

TRANSMITTAL OF RULES ADOPTED

FROM: Washington State Athletic Commission  
(Name of Agency)

TO: CODE REVISER  
LEGISLATIVE BLDG. (Southwest Corner, Ground Floor)  
OLYMPIA 98504

The enclosed rules Permanent rules , being Order No. 74-1  
Emergency rules

relating to (Name of rules or description of subject matter) Number of rounds (WAC 36-12-060), Method of counting over boxer who is down (WAC 36-12-140), Duties of state inspectors (WAC 36-12-190), Seconds (WAC 36-12-260), Contracts (WAC 36-12-330) as attached.

(ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for adoption of permanent rules)

pursuant to Notice No. 4912 <sup>①</sup> filed with the code reviser on October 23, 1974 <sup>②</sup> were regularly adopted as permanent rules of (date) Washington Athletic Club this agency at Seattle, Washington on Nov. 13, 1974 and are herewith (place) (date) filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW. The effective date of such rules shall be \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>③</sup>

(ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for adoption of emergency rules)

pursuant to its finding in the attached administrative order, that the immediate adoption of these rules 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 the public interest, were regularly adopted as emergency rules of this agency at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and (place) (date) are herewith filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the requirements of chapter 34.04 RCW and of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW have been fulfilled.

Dated this 13th day of November 1974.

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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Washington State Athletic Commission  
(AGENCY)  
By James L. Rondeau  
James L. Rondeau,  
Chairman  
Title

① Notice number as appears on the copy of notice returned to you by reviser's office (if proceedings were continued, use no. of last notice)  
② Stamped date as appears on the copy of notice returned to you by reviser's office (if proceedings were continued, use date of last notice)  
③ Unless a later date is specified in this order or is prescribed in another statute, rules are effective 30 days after filing:  
RCW 34.04.040. Leave this space blank except in such special cases.  
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WASHINGTON STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 74-1

(1) The Washington State Athletic Commission by viture of authority vested in it under chapter 67.08 and 34.04 RCW, after due notice and meeting open to the public, held at Seattle, Washington, on November 13, 1974, as required by chapters 34.04 and 42.30 RCW, and in accordance with a motion regularly passed at such meeting, do promulgate and adopt the annexed rules and regulations, to wit:

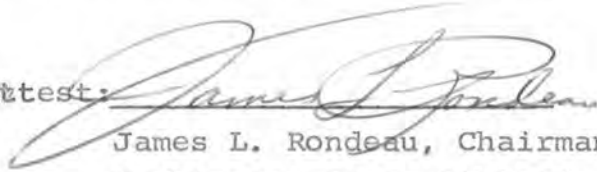
- Amends WAC 36-12-060 concerning Number of rounds; and
- Amends WAC 36-12-140 concerning Method of counting over boxer who is down; and
- Amends WAC 36-12-190 concerning Duties of inspectors; and
- Amends WAC 36-12-260 concerning seconds; and
- Amends WAC 36-12-330 concerning contract requirements

as permanent rules of this agency.

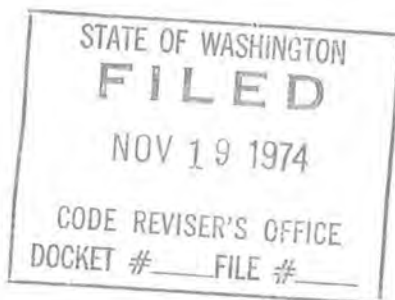
(2) This order, after being first recorded in the order register of this agency, shall be forwarded to the office of the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and chapter 1-12 WAC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED November 13, 1974

Attest:



James L. Rondeau, Chairman  
Washington State Athletic Commission



And

WAC 35-12-060 Number of rounds. (see RCW 67.08.080) No boxing contest or sparring exhibition held in this state whether under the provisions of statute or otherwise shall be for more than ten rounds and no one round of any such contest or exhibition shall be for a longer period than three minutes and there shall be not less than one minute intermission between each rounds. In the event of bouts involving state or regional championships the commission may grant an extension of no more than two additional rounds to allow total bouts of twelve rounds, and in bouts involving national championships the commission may grant an extension of no more than five additional rounds to allow total bouts of fifteen rounds. No contestant in any boxing contest or sparring match or exhibition whether under this chapter or otherwise shall be premitted to wear gloves weighing less than six ounces. The length and duration for wrestling matches whether held under provisions of statute or otherwise shall be regulated by order of the commission.

WAC 36-12-140 Method of counting over a boxer

who is down. (1) When a contestant is knocked down the referee shall order the opponent to retire to the farthest corner of the ring, pointing to the corner, and immediately beginning the count over the boxer who is down. The referee is the sole judge as to whether or not there has been a knockdown.

(2) He shall audibly announce the passing of each second, accompanying the count with motions of his arm, the downward motion indicating the end of each second.

(3) Any contestant who is knocked down shall not be allowed to resume boxing until after the referee has finished the count of eight. The contestant may take this count either on the floor or standing if he has not been struck hard enough to keep him down.

(4) The timekeeper shall stand up and strike with his hammer on the edge of the platform at the end of each second, or by other effective signaling method, give the referee the correct one-second intervals for his count.

(5) Should the opponent fail to stay in the farthest corner the referee shall cease counting until he has returned to it, and then go on with the count from the point at which it was interrupted. When a boxer is cleanly knocked down he shall be required to take a count of "8" whether or not he has regained his feet before the count of "8" has been reached. This rule will prevent a boxer being struck while proper reflexes are absent and will also aid the referee in judging the condition of the boxer.

(6) If the boxer who is down arises during the count the referee may, if he deems it advisable, step between the contestants long enough to assure himself that the boxer just arisen is in fit condition to continue. If so assured he shall without loss of time order both boxers to go on with the contest. During such intervention by the referee the striking of a blow by either boxer may be ruled "foul."

(7) If the contestant taking the count is still down when the referee calls the count of "ten" the referee shall wave both arms to indicate that he has been knocked out, and shall raise the hand of the opponent as winner. The referee's count is the official count. Upon the opinion and decision of both the physician and referee on any knockout, bad or continuous beating, a boxer will be suspended until such time as he takes a complete physical examination and is reinstated by such report from the commission physician. This report will not include the Seriological test for syphilis, which is taken once a year.

(8) In all boxing bouts, including championships 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.

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(9) 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.

(10) The referee shall continue the count after the bell signifying termination of the round except in the final round.

WAC 36-12-190 Duties of state inspectors. (1) They shall attend to the forwarding of all reports to the executive secretary of the commission; prepare reports on suspensions, applications for re-installment, and all other matters arising in their respective districts which require joint action by the commission.

(2) They shall have under their charge the issuing of licenses to boxers, managers, seconds, wrestlers, referees, timekeepers, clubs, physicians, judges, announcers and trainers. They shall investigate applications for club licenses and report same to the commission but shall not issue club licenses except upon the order of the commission. They shall not reinstate anyone under suspension or release fines or money held in forfeiture, these being matters for action by the commission's representative in the form of certified checks made payable to the order of the state athletic commission of Washington.

(3) Inspectors shall report directly to the chief inspector of the district and be under his authority.

(4) Inspectors shall be in charge of all details of the contest that do not come under the jurisdiction of the other officials.

(5) Inspectors shall see that all necessary equipment is provided, that the contestants are ready on time, that the seconds are properly instructed in their duties, that the doctor's report and the statement of weights are delivered to the referee, and that all regulations pertaining to the proper conduct of the bout are enforced.

(6) Inspectors shall insist that clubs enforce the rule against gambling.

(7) Inspectors shall see that all seconds present a neat appearance and are attired according to the requirements of the rules.

(8) The referee's report shall be made on the form supplied for that purpose by the inspector. The referee shall sign the report in the presence of a state inspector after the termination of the show.

(9) In accordance with the law, each inspector shall receive for each contest officially attended, a fee not to exceed one percent of the net gate of said contest. Twenty dollars shall be the minimum charge.

(10) Inspectors will check the number and places of ticket cans at the gates and see that they are sealed and padlocked. After the show have them opened and tickets counted under their supervision.

WAC 36-12-260 Seconds. (1) Second's annual license fee is \$2.00.

(2) Seconds and managers acting as seconds must be neatly attired in the ring and wear jerseys of plain colors and with sleeves. Sport shirts without ties are permissible. No advertising matter shall appear on the person or clothing of seconds or managers or on the person or clothing of anyone appearing in the ring in any capacity.

(3) A second holding only a second's license shall not attempt to act as a manager, or assist in any way in procuring matches, or take a share of the boxer's earnings. If found guilty of such actions he shall be suspended.

(4) Seconds shall not be more than three in number, including "house assistant second".

(5) Seconds must not coach or in any way assist a principal during a round, or by word or action attempt to heckle or annoy his opponent. They must remain seated in place and be silent.

(6) Before a bout a referee shall be informed of the identity of the chief second.

(7) No father, brother, mother, sister or wife of a boxer shall be allowed to act as his second unless special permission is obtained in writing from the commission.

(8) Fans may be used between rounds, swinging of towels prohibited. Seconds must not spray or forcefully throw water on a contestant.

(9) Seconds shall not enter a ring until the bell indicates the end of a round. They shall leave the ring at the sound of the timer's whistle ten seconds before a round is to begin, removing all obstructions, buckets, stools, etc., promptly at the sounding of the gong.

(10) Violations of the above rules shall be followed by ejection of offenders from the ring corner; and may result in indefinite suspension of the offenders and disqualification of their principal by the referee.

WAC 36-12-330 Contracts. (1) All contracts between clubs and boxers or their managers must be drawn in triplicate on the official forms supplied by the commission. The original copy for the state athletic commission must be filed at the commission office at least five days before the bout.

(2) All contracts must name the opponent and fix a certain date for the contest. If a boxer is signed for a series of bouts, dates and names of opponents must be a part of the agreement and a separate contract signed for each bout. Each contract shall be accompanied by a affidavit, signed by the boxer or manager and properly attested, giving an accurate account of his ring record. Such affidavit shall be in a form and style prescribed by the commission.

(3) It is provided, however, that should the club desire to rematch the boxer with the winner of an ensuing contest that may be done by writing in the space reserved for opponent's name. as follows: "(Name) or (name) or the winner of their contest on (date)." In signing the opponent in the case the matchmaker of the club may sign both principals in the said ensuing contest and with consent of all parties to the contract, have written in the blank space below, in each of their official contracts the provisions: "This contract shall become null and void if the boxer loses the contest with (name of opponent) on (date) and may be declared null and void at the pleasure of the club in the event of a "draw" decision, or a decision of "no decision."

(4) All papers filed with the commission, shall be the property of the commission.

(5) No verbal agreement or written agreement other than the contract on the official contract form, and no "blanket contract" or option on a boxer's services will be recognized by the commission. Such options and contracts are expressly prohibited.

(6) All contracts shall be paid in full according to their contracts, and no part or percentage of their remuneration may be withheld except by order of the commission or its referee, nor shall any part thereof be returned through arrangement with the boxer and his manager, to any matchmaker or club official.

(7) As a matter of record all communications to the commission regarding contracts, or violations or threatened violations thereof, must be made in writing or by telegraph to the commission through its nearest chief inspector, and rulings of the chief inspector or the commission must be made only in writing or by telegraph.

(8) If, through inclement weather (in case of an outdoor show), or other happening not within the control of the club, a postponement becomes necessary, the commission may grant an extension of the contracts and set a new date, and the action of the commission shall be binding upon all parties to the contracts. A small advance sale shall not be regarded as a legitimate reason for a postponement.