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# WASHINGTON STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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The Honorable Richard O. White, Code Reviser  
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Olympia, Washington

Dear Mr. White:

We have enclosed two copies of rule changes, additions and deletions. These are to be made a permanent part of our Athletic Commission Rules. They were adopted by the Washington State Athletic Commission at a public meeting held on March 7, 1964 in Tacoma, Washington.

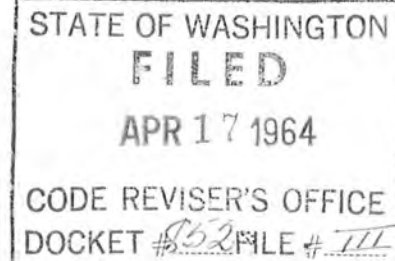
These rules pertain to boxing safety and they supersede the rules, on the same subject, which were adopted on an emergency basis at a meeting held on October 17, 1963... and dated December 3, 1963.

Respectfully yours,

R. Roberts, Secretary  
Washington State Athletic Commission

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cc: All Commissioners  
Charles Murphy, Assistant Attorney General



THE WASHINGTON STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION HELD AN OPEN OR PUBLIC MEETING ON MARCH 7, 1964, IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON. ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO OUR RULES AT THIS MARCH 7, 1964 MEETING.

ADOPTED

ANY CONTESTANT WHO HAS LOST SIX CONSECUTIVE FIGHTS MUST BE AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED AND CANNOT BE REINSTATED UNTIL HE HAS SUBMITTED TO A MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

(This should be added to Section .04.320 of the Rules - It should be numbered paragraph 11 and added to page 35 of the rule book.)

DURING THE FIRST FIFTEEN DAYS OF A SUSPENSION FOLLOWING A KNOCKOUT, A BOXER SHALL REFRAIN FROM ANY CONTACT TRAINING. IF SUCH BOXER SUFFERS A KNOCKOUT IN HIS NEXT BOUT OR WITHIN THREE MONTHS FOLLOWING A PREVIOUS KNOCKOUT HE SHALL BE SUSPENDED FROM BOXING FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. FOR THREE MONTHS AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS INTERVAL HE SHALL REFRAIN FROM ANY CONTACT TRAINING IN THE GYMNASIUM. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOXER'S MANAGER, OR THE BOXER HIMSELF, TO SEE THAT HE COMPLIES WITH THIS RULE AND ANY VIOLATION MAY RESULT IN INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF THE BOXER AND/OR HIS MANAGER.

(This should be added to Section .04.320 of the Rules - It should be numbered paragraph 12 and added to page 35 of the rule book.)

IN ALL BOXING BOUTS, INCLUDING CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES, WHEN A BOXER IS CLEARLY KNOCKED DOWN A TOTAL OF THREE TIMES IN ANY ONE ROUND, THE CONTEST SHALL BE TERMINATED AND THE OPPONENT SHALL BE AWARDED THE DECISION. THIS RULE MAY BE WAIVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION.

(This should be added to Section .04.140 of the Rules - it should be added as the last paragraph on page 19 of the rule book.)

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WHEN A BOXER IS KNOCKED OUT, THE REFEREE SHALL PERFORM A FULL TEN SECOND COUNT. EXCEPT IN THE FINAL ROUND OF A BOUT, WHEN A ROUND IN ANY BOXING CONTEST SHALL TERMINATE BEFORE A CONTESTANT WHO HAS BEEN KNOCKED DOWN SHALL HAVE RISEN FROM THE FLOOR OF THE RING, THE TIMEKEEPER'S COUNT SHALL BE CONTINUED. IF THE FALLEN CONTESTANT SHALL FAIL TO RISE BEFORE THE COUNT OF TEN, HE SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE LOST THE BOUT BY A KNOCKOUT IN THE ROUND LATELY CONCLUDED.

(This should be added to Section .04.140 of the Rules - it should be added to the rule change listed just above and become the last paragraph on page 19 of the rule book.)

WHEN A BOXER HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT, NONE OF HIS HANDLERS ARE TO TOUCH HIM, EXCEPT TO REMOVE HIS RUBBER MOUTH PROTECTOR UNTIL THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN ENTERS THE RING AND PERSONALLY ATTENDS THE FALLEN BOXER, AND ISSUES SUCH INSTRUCTIONS AS HE SEES FIT TO THE BOXER'S HANDLERS.

(This should be added to Section .04.240 of the Rules- It should be numbered paragraph 11 and added to page 28 of the rule book.)

EACH BOXER SHALL BE EQUIPPED AND USE THROUGHOUT THE BOUT A CUSTOM MADE INDIVIDUALLY FABRICATED MOUTH GUARD.

(This should be added to Section .04.200 of the Rules-it should be added to paragraph 4 on page 23 of the rule book.)

ALL BOXING RING ROPES SHALL BE MANILA ROPE, SYNTHETIC ROPE OR PLASTIC ROPE OR OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL AND SHALL NOT BE MADE OF METAL OF ANY TYPE. ALL ROPES AND TURNBUCKLES SHALL BE WRAPPED IN SOFT MATERIAL.

(This should be added to Section .04.040 of the rules- it should be added to paragraph 3 on page 12 of the rule book.)

THE RING PADDING SHALL CONSIST OF ONE ONE INCH LAYER OF "ENSOLITE BOXING RING PAD" OR SIMILAR MATERIAL APPLIED OVER A ONE INCH BASE OF CELOTEX BUILDING BOARD OR SIMILAR MATERIAL. THE PADDING DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL BOXING MATCHES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1964.

(This should be added to Section .04.040 of the rules- it should be added to the end of paragraph 1 on page 12 of the Rule Book.)

IN EACH APPLICATION FOR A BOUT, THE RESULTS OF THE LAST SIX BOUTS FOR EACH MAIN EVENT CONTESTANT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN A SWORN STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE BOXER, MANAGER AND PROMOTER. THIS SHALL INCLUDE A CLAUSE CERTIFYING THAT THE BOXER IS IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL

CONDITION AND IS NOT CONCEALING AN ILLNESS OR INJURY.

(This should be added to Section .04.200 of the Rules- it should be added as paragraph 11 on page 24 of the Rule Book.)

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1964 THE FEE FOR MANAGER'S LICENSE WILL BE \$25.00 PER ANNUM.

(This should be changed on Page 29 of the Rule Book-Heading)

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1964 THE FEE FOR WRESTLER'S LICENSE WILL BE \$3.00 PER ANNUM.

(This should be changed on Page 23 of the Rule Book-Heading)

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1964 THE FEE FOR BOXER'S LICENSE WILL BE \$3.00 PER ANNUM.

(This should be changed on Page 23 of the Rule Book-Heading)

The above mentioned fee changes for managers, wrestlers and boxers should also be changed on Page 51 of the Rule Book-Index.

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE RULES ARE TO BE ELIMINATED

ANY BOXER KNOCKED OUT SIX TIMES IN A ROW, OR WITHIN SIX MONTHS TIME WILL BE SUSPENDED. (Section .04.140 - Page 19)

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. (Section .04.140 - Page 19-last paragraph)

THE RING FLOOR SHALL BE PADDED WITH FELT, RUBBER, MATTING OR OTHER SOFT MATERIAL TO A THICKNESS OF NOT LESS THAN TWO INCHES. (Section .04.040-Paragraph 1, Page 12)