WAC 36-14-355 Outcome of contest. (1) Submission by:

(a) Tap out: When a contestant physically uses their hand to indicate that they no longer wish to continue; or

(b) Verbal tap out: When a contestant verbally announces to the referee that they do not wish to continue or makes audible sounds such as screams indicating pain or discomfort.

(2) Technical knockout if:

(a) Referee stops bout;

(b) Ringside physician stops bout;

(c) An injury as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to terminate a bout;

(d) Cornerman signals referee to terminate the bout; or

(e) Participant, after putting forth good effort, signals referee their desire to stop fighting.

(3) Knockout by: Failure to rise from the canvas;

(4) Decision via score cards:

(a) Unanimous decision: When all three judges score the bout for the same contestant;

(b) Split decision: When two judges score the bout for one contestant and one judge scores for the opponent; or

(c) Majority decision: When two judges score the bout for the same contestant and one judge scores a draw;

(d) Draws:

(i) Unanimous draw - When all three judges score the bout a draw;

(ii) Majority draw - When two judges score the bout a draw; or

(iii) Split draw - When all three judges score differently and the score total results in a draw.

(5) Disqualification if:

(a) An injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate the contest;

(b) A participant quits after putting forth no effort, thereby fostering a sham on the public;

(c) Following a contest, a participant tests positive for controlled substances per WAC 36-12-240.

(6) Technical decision if: A bout is stopped after the completion of two rounds in bouts scheduled for three rounds and after three rounds in bouts scheduled for five rounds due to an accidental head butt or foul causing an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately. At least two of the judges must have the same contestant ahead on points;

(7) Technical draw if: A bout is stopped after the completion of two rounds in bouts scheduled for three rounds and after three rounds in bouts scheduled for five rounds due to an accidental head butt or foul causing an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately and the judges are split (one voting for participant A, one voting for participant B, and the third judge with an even score);

(8) No decision if: A bout is stopped before the completion of two rounds in bouts scheduled for three rounds and before three rounds in bouts scheduled for five rounds due to an accidental head butt or foul causing an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately;

(9) No contest if:

(a) The bout is unable to continue due to events other than fighting (fire, riot, ring collapse, etc.); or

(b) In the referee's judgment, there appears to be collusion affecting the outcome of the contest.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.235.030, 67.08.017, and chapter 67.08 RCW. WSR 26-01-119, s 36-14-355, filed 12/17/25, effective 1/17/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 67.08.015, and 67.08.017. WSR 13-21-149, § 36-14-355, filed 10/23/13, effective 12/1/13.]