

## Chapter RL 110

### DEFINITIONS, LICENSES, PERMITS FOR PROFESSIONAL BOXING

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**RL 110.01 Scope and authority.** The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.03, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93; am. Register, September, 1997, No. 501, eff. 10-1-97.

**RL 110.02 Definitions.** As used in ch. 444, Stats., and in chs. RL 110 to 116:

- (1) "Bout" means a contest between 2 boxers.
- (2) "Boxer" means any person who is licensed under the provisions of ch. RL 115.
- (3) "Cause" means any of the reasons listed in s. RL 116.01.
- (4) "Knock-out" means that a boxer is down as described in s. RL 114.05 for at least 10 seconds as determined by the referee.
- (5) "Permit" means a credential issued to a professional club to conduct a specific professional boxing show.
- (5m) "Professional" means a boxer who receives money or reward, except that "professional" does not mean receiving watches, medals, articles of jewelry, silverware, trophies or ornaments which are suitably inscribed to show that they are given for participating in a show and which do not exceed the sum of \$35.
- (6) "Professional club" means a club licensed under ch. 444, Stats., to conduct professional boxing shows.
- (6m) "Second" means a person who is present during a bout to provide assistance to a boxer.
- (7) "Show" means any boxing or sparring event the admission to which requires the purchase of a ticket or the payment of anything of value. "Show" and "exhibition" as used in ch. 444, Stats., have the same meaning.
- (8) "Sparring" means a show or bout in which the boxers participate for exhibition purposes and the results of the show or bout do not become part of the boxer's boxing record which shows wins or losses. "Sparring" does not include a bout held at a training facility for training purposes, even though people frequently refer to such bouts as "sparring."
- (9) "Stimulant" means amphetamines, cocaine, phenylpropranolamine and ephedrine.
- (10) "Technical knock-out" means that a boxer loses a bout because the boxer discontinues boxing for any reason or because the referee terminates the bout because the boxer is defenseless or incapable of continuing. "Technical knock-out" does not include a situation when a boxer is down for a 10-count by the referee.
- (11) "10-point must scoring system" means a system for scoring each round of a bout in such a way that the winner is awarded 10 points and the loser is awarded 9 points or less. Under this system each judge renders his or her score to the official scorekeeper for a round-by-round tally of points for each boxer. At the end of the bout, the scorekeeper adds the points that each judge gave for each boxer for each round. The winner of the bout is the boxer who receives the higher score from a majority of the judges.

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**RL 110.025 Compliance with federal laws.** Professional clubs, promoters, seconds and boxers shall comply with the professional boxing safety act and provide the department with information, copies of documents, identification cards, copies of contracts, disclosures and notifications, as required by the Act.

**Note:** The Professional Boxing Safety Act may be found in 15 USC §§ 6301 et seq.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01.

**RL 110.03 Professional club license.** (1) APPLICATION. An applicant for a professional club license shall, before conducting a show in this state, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the fee specified in s. 444.03, Stats., and be licensed by the department.

**Note:** Application forms are available on request to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Bureau of Direct Licensing and Real Estate, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P. O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(2) ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be eligible for a license as a professional club an applicant shall:

1. Comply with the requirements in s. 444.03, Stats.;
3. Submit a copy of the articles of incorporation and proof that the secretary of state has filed the articles pursuant to s. 180.0123, Stats.; and
4. Identify all persons connected with or having a proprietary interest in the professional club.

(b) An application shall be denied if the applicant has committed any act which would, if committed by a licensee, subject the licensee to discipline under s. RL 116.01 (1).

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**RL 110.035 Licensure of seconds.** (1) APPLICATION. A person shall, before acting as a second at any professional show, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the fee specified in s. 444.03, Stats., and be licensed by the department.

**Note:** Application forms are available on request to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Bureau of Direct Licensing and Real Estate, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(2) ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be eligible for a license as a second an applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.

(b) The department may deny a license to a person who has committed any act which would, if committed by a licensee, subject the licensee to discipline under s. RL 116.01 (4).

(3) TERM OF LICENSE. A license as a second shall be valid for one year, unless suspended or revoked for cause.

(4) RENEWAL OF LICENSE. A second who chooses to continue licensure after the date of expiration of a license shall file an application for renewal. The criteria and conditions for an original license apply equally to applications for renewal.

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**RL 110.04 Professional show permits; application.** (1) Application for a permit to conduct a professional show shall be made at least 15 calendar days before the date of the show by an authorized representative of a licensed professional club on forms provided by the department and shall include:

- (a) The name and address of the professional club.
- (b) The date, starting time and location of the proposed show.
- (c) A detailed plan for evacuating a seriously injured boxer to a hospital including the name of the professional club representative responsible for evacuating an injured boxer, the method of removal from the ring and the means of transportation to the hospital.
- (d) The time and location of the weigh-in and physical examination.
- (e) A list of the boxers in each bout and, if licensed, the boxer's current license number. An applicant shall also provide the department with information concerning a boxer's boxing history, if requested by the department. If a boxer is not licensed, the boxer shall file an application for a license as a professional boxer. The club may substitute a boxer for any boxer listed on the permit application, provided a request to substitute is submitted to the department no later than 4:30 p.m. of the 4th business day preceding the date of the show and the department approves the substitute boxer pursuant to this section and s. RL 110.05. The club may substitute up to and including 2 additional boxers at any time before a scheduled bout, provided that the boxer or boxers are licensed in Wisconsin, the boxer or boxers provide an affidavit that the boxer or boxers are not under suspension in Wisconsin or any other jurisdiction and both the inspector and the referee agree that permitting the boxer or boxers to fight in a specific scheduled bout would pose no unreasonable risk of harm to the boxers in that bout.

- (em) The number of rounds for which each bout is scheduled.
- (f) A description of the method to be used for selecting judges and for judging and scoring bouts.
- (g) Proof of having obtained the insurance required in s. 444.18, Stats.
- (h) Evidence satisfactory to the department that the professional club has entered into a valid agreement with the owner or manager of the facility where the boxing show will be conducted.

**Note:** Applications for permits are available on request to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Room 281, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

- (2) After receipt of an application for a permit to conduct a professional boxing show, the department may deny the application if the applicant does not provide all the required information, if the department does not have a referee, inspector or ringside physician available on that date or if one or more boxers are not licensed or otherwise eligible to fight, due to failure to comply with conditions in s. RL 114.06 or due to being under a suspension or revocation order issued by another licensing jurisdiction for one of the following reasons:
  - (a) A recent knock-out or series of consecutive losses.
  - (b) An injury, a requirement for a medical procedure, or a physician's denial of certification.
  - (c) Failure of a drug test.

(d) The use of false aliases, or falsifying, or attempting to falsify, official identification cards or documents issued pursuant to ch. 444, Stats., or 15 USC 6305.

(e) Unprofessional conduct or other inappropriate behavior inconsistent with generally accepted methods of competition in a professional boxing show.

(3) The department may require a professional club to pay a permit application fee in an amount which does not exceed the costs incurred by the department for paying the salary and travel expenses of the ringside physician and referee assigned to the professional show.

(4) The department may grant a permit for the show, but withhold approval of one or more boxers to fight in the show.

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**RL 110.05 Permits, issuance and effect.** (1) An application for a permit shall be granted or denied within 15 business days after receipt of the application.

(1m) If the department denies an application for a permit or refuses to approve a participant whose name has been submitted to the department by the applicant, it shall provide the applicant with an opportunity for a hearing. If the department does not approve a boxer to fight in a show, the department shall provide the boxer with the right to a hearing. In either case, the department is not required to hold the hearing before the date submitted to the department pursuant to s. RL 110.04 (1) (b).

(2) Issuance of a permit by the department authorizes a professional club to conduct a professional show under the control of the inspectors, referees and ringside physicians assigned and listed in the permit.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; cr. (1m), am. (2), Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93; am. (1) and (1m), Register, September, 1997, No. 501, eff. 10-1-97.

**RL 110.07 Cancelling a professional show.** (1) At any time during the date of a show an inspector assigned to the show may cancel all or part of a show if:

- (a) The inspector reasonably believes that the show is not being conducted according to rules in chs. RL 110 to 116 or the conditions stated in the permit which authorizes the show; or,
- (b) The inspector reasonably believes that the show poses an unreasonable threat to the health or safety of a boxer, the spectators, or an official.

(2) The department may cancel a show at any time for violation of rules in chs. RL 110 to 116.

(3) A professional club may cancel a show by notifying the department and those members of the media whom the club initially notified about the show at least 24 hours before the show is scheduled to begin.

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