

## Chapter RL 112

## EQUIPMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOXING SHOWS

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**RL 112.005 Authority.** The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.09, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1997, No. 501, eff. 10-1-97.

**RL 112.01 Ring.** All shows shall be conducted in a ring which meets the following requirements:

(1) The ring shall be a square of not less than 16 nor more than 20 feet on a side within the ropes. The apron of the ring floor shall extend at least 18 inches beyond the ropes. The ring may not be more than 4 feet above the floor of the building or grounds of an outdoor arena and shall have 3 sets of suitable steps for the use of boxers, coaches, and officials, one in each boxer's corner and one in a neutral corner or area for use by ringside physicians and referees.

(2) The ring shall be circumscribed with at least 4 ropes. Ropes may not be less than one inch in diameter. Ropes may not be made of metal. Ropes shall be wrapped securely with soft material. The lowest rope shall be 18 inches above the ring floor, the second rope 30 inches, the third rope 42 inches, and the fourth rope 54 inches above the ring floor. The ropes shall be secured with 2 spacer ties on each side of the ring. The ring floor shall be padded with a one-inch layer of padding of felt, rubber or other similar material, placed on a one-inch base of building board or similar supporting base. Padding shall be covered with canvas duck, or similar material tightly stretched and laced securely in place, preferably under the apron.

(3) Ring posts shall be at least 3 inches in diameter, extending from the floor to the height of 58 inches above the ring floor. Ropes shall be connected to posts with the extension not shorter than 18 inches. Turn-buckles shall be covered with a protective padding. Full-length vertical corner pads shall be secured in place.

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

**RL 112.02 Emergency equipment.** The professional club holding the permit shall have at least one properly charged oxygen tank with a suitable mask and airways of assorted sizes, and it shall have a stretcher available at ringside.

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

**RL 112.03 Gloves.** Gloves approved by the inspector shall be worn by boxers in all bouts. Only thumbless or thumb-attached gloves shall be approved.

(1) Boxing gloves for male boxers may be not less than 5 oz. each in weight when worn by a boxer under 140 pounds, and not less than 6 oz. when worn by a boxer weighing 140 pounds or more. Boxing gloves for female boxers may be not less than 8 oz. each in weight when worn by a boxer under 154 pounds, and not less than 10 oz. when worn by a boxer weighing 154 pounds or more.

(2) Gloves shall be whole, clean and in sanitary condition. Breaking, roughing or twisting of gloves is prohibited. No foreign substances may be applied to gloves except for wrapping around the wrist area to safely secure the laces.

(3) The inspector shall be responsible for rejecting gloves that may pose a safety or health problem to the professional boxer.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. (intro.) and cr. (3), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. (1), Register, September, 1997, No. 501, eff. 10-1-97; am. (1), Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01.

**RL 112.04 Bandage specifications.** (1) Boxers may wear a bandage on each hand that consists of no more than 20 yards of soft gauze that is not more than 2 inches wide and that is held in place by not more than 8 feet of adhesive tape that is not more than 1 1/2 inches wide. The tape may not cover any part of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist. Boxers may not use water or any other liquid or material on the tape.

(a) The roll worn by boxers weighing more than 156 pounds may be longer than 10 yards, but may not exceed 12 yards.

(b) Boxers may use one training wrap type bandage on each hand not to exceed 6 feet 6 inches in length, held in place by a strip of one-inch adhesive tape not more than 8 inches in length around each wrist.

(2) No substance other than above prescribed may be used between the fingers or over the knuckles.

(3) Bandages that cover a boxer's hand shall be put on under the supervision of the department's inspector or a person delegated by the inspector and one representative of the opposing boxer, if the opposing boxer so requests.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. (1) (intro.), Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93; r. and recr. (1), cr. (3), Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01.

**RL 112.05 Dress.** (1) Boxers shall box in proper dress including an approved foul-proof protection cup for a male boxer, a breast protector for a female boxer, trunks with a belt line below or at the waistline, shoes of soft material, without spikes, cleats or heels, and socks which may extend to within one inch below the knee.

(2) Boxers may not wear metal straps, buckles, necklaces, jewelry or other objects.

(3) Boxers may not use any type of grease, cosmetics or other substance on the body, except that a small amount of vaseline may be used.

(4) Boxers shall secure their hair with soft, non-abrasive material if the referee informs them that their hair interferes with their vision.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. (1), Register, September, 1997, No. 501, eff. 10-1-97; am. (3), cr. (4), Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01.

**RL 112.06 Mouthpieces.** Boxers shall wear an individually form-fitted mouthpiece during each round. If a boxer loses his or her mouthpiece during a round, the referee shall have it replaced during the first break in the action. The referee may deduct points from a boxer who demonstrates a continued pattern of losing a mouthpiece during a bout.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01.

**RL 112.07 Headgear.** Boxers, other than those who are participating in a sparring bout, may wear headgear. Boxers who

are participating in a sparring bout shall wear headgear. Headgear shall be approved by the inspector and meet substantially the following specifications:

- (1) Headgear shall be adjustable to different head sizes.
- (2) The total weight may not exceed 12 ounces.
- (3) The outer casing of the headgear shall be constructed of tanned sheepskin of not less than 2, nor more than 3 ounces in weight.
- (4) Padding at back of head, ears, and temple area shall consist of 1/4-inch thickness of closed-cell padding.
- (5) Padding for the area above the eyes shall consist of a combination padding of 1/4-inch closed-cell padding and 3/8-inch latex foam rubber cemented together.
- (6) Padding for the ears shall consist of 1/2-inch flat foam rubber on the outside, fitted in a semi-circle.
- (7) Lace tips or any exposed metal is prohibited. The buckle under the chin shall be thoroughly protected.
- (8) The inner casing of the headgear shall be lined with 2 1/2 ounces of tanned unfinished sheepskin.

(9) All padding shall be cemented to the casing.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85.

**RL 112.08 Corner equipment.** (1) Every second working in a boxer's corner shall have the following equipment:

- (a) First aid supplies.
- (b) Clean towels.
- (c) Sterile gauze pads, sterile cotton and cotton tipped swabs.
- (d) Ice-filled bag.

(2) Seconds shall submit first aid kits and corner equipment to the ringside physician for inspection and approval before a show. Kits and equipment may not include stimulants.

(3) In case of a cut, a boxer's seconds may only make topical use of the following:

- (a) A solution of adrenaline 1/1000.
- (b) Avetine.
- (c) Thrombin.

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