

## Chapter RL 111

### OFFICIALS FOR BOXING EVENTS

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**RL 111.01 Promoters and clubs.** A promoter or a club that has been issued a permit to conduct a professional boxing event by the department shall comply with all of the following:

(1) Provide proof of having complied with s. 444.035, Stats., to ensure payment of the expenses incurred in conducting an event including, in order of priority, the department, the boxers and the officials.

(2) Have a current license as a promoter or club.

(3) Submit to the department the bout agreement, on forms provided by the department, between a promoter and a boxer that includes the name and address of the professional boxer.

**Note:** Forms are available upon request to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Professional Credentialing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708, or on the department's website at: <http://drl.wi.gov>.

(4) Submit an application for an event permit that complies with this chapter and ss. 444.02, 444.03, and 444.18, Stats.

(5) Have a separate divider between ring and spectators. The divider shall be approved by the inspector or department representative.

(6) Issue tickets that comply with all ticket and tax rules as defined in s. 444.02, Stats., and have all of the following:

(a) Price and date of the event printed on the ticket.

(b) Seat, row and section number, if applicable, printed on the ticket.

(c) The word "complimentary" printed on the ticket in a prominent manner for all complimentary tickets.

(7) Provide a box office statement, a ticket manifest, or a certified invoice from the ticket printer to the commissioner or department representative. Grant access to the inspector or department representative to all books, records and papers regarding the scheduled professional boxing event, upon request.

(8) Obtain medical and life insurance for each boxer competing in a professional boxing event pursuant to s. 444.18, Stats., and comply with all of the following:

(a) The amount of medical insurance shall not be less than \$25,000 and shall be paid to or for the use of a boxer that sustains an injury during a contest.

(b) The amount of life insurance shall not be less than \$25,000 per boxer and shall be paid to the boxer's estate if he or she dies as a result of competing in a professional boxing event.

(c) Boxers shall not waive the insurance coverage pursuant to any agreement with a promoter or club nor be responsible for any insurance deductible payments related to the promoter's duty to obtain insurance pursuant to sub. (8).

(d) Promoters shall submit to the department verification that medical and life insurance have been obtained for each boxer no later than 4 days prior to the event.

(9) Shall not begin conducting an event without the presence of one department representative, one licensed referee, at least 3 licensed judges, at least one licensed physician, an ambulance, emergency medical personnel, and security personnel on site.

(10) Supply the boxer's gloves. Gloves shall be approved by the inspector or department representative. New gloves never previously worn shall be supplied for both contestants for all title bouts, including state title bouts.

(11) Have disposable garbage bags in each dressing room and at ringside.

(12) Provide cleaning solution used for cleaning blood and debris in the ring. A solution of 10% bleach and 90% water is an acceptable solution.

(13) Provide police or private security forces for the protection of the public with at least one commissioned police officer on site during the professional boxing event.

(14) Begin all events at the time designated on the event permit issued by the department. Failure by a promoter or club to begin a professional boxing event at the time designated on the permit may result in disciplinary action by the department.

(15) No promoter, club or boxer shall exhibit any type of entrance theme that includes music, video, or any type of physical display that contains any profanity or any derogatory ethnic remarks. Failure to comply with this subsection may result in disciplinary action, including a suspension or forfeiture, by the department.

(16) No promoter or club shall allow a round card girl, round card model, or any of the promoter's agents to use any language, including profanity or derogatory ethnic remarks, or any conduct or performance that the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find appeals to the prurient interest; describes or shows sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; or lacks serious literary, artistic, political, educational or scientific value, in accordance with s. 944.21 (2) (d), Stats. Any promoter violating this subsection will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including being suspended for up to 6 months and be subject to criminal prosecution in accordance with s. 944.21 (3) (b) and (5), Stats.

(17) Submit a written report, verified by the promoter or club's officer, to the department within 2 business days after conducting the professional boxing event pursuant to s. 444.04, Stats. Failure to timely file a complete and accurate report may result in disciplinary action by the department pursuant to s. 444.04, Stats., and may cause the department to examine the books and records of the promoter or club as prescribed in s. 444.15, Stats. The report shall include all of the following:

(a) Total number of tickets sold, including complimentary tickets.

(b) Total amount of gross proceeds.

(c) All unsold tickets with the stubs attached.

(18) Provide emergency medical personnel and equipment for the event and for evacuating a seriously injured boxer to a hospital including the name of the promoter or club's designated representative responsible for evacuating an injured boxer, the method of removal from the contest area, the means of transportation to the hospital, and the name of the nearest hospital.

(19) Provide the pregnancy tests for female boxers.

(20) Provide department approved sound devices for the assigned timekeeper's use.

(21) Compensate all officials and boxers.

(22) Pay the gross receipt taxes as defined in s. 444.02 (3), Stats.

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**RL 111.02 Inspectors.** (1) Inspectors assigned to a professional boxing event by the department represent the department and are delegated the department's authority to conduct the professional boxing event from the time of the weigh-in and pre-bout physical examination until 24 hours after the completion of the last bout in the scheduled contest or the final determination of all bouts pursuant to s. 444.06, Stats.

(2) Additional inspectors may be assigned or designated by the department at any one venue for any one event and shall be compensated by the promoter or club in accordance with s. 444.06, Stats., including their actual and necessary travel expenses.

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**RL 111.03 Judges.** (1) The department shall assign the judges for a professional boxing event. A judge has all of the following duties and responsibilities once assigned to an event:

(a) Each judge shall render an independent decision at the end of each round of each bout.

(b) Each judge shall give their scorecard to the referee at the end of each round and at the end of the final event. The referee shall transfer the judge's scorecard to the inspector assigned to the event.

(c) Each judge shall use the 10-point must scoring system to determine the result of a bout.

(2) The department may not assign a person to act as a judge if it has reasonable proof that the person is any one of the following:

(a) Not competent to act as a judge.

(b) Has a conflict of interest.

(c) Has been subject to a disciplinary action by the department or another jurisdiction that prohibits the person from acting as a judge.

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**RL 111.04 Referees.** (1) The department shall assign the referee for a professional boxing event. The assigned referee represents the department for the purpose of regulating bouts during a boxing contest. A referee has all of the following duties and responsibilities once assigned to an event:

(a) Regulate the boxers and others in the ring, according to this chapter and ch. 444, Stats.

(b) Maintain, direct and control each bout at all stages.

(c) Stop a boxing contest to prevent a weakened or outclassed boxer from receiving excessive punishment, pursuant to s. 444.12, Stats. The referee is the sole arbiter of a contest.

(d) Interpret the rules relevant to a bout, make a determination, and take action upon any circumstance of a bout not covered by a rule.

(2) The department may not assign a person to act as a referee if it has reasonable proof that the person is any one of the following:

(a) Not competent to act as a referee.

(b) Has a conflict of interest.

(c) Has been subject to a disciplinary action by the department or another jurisdiction that prohibits the person from acting as a referee.

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**RL 111.05 Ringside physicians.** The department shall assign the ringside physician for a professional boxing event. The assigned ringside physician represents the department for the purpose of protecting the health and welfare of boxers participating in boxing events. The ringside physician shall do all of the following:

(1) Examine each boxer and certify that a boxer is physically able to compete in a boxing contest.

(2) Maintain continuous attendance at ringside to observe the physical condition of boxers during bouts and be prepared to administer emergent medical procedures to boxers who receive injuries during bouts.

(3) Attend injured boxers between bouts.

(4) Consult with the referee to determine whether a bout should be interrupted or stopped to prevent a weakened or out-classed boxer from receiving excessive punishment, pursuant to s. 444.12, Stats.

(5) Complete department records and reports.

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**RL 111.06 Timekeepers.** The department shall assign the timekeeper for a professional boxing event. The assigned timekeeper represents the department for the purpose of keeping time and documenting time during boxing events. The timekeeper shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide 2 stopwatches that have been examined and approved by the inspector or department representative.

(2) Give a 10 second warning before the beginning of each round to signal all unauthorized persons to leave the contest area before a bout begins.

(3) Give a 10 second warning before the end of a round to indicate that the end of a round is approaching.

(4) Provide notice that a round has concluded.

(5) If a bout terminates before the scheduled limit of a round, inform the inspector or department representative of the exact duration of the bout.

(6) Start the second clock whenever a boxer is knocked out and report to the ringside physician the entire time the boxer was unconscious.

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**RL 111.07 Officials' pay schedule.** (1) The commissioner or department representative shall appoint all licensed officials for all professional boxing events. Promoters shall compensate all officials appointed by the commissioner or department representative in accordance with the following pay schedule:

(a) A minimum of 3 judges at a minimum of \$150 each.

(b) A minimum of one referee at a minimum of \$300 each.

(c) Inspectors up to \$250 each.

(d) The department shall assign a minimum of one ringside physician, but may assign additional ringside physicians as needed subject to the discretion of the department, who shall be assigned as either:

1. The primary physician at a minimum of \$600 and shall attend the official weigh-in, conduct the pre-bout examination, and be in attendance at ringside during each bout for the entire event.

2. The secondary physician at a minimum of \$300 and shall be in attendance during the entire event and conduct post-bout physical examinations. In the event of injuries to multiple boxers, the assigned primary physician may assist the secondary physician by alternating duties between attending boxers and remaining at ringside during bouts. Each physician shall provide all medical supplies that will be needed to attend boxers and conduct examinations.

(e) A minimum of one timekeeper at a minimum of \$75 each.

(2) An individual who participates in an event as more than one type of official, alternating between individual professional bouts, shall be compensated at the rate of the highest level at which the individual officiated the event pursuant to s. 444.06, Stats.

(3) The department reserves the right to require additional payments to assigned officials based on any one of the following factors:

- (a) Number of professional bouts scheduled for the event.
- (b) Type of venue, including the venue's seating capacity.
- (c) Live broadcast of the event.
- (d) Inclusion of a title bout at the event.

(e) Travel more than 90 miles from the official's residence in performance of their duties. The official traveling more than 90 miles may be entitled to an additional \$150 for hotels, meals, mileage and necessary expenses incurred to fulfill his or her duties.

(4) No later than 4 business days before the scheduled event, the department and the promoter or professional club shall have agreed to the amount of compensation for the officials assigned to the event. Failure to reach an agreement on the amount of compensation for assigned officials by the deadline may result in the cancellation of the event.

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