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## CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 97-025

### Comments

**[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 1994.]**

#### **1. Statutory Authority**

a. Section 444.02, Stats., gives the department statutory authority to promulgate all of its rules relating to the regulation of amateur and professional boxing in Wisconsin. It should be cited in SECTION 2 of this rule-making order.

b. Section 444.05, Stats., describes an amateur in part to be a person who receives no compensation other than certain awards inscribed to show that they are given for participation in an amateur boxing exhibition. However, according to the statute, the value of any article given to a contestant may not exceed the sum of \$35. The definitions of the term “amateur” in ss. RL 100.02 (1) and 110.02 (5m) do not refer to this statutory limit of \$35. The definitions should be reviewed for consistency with s. 444.05, Stats.

#### **2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code**

a. Section RL 100.02 (1) should be rewritten. The subsection should follow one of the following formats:

- (1) “Amateur” means a boxer who receives no money, compensation or reward for participation . . . show.
- (2) “Amateur show” means an event in which a boxer receives no money, compensation or reward for participation . . . show.

The second alternative may be the most appropriate since provisions in ch. RL 100 refer to “amateur show.” If this alternative is accepted, every occurrence of the word “show” in the chapter should be preceded by the word “amateur.” [These comments also apply to the definition of “professional” in s. RL 110.02 (5m).]

- b. In s. RL 102.08 (2), in the first sentence, substitute “kits” for “kids.”

**5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language**

- a. Sections RL 100.02 (6m) and 110.02 (6m) define the term “second” for amateur and professional boxing matches, respectively. Is there any reason why these definitions are not consistent with each other?

- b. In ss. RL 102.02 and 112.02, if the phrase “airways of assorted sizes” refers to an oxygen tank,” the second comma should be replaced by the word “and.”