legitimate and scientific.

The so-called "flying drop kick" is allowed, but must be executed by the use of both feet simultaneously. The "flying tackle" is permitted.

(2) The following holds and tactics constitute fouls. The referee shall disqualify any wrestler who uses any such holds or engages in any such tactics and his purse shall be paid to the Commission for whatever action it deems appropriate:

- (a) Hitting with the fist clenched. (Open hand hitting and striking with the little finger edge of the hand such as is done in jiu-jitsu is permitted.)
- (b) Gouging the eyes with fingers, thumb or any other object.
- (c) Inserting fingers in mouth of opponent and pulling mouth open.
- (d) Biting.
- (e) Deliberately kicking either with knee or foot in the groin or any other part of the body, or butting with the head.
- (f) Deliberately shutting off the breath of an opponent by holding nostrils or mouth shut or by using any of the various forms of the strangle hold.
- (g) Pulling hair or whiskers.
- (h) Deliberate elbowing. (The use of forearms or the use of shoulders does not constitute elbowing and is permitted.)
- (i) Deliberately throwing an opponent out of the ring.
- (j) Scratching.
- (k) Twisting and pulling ears.

- (l) The use of the flying broad jump, landing on opponent.
- (m) Rubbing opponent's eyes on ropes.
- (n) Deliberate butting.

.04.430 COSTUMES FOR WRESTLERS

- (1) Contestants must be properly clothed in neat and clean athletic apparel. Trunks and tights must be well fitted and whole, with high waist bands. If short trunks are used and limbs are left bare the length of the leg of the trunks shall not be less than three inches below the crotch and two pairs of trunks, one over the other, must be worn. Shoes when worn must have soft tops, soft smooth soles and soft laces and be equipped with eyelets only.
- (2) The skin of each contestant must be clean and free from grease, lotions or other foreign substances.

.04.440 PAYMENT OF CONTESTANTS

Wrestlers shall be paid for their services in the same manner as is prescribed for the payment of boxers in section .04.340, parts 1 and 2.

.04.450 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- (1) Wrestling matches shall be conducted in a standard size ring of the type, size and description first approved by the Commission, which shall not contain any foreign substances or materials. No wrestling match shall include more than two participants, without the express written approval of the Commission.
- (2) No wrestling club license holder shall be permitted to stage any special wrestling exhibition or program without permission of the Commission.

(3) If a referee works with the wrestlers and makes himself a part of the match to the extent that he helps in any way in staging an act or stunt, his ~~license~~ license shall be revoked and he shall be disqualified from working as a referee in the State of Washington.

(4) If a wrestler is booked to wrestle for a club and does not appear, unless he is sick or injured and can produce a doctor's certificate to that effect or has a valid excuse that meets with the approval of the Commission, he shall be subject to such penalties as may be imposed upon him by the Commission.

(5) It shall be the duty of the referee, promoter, and his agents, attaches and employees, and the participants in any wrestling match to maintain peace, order and decency in the conduct of any match. Foul and profane language by either contestant, is prohibited.

(6) Any wrestler guilty of foul tactics in a wrestling match shall be disqualified and his purse withheld from payment, and the wrestler shall automatically be suspended. Disposition of the purse and the penalty to be imposed, if any, upon the wrestler shall be subject to the action of the Commission.

(7) No wrestler's license shall be issued to any person who is over 55 or under 18 years of age. Two licenses, one as a wrestler and the other as a referee to the same person, will not be issued.

.04.460 BUILDINGS

All buildings or structures used or intended to be used for holding or giving such boxing contests, sparring or wrestling matches or exhibitions shall be properly ventilated and provided with fire exits and fire escapes, and in all manner conform to the laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to buildings in the city or town where situated.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES OF BOXING AND WRESTLING

.04.470 CLUB LICENSES

If licensee holding wrestling or boxing club license does not use license--after six months the license may be revoked.

NOTE:

At a Commission meeting on February 29, 1960, the Washington State Athletic Commission adopted the PROPOSED UNIFORM RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES.

Under Section .08.010, sections 3 and 5 were deleted. Under section .08.080 the words "15 days" were inserted.

Copies of the Uniform Rules of Practice and Procedure Before Administrative Agencies, are available from the State Code Revisor.