

State of Washington

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

(name of governing body)

(agency name, if applicable)

Resolution No. _____

Administrative Order No. 80-1

(1) Be it resolved by the The State Athletic Commission
acting at Seattle Hilton Inn, Seattle WA.

(place)

that it does promulgate and adopted the annexed rules relating to:

- WAC 36-12-020 Boxing Weights and Classes
- 36-12-310 Club Physician
- 36-12-320 Regarding Suspensions
- 36-12-350 Tickets

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. _____ filed with the code reviser on _____ Such rules shall take effect:

- pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2).
- at a later date, such date being _____

(2) ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for Adoption of Emergency Rules.

We, State Athletic Commission, find that an emergency exists and that the foregoing order is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on the proposed action would be contrary to public interest. A statement of the facts constituting such emergency is: health, welfare and safety of boxing and wrestling participants

Such rules are therefore adopted as emergency rules to take effect upon filing with the code reviser.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04.____ (1977 c 19 § 2)¹ that "every agency shall incorporate the most specific, but in no case omit all, of the following language alternatives when adopting or amending rules" (fill in statement (a), (b), or (c) as appropriate):

- (a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW _____ and is intended to administratively implement that statute.
- (b) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW _____ which directs that the

(agency)

has authority to implement the provisions of

(name of act or RCW citation)

- (c) This rule is promulgated under the general rule-making authority of the

State Athletic Commission

(agency)



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WASHINGTON STATE ATHLETE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF AMENDMENT OF RULES

Boxing and Wrestling Regulations
State Athletic Commission RCW 67.08

WAC 36-12-020 Boxing Weights and Classes

Adding----- Cruiserweight -----over 175 to 190 pounds
Amending--- Heavyweight -----all over ((175))190 pounds

No contest shall be scheduled, and on contestant shall engage in a boxing contest where the weight difference exceeds the allowance as shown in the scheduled, without the written approval of the commission.

WAC 36-12-310 Club Physician

Word change ((~~boy~~)) boxer

WAC 36-12-320 Regarding Suspensions

Paragraph (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. Boxers will not be permitted to engage in any contact boxing during this period without approval of the commission.

WAC 36-12-350 Tickets

Word change ((~~newspaperman~~)) newsreporter.

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Agency comments--Other State Commissions and World Boxing Organizations have adopted the cruiserweight class. WAC 36-12-320 amended for the safety of the boxers.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Rule .04.020, filed 9/22/60, 3/17/60)

WAC 36-12-020 BOXING WEIGHTS AND CLASSES.

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
<u>Cruiserweight.....</u>	<u>over 175 to 190 pounds</u>
Heavyweight.....	all over (175) <u>190</u> 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.-190 lbs. not more than 15 lbs.
- 190 lbs. and over, no limit.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Rule .04.310(4), filed 12/6/67)

WAC 36-12-310 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)) boxer badly injured or in no shape to continue. Whenever a fight is stopped between rounds by the physician or otherwise because of injuries, the opponent shall be credited with a TKO for the round just concluded. No bout shall be allowed to proceed unless the physician is in his seat. This also applies where applicable to wrestling matches.

(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.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Rule .04.320, filed 9/22/60, 3/17/60, subsections (11) and (12), filed 4/17/64)

WAC 36-12-320 REGARDING SUSPENSIONS. (1) Clubs and their match-makers 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

(11) Any contestant who has lost six consecutive fights must be automatically suspended and cannot be reinstated until he has submitted to a medical examination.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Rule .04.350, filed 9/22/60, 3/17/60)

WAC 36-12-350 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) (a) 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.

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

(c) 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.

(iv) Managers of actual contestants.

(v) Ushers scheduled to work at the specific show.

(vi) An agreed number of firemen and policemen in uniform, who are assigned to work at the specific show.

(vii) 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)) newsreporter, actually engaged in reporting the show.

(viii) 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 subsection (9) (e) (vi) of this section. FIVE PERCENT 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 percent of the seating capacity of the house unless permission is obtained from the state athletic commission to exceed the said one percent.

(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.