

# Chapter 36-14 WAC

## PROFESSIONAL MARTIAL ARTS

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36-14-410	Preliminary record in brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023. 02-20-094, § 36-14-410, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1). 00-02-054, § 36-14-410, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 06-10-007, filed 4/20/06, effective 5/21/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017. Later promulgation, see chapter 308-08 WAC.
36-14-420	Conduct of brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1). 00-02-054, § 36-14-420, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 06-10-007, filed 4/20/06, effective 5/21/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017. Later promulgation, see chapter 308-08 WAC.

**WAC 36-14-010 Definitions.** The following definition(s) will be used throughout this WAC:

"Recognized amateur kickboxing or martial arts organization" means any amateur kickboxing or martial arts organization recognized by the department who has not been exempted by statute and provides written documented proof required by WAC 36-14-500.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017 and 43.24.023. 04-16-045, § 36-14-010, filed 7/28/04, effective 8/28/04.]

**WAC 36-14-100 Rule exceptions.** If a martial arts, kickboxing, muay thai or pankration event is held, in addition to chapter 36-12 WAC, the department may use the *Rules of Competition* as established by the United Full Contact Federation, or rules of competition established by any other professional martial arts organization that afford a similar level of safety to participants. A copy on any *Rules of Competition* used by the department may be obtained through correspondence to the Washington state department of licensing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1). 99-17-048, § 36-14-100, filed 8/13/99, effective 9/13/99.]

**WAC 36-14-105 Guidelines for kickboxing and Muay Thai weight classes—Weight difference and glove**

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**weight.** The following guidelines shall be used for contests unless the department waives the weight difference allowance in writing. Glove weight shall be ten ounces for all weight classes.

Weight Class	Weight Difference Allowance
Flyweight	112 pounds to no minimum
Super Flyweight	112.1 to 115 pounds
Bantamweight	115.1 to 118 pounds
Super Bantamweight	118.1 to 122 pounds
Featherweight	122.1 to 126 pounds
Super Featherweight	126.1 to 130 pounds
Lightweight	130.1 to 135 pounds
Super Lightweight	135.1 to 140 pounds
Welterweight	140.1 to 147 pounds
Super Welterweight	147.1 to 154 pounds
Middleweight	154.1 to 160 pounds
Super Middleweight	160.1 to 167 pounds
Light Heavyweight	167.1 to 175 pounds
Super Light Heavyweight	175.1 to 183 pounds
Cruiserweight	183.1 to 190 pounds
Heavyweight	190.1 to 220 pounds
Super Heavyweight	over 220.1 pounds

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023. 02-20-094, § 36-14-105, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03.]

**WAC 36-14-106 Weighing time.** (1) Participants shall be weighed within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled event, at a time and place chosen by the promoter and approved by the department. The weigh-in shall take place in the presence of the department and the promoter or the promoter's representative.

(2) The scales used for weigh-in shall be provided by the promoter and approved by the department.

(3) The weight of each participant shall be recorded on a form provided by the department and signed by the representative of the department.

(4) If a participant weighs-in within twenty-four hours, but not less than twelve hours prior to an event's scheduled start time, the participant shall weigh the weight specified on the boxer/promoter contract referred to in WAC 36-12-360(7). If a participant weighs more than the weight specified in the boxer/promoter contract, the participant may:

(a) Lose the weight exceeded in the boxer/promoter contract at least twelve hours prior to the event's scheduled start time;

(b) Lose all but two pounds of the weight exceeded in the boxer/promoter contract at least twelve hours prior to the event's scheduled start time and lose the final two pounds at least two hours prior to the event's scheduled start time;

(c) Renegotiate the boxer/promoter contract; or  
 (d) Not do (a) through (c) of this subsection and the contest will be canceled by the department.

(5) If a participant weighs-in less than twelve hours prior to an event's scheduled start time, the participant shall weigh

the weight specified in the boxer/promoter contract referred to in WAC 36-12-360(7). If a participant weighs more than two pounds over the weight specified in the boxer/promoter contract, the participant may:

- (a) Lose up to two pounds at least two hours prior to an event's scheduled start time;
- (b) Renegotiate the boxer/promoter contract; or
- (c) Not do (a) or (b) of this subsection and the contest will be canceled by the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023. 02-20-094, § 36-14-106, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03.]

**WAC 36-14-108 Event fees to be paid by promoter.**

(1) A promoter shall pay an event fee equal to six percent of the gross receipts paid for admission to events plus one dollar per ticket sold as required and defined in RCW 67.08.002, 67.08.050, and 67.08.055.

(2) A complimentary ticket may not have a face value of less than the least expensive ticket available for sale to the general public. The number of complimentary tickets not subject to an event fee shall be limited to ten percent of the total tickets sold per event location, not to exceed one thousand tickets. All complimentary tickets exceeding this exemption shall be subject to an event fee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 43.24.086, 67.08.105. 10-08-037, § 36-14-108, filed 4/1/10, effective 5/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.015, 43.24.023. 09-14-028, § 36-14-108, filed 6/23/09, effective 7/24/09.]

**WAC 36-14-110 License fees, renewals and requirements.** (1) The license year is one year from date of issue. License fees are paid annually. Fees shall be as follows:

Manager	-	\$65.00
Referee	-	\$65.00
Kickboxer	-	\$25.00
Martial arts participant	-	\$25.00
Matchmaker	-	\$65.00
Second	-	\$25.00
Inspector	-	\$65.00
Judge	-	\$65.00
Timekeeper	-	\$65.00
Announcer	-	\$65.00
Event physician	-	No charge
Event chiropractor	-	\$65.00
Promoter	-	\$200.00

(2) All renewal fees shall be the same fee as each original license fee.

(3) Licensing requirements:

- (a) Completed application on form approved by the department.
- (b) Completed physical within one year (kickboxer, martial arts participant and referee only).
- (c) One small current photograph, not more than two years old (kickboxer and martial arts participant only).
- (d) Payment of license fee.
- (e) Certification from an organization approved by the department under RCW 67.08.100(3).

(4) Applicants may not participate until all licensing requirements are received and approved by the department of licensing.

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**WAC 36-14-120 Officials compensation fees to be paid by promoter.** (1) The following minimum fees shall be paid by the promoter of the event to the event officials for nontitle, nontelevised bouts:

Judge	\$75.00
Timekeeper	\$75.00
Referee (preliminary)	\$110.00
Referee (main event)	\$125.00
Physician	\$250.00
Event chiropractor	\$200.00

(2) The following minimum fees shall be paid by the promoter of the event to event officials for nontitle, televised bouts:

Judges	\$100.00
Timekeepers	\$100.00
Referee (preliminary)	\$135.00
Referee (main event)	\$200.00
Physician	\$250.00
Event chiropractor	\$200.00

(3) In the event of a local, state or regional championship, title fight, or local televised fight, event officials shall be paid by the promoter at the respective and prevailing scale of the sanctioning organization. The event officials pay rate shall not be lower than the televised rate established in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) In the event of a championship, title fight, or nationally televised fight, event officials shall be paid by the promoter at the respective and prevailing scale of the sanctioning organization but shall not be lower than the rates established below:

Judges	\$150.00
Timekeepers	\$150.00
Referee (preliminary)	\$175.00
Referee (main event)	\$225.00
Physician	\$250.00
Event chiropractor	\$200.00

(5) In the event of a "world" title bout, event officials shall be paid by the promoter at the respective and prevailing scale of the sanctioning organization but shall not be lower than the rates established in subsection (4) of this section. If the "world" title bout is televised, an additional \$200.00 fee per official will be assessed for each judge, timekeeper and referee if the fees listed in subsection (4) of this section are used.

(6) Travel mileage shall be paid to event officials at the rate listed on schedule A, chapter 10.90.10.b of the *State Administrative and Accounting Manual* as published by the office of financial management.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105 and 43.24.023. 02-23-062, § 36-14-120, filed 11/18/02, effective 1/1/03.]

**WAC 36-14-200 Duration of rounds.** Except with the approval of the department or the on-site representative:

(1) A nonchampionship contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts shall not exceed three rounds in duration.

(2) A championship contest of mixed martial arts shall not exceed five rounds in duration.

(3) A round in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts shall not exceed five minutes in duration. A period of rest in the contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts shall not exceed one minute in duration.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017 and 43.24.023. 04-16-045, § 36-14-200, filed 7/28/04, effective 8/28/04.]

**WAC 36-14-300 Requirements for ring or enclosed area.** (1) Mixed martial arts contests and exhibitions may be held in a ring or in an enclosed area.

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

(a) The ring must be no smaller than sixteen feet square within the ropes.

(b) The ring floor must extend at least twenty-four 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 to the ring platform.

(c) The ring platform must not be more than four feet above the floor of the building and must have suitable steps for the use of the participants.

(d) Ring posts must be made of metal, not more than three 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.

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

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

(3) An enclosed area used in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts must meet the following requirements:

(a) The enclosed area must be circular or have at least four equal sides and must be no smaller than twenty feet wide.

(b) The floor of the enclosed area must be padded with ensolite or another similar closed-cell foam, with at least a one-inch layer of foam padding, with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the platform of the enclosed area.

(c) The platform of the enclosed area must not be more than four feet above the floor of the building and must have suitable steps for the use of the participants.

(d) Enclosure posts must be made of metal, not more than six inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to between five and seven feet above the floor of the enclosed area, and must be properly padded in a manner approved by the department.

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(e) The material used to construct the enclosed area must be made of a material that will prevent an unarmed combatant from falling out of the enclosed area or breaking through the enclosed area onto the floor of the building or onto the spectators, including, without limitation, chain link fence coated with vinyl.

(f) Any metal material used in the enclosed area must be covered and padded in a manner approved by the department and must not be abrasive to the participants.

(g) The enclosed area must have at least three entrances.

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

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017 and 43.24.023. 04-16-045, § 36-14-300, filed 7/28/04, effective 8/28/04.]

**WAC 36-14-500 Amateur organization recognition.**

The following items shall be provided to the department at least thirty days prior to a scheduled event when requesting recognition and permission to conduct an amateur kickboxing or martial arts event by any organization not exempted in chapter 67.08 RCW:

(1) Proof of all business licenses required in the jurisdiction where the event is to be conducted:

- (a) State master business license.
- (b) City business license (if applicable).
- (c) County business license (if applicable).
- (d) State liquor license (if applicable).

(2) Contract between the organization and venue site or letter:

- (a) Date and time.
- (b) Location.
- (c) Organization/promoter responsibilities.
- (d) Venue site responsibilities.

(3) Proof of nonprofit status:

- (a) Federal Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3).
- (b) Washington state nonprofit corporation as verified through the secretary of state.

(4) Rules of competition to be used for the event, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Weight classes, weight difference, and glove weight.
- (b) Conducting the weigh-in.
- (c) Ring and equipment.
- (d) Gloves.
- (e) Hand-wraps.
- (f) Officials.
- (g) Referee's responsibilities/authority.
- (h) Outcome of a contest.
- (i) Method of counting over the participant.
- (j) When a participant falls from or leaves the ring during a round.

(k) Fees paid by the participant.

(l) Official's certification.

(m) General participant instructions.

(n) Medical requirement.

(o) Conduct of managers and seconds.

(p) Timekeeper duties.

(q) Announcer duties.

(r) Judges.

(s) Event physician.

(t) Suspensions.

(u) Promoter responsibilities.

(v) General kickboxing or martial arts rules, fouls, round conduct.

(5) Report as to how all excess proceeds are to be distributed and the identity of each entity and their proof of non-profit status.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017 and 43.24.023. 04-16-045, § 36-14-500, filed 7/28/04, effective 8/28/04.]

