

WAC 36-14-300 Requirements for ring, cage, and equipment. (1)

Mixed martial arts and martial arts contests and exhibitions shall be held in a ring or cage.

(2) A ring used for a contest or exhibition of martial arts must meet the following requirements:

(a) The ring must be no smaller than twenty feet square and no larger than thirty-two feet square within the ropes;

(b) One of the corners must have a blue designation and the corner directly across must have a red designation;

(c) The ring floor must extend at least eighteen inches beyond the ropes. The ring floor must be padded with ensolite or another similar closed-cell foam, with at least a one-inch layer of foam padding. 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 securely to the ring platform. Material that tends to gather in lumps and ridges may not be used. The top covering must be clean, smooth, free of cracks and splits, and not slippery;

(d) The ring platform shall not be more than four feet above the floor of the building and shall have safe steps;

(e) Ring posts must be made of metal, not more than four inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of fifty-eight inches above the ring floor, and must be properly padded in a manner approved by the department. Ring posts must be at least twenty-four inches away from the ring ropes;

(f) There may be five ring ropes, not less than one inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material. The lowest ring rope must be no higher than twelve inches above the ring floor;

(g) There must not be any obstruction or object on any part of the ring floor.

(3) A cage used in a contest or exhibition of martial arts must meet the following requirements:

(a) The fighting area canvas shall be no smaller than eighteen feet by eighteen feet and no larger than thirty-two feet by thirty-two feet. The fighting area canvas shall be padded in a manner as approved by the department, with at least one inch layer of foam padding.

(b) Padding shall extend beyond the fighting area and over the edge of the platform. No vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering shall be permitted.

(c) The fighting area canvas shall not be more than four feet above the floor of the building and shall have suitable steps or ramp for use by the participants.

(d) The fighting area canvas shall be enclosed by a fence made of such material as will not allow a participant to fall out or break through it onto the floor or spectators including, but not limited to, vinyl coated chain link fencing.

(e) All metal parts shall be covered and padded in a manner approved by the department and shall not be abrasive to the contestants.

(f) The fence shall provide two separate entries onto the fighting area canvas.

(g) Posts shall be made of metal not more than six inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of fifty-eight inches above the fighting area canvas and shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the department.

(h) There must not be any obstruction on any part of the enclosure surrounding the area in which the participants are to be competing.

(4) The promoter shall provide equipment for use by the seconds and participants at cage or ringside. Equipment shall consist of, but not be limited to, a corner stool, spit bucket, ice, towels, and any other items necessary for the health and safety of the participants.

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