

## Chapter RL 194

## OFFICIALS FOR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS SPORTING EVENTS

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**RL 194.01 Promoter duties.** All promoters that have been issued a permit to conduct a mixed martial arts event by the department shall comply with all of the following:

(1) Provide proof of having complied with s. 444.035, Stats., and s. RL 193.01, to ensure payment of the expenses incurred in conducting an event including, in order of priority, the department, contestants and the officials.

(2) Have a current license as a mixed martial arts promoter.

(3) Submit to the department the bout agreement executed between a promoter and a contestant on a form provided by the department that includes the name and address of the contestant. No bout agreement may provide that a contestant shall fight exclusively for one promoter or at the option of the promoter for amateur contestants.

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

(4) Have submitted an application for an event that complies with s. RL 193.12 and ss. 444.02 (3), 444.035, 444.095 (2) (c) and (d), and 444.18, Stats.

(5) Submit all contestants' names to Mixed Martial Arts LLC, or the official record keeper designated by the Association of Boxing Commission and the commissioner or department representative for approval.

(6) Have a separate divider between the cage or fenced area and spectators. The divider shall be approved by the inspector or department representative. If the divider is not a solid barrier, then a uniformed officer.

(7) Issue tickets that comply with all ticket and tax rules as defined in s. 444.02 (3) (b) and (c), Stats., and have all of the following:

- (a) Price and date of the event.
- (b) Seat, row, and section number, if applicable.
- (c) The word "complimentary" in a prominent manner for all such tickets.

(d) Provide a certified invoice from the ticket printer which indicates the total number of tickets printed in each price range, including the number of complimentary tickets.

(8) Have obtained medical and life insurance for each contestant competing in the event pursuant to s. 444.18, Stats.

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

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

(11) Contestants may not waive the insurance coverage and are not responsible for any deductible payments.

(12) A promoter shall submit to the department verification that medical and life insurance have been obtained for each contestant no later than 4 days prior to the event.

(13) Shall not begin conducting an event without the presence of one licensed referee, at least 3 licensed judges, at least 2 licensed physicians, an ambulance, emergency medical person-

nel, and security personnel present on site pursuant to s. 444.095 (2), Stats.

(14) Shall supply the contestant's gloves. The gloves shall be approved by the inspector, department representative or referee.

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

(16) Provide cleaning solution to be used for cleaning blood and debris in the cage or fenced area. A solution of 10% bleach and 90% water is an acceptable solution.

(17) Shall provide police or private security forces for the protection of the public, with at least one commissioned police officer on site during the event.

(18) Begin all events at the time designated on the event permit issued by the department. Failure to begin an event at the designated time may result in disciplinary action by the department.

(19) No promoter or contestant may exhibit any type of entrance theme that includes music, video, or any type of physical display that contains any profanity or derogatory ethnic remarks. Failure to comply will subject the promoter or contestant to disciplinary action by the department.

(20) No promoter 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.

(21) Submit a written report, verified by the promoter, to the department within 2 business days of conducting an event. Failure to timely file a complete and accurate report shall 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 as described in s. 444.15, Stats. The report shall include all of the following:

- (a) Number of tickets sold, including the number of complimentary tickets.
- (b) Total amount of gross proceeds.
- (c) All unsold tickets with the stubs attached.

(22) Shall provide emergency medical personnel and equipment for the event and for evacuating a seriously injured contestant to a hospital, including the name of the promoter or designated representative responsible for evacuating an injured contestant, the method of removal from the contest area, the means of transportation to the hospital, and the name of the nearest hospital, pursuant to s. RL 193.12 (1) (i) and s. 444.095 (2) (c) and (d), Stats.

(23) Shall pay for pregnancy testing and drug testing of contestants.

(24) Shall compensate all officials and contestants.

(25) The commissioner, inspector, or department representative may request a promoter place at least 2 video screens which meet the approval of the commissioner, inspector or department representative which will allow patrons to view action inside the cage or fenced area.

(26) Shall pay the gross receipt tax as defined in s. 444.02 (3), Stats. The tax is due and payable to the state within 2 business days of the event and shall be paid with a separate check upon determination by the inspector of the gross admission receipts.

(27) Comply with all rules and regulations relating to promoting events.

(28) Provide department approved sound devices for the timekeeper.

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**RL 194.02 Inspectors' duties at events.** (1) Inspectors assigned to an event by the department represent the department and are delegated the department's authority to conduct the 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 event 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 in accordance with s. 444.06, Stats., including their actual and necessary travel expenses.

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**RL 194.03 Judges' duties at events.** (1) Once assigned to an event, a judge has all of the following duties and responsibilities:

(a) Shall render an independent decision at the end of each round of each bout.

(b) Shall give their score card to the referee at the end of each round and at the end of the final round of an amateur mixed martial arts event, who shall transfer them to the inspector assigned to the event.

(c) Shall use the 10–point must scoring system to determine the result of a bout and their decision shall be final.

(2) The department shall assign the judges for an event. The department may not assign a person to act as a judge if it has reasonable proof that the person is any 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.

(3) All judges are independent contractors and shall be assigned at the discretion of the commissioner, or department representative.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11.

**RL 194.04 Referees' duties at events.** (1) Once assigned to an event a referee has all of the following duties and responsibilities:

(a) Represent the department for the purpose of regulating mixed martial arts contestants and others in the contest area, pursuant to chs. RL 192 to 196, the Association of Boxing Commissions' uniform rules of mixed martial arts, and ch. 444, Stats.

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

(c) Before the bout, obtain the name of the chief second responsible for the conduct of any assistant second.

(d) Prevent a weakened or outclassed mixed martial arts contestant from receiving excessive punishment.

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

(f) Caution, warn or disqualify a mixed martial arts contestant for committing a foul.

(g) Act as the sole arbiter of the bout. The referee is the only official authorized to stop a bout pursuant to s. 444.12, Stats.

(h) Conduct rule meetings with each contestant.

(i) Consult with the ringside physician as needed during an event.

(j) Issue cautions and deduct points for committed fouls.

(k) Inspect the contest area before the beginning of any event.

(2) Attire for all mixed martial arts referees shall be dark trousers or coaching pants with a black pull over shirt with a collar. The referee's shoes shall be black and athletic so that the referee is able to maintain good footing on the surface of the contest area. Referees for title bouts may wear the assigned uniform of the championship body.

(3) The department shall assign the referee for an event. The department may not assign a person to act as a referee if it has reasonable proof that the person is any 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.

(4) All referees are independent contractors and shall be assigned at the discretion of the commissioner, or department representative.

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**RL 194.05 Ringside physician's duties at events.** Once assigned to an event a ringside physician has all of the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) Be prepared to administer medical procedures to contestants.

(2) Attend the official weigh-in.

(3) Conduct the pre-bout physical examination, including examining each contestant no earlier than 30 hours and no later than 2 hours before the event and certifying on forms provided by the department as to the physical fitness of a contestant to compete in a contest.

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(4) Continuous observation at cage side of the physical condition of contestants during bouts including being prepared to administer emergent medical procedures to contestants that receive injuries during bouts.

(5) Conduct post-bout physical examinations, including recommending medical suspensions and medical requirements that must be met to clear medical suspensions.

(6) Attending injured contestants between bouts.

(7) Complete records and reports.

(8) Provide all medical supplies that will be needed to attend contestants and conduct examinations.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11.

**RL 194.06 Second's duties at events.** (1) A maximum of 3 licensed seconds will be allowed to assist any one contestant or be positioned in a designated area by a cage or fenced area during a bout. For championship bouts there may be 4 licensed seconds allowed to assist any one contestant. The appropriate number of licensed seconds allowed for championship and non-championship bouts will be subject to the approval of the

commissioner or department representative and based on venue size and space.

(2) A maximum of 2 seconds may enter the contest area to tend to a contestant between rounds. In case of an open cut, the ringside physician or a cut man who is licensed as a second may enter the cage or fenced area. No person other than the contestants and referee may enter the cage or fenced area during a bout.

(3) There shall be no profanity, insults or degrading language from anyone working the corner.

(4) If a second leaves the designated area the contestant will be disqualified.

(5) Any person violating any rule while working the corner will be disqualified for the remainder of the event and subject to disciplinary action.

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**RL 194.07 Timekeepers' duties at events.** Once assigned to an event a timekeeper has all of the following duties and responsibilities:

(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 contestant area before a bout begins.

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

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**RL 194.08 Officials' pay schedule.** (1) The commissioner or department representative shall appoint all licensed officials for all mixed martial arts 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 based upon need as determined by the department. A ringside physician shall be assigned as either one of the following:

1. The primary physician at a minimum of \$600, not including the cost of any negotiated services or supplies, shall attend the official weigh-in, conduct the pre-bout physical examination, and be in attendance at cage side during each bout for the entire event, or

2. The secondary physician at a minimum of \$300 shall be in attendance during the entire event and conduct post-bout physical examinations. In the event of injuries to multiple contestants, the assigned primary physician may assist the secondary physician by alternating duties between attending contestants and remaining at ringside during bouts. Each physician must provide all medical supplies that will be needed to attend contestants 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 who 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) An official that travels more than 90 miles from their residence may be reimbursed up to an additional \$150 for lodging, meals, mileage, and necessary expenses incurred in performance of their 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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