

## Chapter SPS 192

## MIXED MARTIAL ARTS SPORTING EVENTS

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**Subchapter I — Authority and Definitions**

**SPS 192.101 Authority.** The rules in this chapter are adopted under the authority in ss. 227.11 (2), 444.035, 444.04, 444.06, 444.095 (3), and 444.19, Stats.

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**SPS 192.102 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) "ABC's unified rules" means the unified rules of mixed martial arts as adopted by the Association of Boxing Commissions.

**Note:** Under section 444.095 (4) of the Statutes, "...mixed martial arts contests shall be conducted under the Association of Boxing Commissions' uniform rules of mixed martial arts...", except as otherwise specified in that chapter.

(2) "Amateur" means an individual participating in a mixed martial arts contest who neither receives nor competes for any purse, article, or thing that exceeds \$50.00 in value for that participation.

(3) "Anabolic steroid" means any drug or hormonal substance as defined in s. 961.01 (2m) (a), Stats.

(4) "Cage" means a fenced enclosure in which promotional organizations hold mixed martial arts matches that meet the ABC's unified rules.

(5) "Choke" means a submission technique that restricts blood flow in the carotid arteries and results in a contestant either tapping-out or losing consciousness. A "choke" includes the guillotine choke, rear-naked choke, leg triangle choke, and arm triangle choke.

(6) "Commissioner" means a person duly authorized to represent the department in administering the regulation of professional and amateur mixed martial arts fighting contests.

(7) "Contest" means a group of bouts organized as a single event.

(8) "Contestant" means a person licensed by the department who competes in a mixed martial arts bout.

(9) "Controlled substance" means a substance as defined in s. 961.01 (4), Stats.

(10) "Corner" means the portion of the fighting area that is reserved for a contestant and his or her seconds between rounds.

(11) "Department" means the department of safety and professional services.

(12) "Drug" means a controlled substance as defined in ch. 961, Stats.

(13) "Grappling" means techniques of throwing, locking, holding, and wrestling, as opposed to kicking and punching an opposing contestant.

(14) "Guard" means a basic position in which one contestant lies on his or her back with his or her knees and legs open, unless the context requires otherwise. If the opposing contestant is between his or her legs, the opponent is in his or her "guard." Depending upon the leg position of the contestant on his or her back, the "guard" is referred to as being an open, closed, half, butterfly, spider, or rubber band "guard."

(15) "Mixed martial arts" means the convergence of techniques from a variety of combative sports disciplines including boxing, wrestling, judo, jujitsu and kickboxing. "Mixed martial arts" techniques may be broken down into 2 categories: striking and grappling.

(16) "Mount" means a basic position in which a contestant gains top position and controls his or her opponent by sitting on top of them in the full "mount" position, or from the side of the opponent in the side "mount."

(17) "Official" means a referee, judge, timekeeper, ringside physician, inspector or department representative involved in conducting a professional or amateur mixed martial arts event.

(17m) "Pankration" means a combative sport combining techniques of both boxing and wrestling.

**Note:** Under s. 444.01 (1j) (b), Stats., pankration is not defined as a mixed martial arts contest if the rules prohibit head strikes with the intent to cause unconsciousness or inflict damage. When head strikes are allowed, pankration is regulated under the authority given to the department.

(18) "Promoter" means any person, club, corporation, or association, and in the case of a corporate promoter includes any

officer, director, employee, or stockholder, who conducts, produces, arranges, or stages any mixed martial arts contest.

**(19)** “Second” means an assistant to a contestant during a bout, unless the context requires otherwise.

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## Subchapter II — License Applications and Permits

**SPS 192.201 Bond required for promoter and club license.** Any promoter or club who wishes to conduct a professional or amateur mixed martial arts contest shall post a bond or other surety of not less than \$10,000 as required by s. 444.035, Stats., with their application for a promoter or club license, to ensure payment of the expenses incurred in conducting an event including, in order of priority, the department, contestants and the officials.

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**SPS 192.202 Promoter’s license. (1) APPLICATION.** Any person, club, corporation or association who wishes to conduct a mixed martial arts event in this state shall, before conducting an event, submit an application for a promoter’s license on forms provided by the department, together with the \$500 fee, as specified in s. 444.03, Stats.

**Note:** Applications are available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Professional Credentialing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department’s website at: <http://dspd.wi.gov>.

**(2) ELIGIBILITY.** (a) To be eligible for a promoter’s license, an applicant shall do all of the following:

1. Comply with the requirements in s. 444.03, Stats.
2. Comply with the requirements in s. 444.11, Stats., if applicable; submit a copy of their articles of incorporation and proof that the secretary of state has filed their articles pursuant to s. 180.0122, Stats.; and identify all persons connected with or having a proprietary interest in the professional club, corporation or association and the percentage of proprietary interest.
3. Acquire appropriate knowledge of the proper conduct of competition involved in the sport of mixed martial arts.
4. Post a \$10,000 bond, or other surety made payable to the department, a copy of the certificate verifying the approval and the filing of the bond, or other surety with the department.

(b) The department shall issue a promoter’s license if it finds that the applicant is not in default on any payments, obligations, or debts payable to the state of Wisconsin.

(c) The department may deny a license to an applicant who has committed any act that would, if committed by a licensee, subject the applicant to discipline under subch. V.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr. eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (2) (c) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.202 from section SPS 193.02 and am. (2) (a) (intro.), 2., 3., (c) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.203 Matchmaker’s license. (1) APPLICATION.** A person shall, before acting as a matchmaker at any mixed martial arts event, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the \$10 fee as specified in s. 444.11, Stats.

**Note:** Applications are available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Professional Credentialing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department’s website at: <http://dspd.wi.gov>.

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

(b) The department may deny a license to an applicant who has committed any act that would, if committed by a licensee, subject the applicant to discipline under subch. V.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.04, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (2) (b) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.203 from section SPS 193.03 and am. (2) (b) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–13.

**SPS 192.204 Contestant’s license. (1) APPLICATION.** A person shall, before acting as a professional or amateur contestant at any event, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the \$40 fee as specified in s. 444.11, Stats.

**Note:** Applications are available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Professional Credentialing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department’s website at: <http://dspd.wi.gov>.

**(2) ELIGIBILITY.** To be eligible for a license as a professional or amateur mixed martial arts contestant, an applicant shall comply with all of the following:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age.
- (b) Submit to the department an application for an Association of Boxing Commissions’ mixed martial arts national identification number along with a \$10 processing fee or a \$10 replacement fee.
- (c) Submit results of a complete physical examination by a physician, including any laboratory tests, conducted no more than 180 days before the date of the application and conducted in accordance with ch. 448, Stats., affirming all of the following:

1. Negative HIV.
2. Negative hepatitis B surface antigen. If a contestant had a failing hepatitis B antigen test, the contestant shall pass a hepatitis B “PCR” quantitative test. The quantitative limit shall be within permissible limits according to the laboratory where the test was administered.
3. Negative hepatitis C antibody. If a contestant had a failing hepatitis C antibody test, the contestant shall pass a hepatitis C “PCR” quantitative test. The quantitative limit shall be within permissible limits according to the laboratory where the test was administered.

(d) Submit results of a favorable eye examination by a licensed physician, ophthalmologist, or optometrist.

(e) If of age 35 or more, submit results of a favorable computed tomography (CT) scan with contrast or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) examination, conducted no more than 180 days before the date of the application, in addition to all other required medical information.

(f) If of age 39 or more, submit favorable results for all of the following in addition to all other required medical information:

1. An MRI/magnetic resonance angiography brain examination conducted no more than 180 days before the date of the application.
2. A stress echocardiogram examination with cardiology clearance conducted no more than 180 days before the date of the application.
3. A metabolic blood profile obtained no more than 180 days before the date of the application.
4. A chest x–ray obtained no more than 2 years before the date of the application.

(g) Submit authorization for releasing medical records to the department.

**(3) DENIAL.** The department may deny a license to an applicant who has committed any act that would, if committed by a licensee, subject the applicant to discipline under subch. V.

**History:** CR 14–013: renum. section 192.204 (title), (1), (2) (intro.), (a) to (c) 3., (d) to (f), (3) from section SPS 193.04 (title), (1), (2) (a), (b) to (d) 3., 4. to 6., (e) and am. (1), (2) (intro.), (b), (c) (intro.), 2., 3., (d) to (f), (3), cr. (2) (g), (3) (title) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.205 Judge's license. (1) APPLICATION.** A person shall, before acting as a judge at any professional contest, submit an application on forms provided by the department with the \$15 fee as specified in s. 444.11, Stats.

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

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

(b) The department may deny a license to an applicant who has committed any act that would, if committed by a licensee, subject the applicant to discipline under subch. V.

(c) The applicant shall obtain an annual examination with corrective lenses. The results of the examination shall be on forms provided by the department.

**(3) QUALIFICATIONS.** In accordance with s. 444.095 (3), Stats., the department shall determine whether a person possesses the knowledge and experience necessary to hold a license as a judge by reviewing one or more of the following:

(a) A certificate of completion of a judge's training program from another state, other regulating bodies such as the Association of Boxing Commissions, and other organizations that have a judge's training program certified by the Association of Boxing Commissions.

(b) A resume with 3 professional references that can verify the number of years of experience as an amateur or professional judge along with a log of experience.

(c) A valid and current license as a judge from another state or organization that regulates the sport of mixed martial arts.

(d) 1. A passing grade on an examination administered by the department that tests the examinee's knowledge of mixed martial arts, and successful completion of the trial judge program specified in subd. 2.

2. The trial judge program administered and supervised by the commissioner, inspector, or department representative shall consist of all of the following:

- a. Observing mixed martial arts events.
- b. Shadowing a licensed judge at mixed martial arts events.
- c. Officiating, on a trial basis, as a judge during a mixed martial arts event under the supervision of the commissioner, inspector, or department representative.

**History:** CR 14–013; renum. section 192.205 (title), (1) to (3) (d) 1., 2. from section SPS 193.05 (title), (1) to (3) (d), (e) and am. (2) (b), (3) (intro.), (a), (d) 1. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.206 Referee's license. (1) APPLICATION.** A person shall, before acting as a referee at any professional event, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the \$15 fee as specified in s. 444.11, Stats.

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

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

(b) The department may deny a license to an applicant who has committed any act that would, if committed by a licensee, subject the applicant to discipline under subch. V.

(c) An applicant shall provide the results of a physical examination conducted by a licensed physician. The results of the examination shall be on forms provided by the department.

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

**(3) QUALIFICATIONS.** In accordance with s. 444.095 (3), Stats., the department shall determine whether a person possesses the knowledge and experience necessary to hold a license as a referee by reviewing one or more of the following:

(a) A certificate of completion of a referee's training program from another state, other regulating bodies such as the Association of Boxing Commissions, and other organizations that have a referee's training program certified by the Association of Boxing Commissions.

(b) A resume with 3 professional references that can verify the number of years of experience as an amateur or professional referee along with a log of experience.

(c) A valid and current license as a referee from another state or another organization that regulates the sport of mixed martial arts.

(d) 1. A passing grade on an examination administered by the department that tests the examinee's knowledge of mixed martial arts, and successful completion of the trial referee program specified in subd. 2.

2. The trial referee program administered and supervised by the commissioner, inspector, or department representative shall consist of all of the following:

- a. Observing mixed martial arts events.
- b. Shadowing a licensed referee at mixed martial arts events.
- c. Officiating, on a trial basis, as a referee during a mixed martial arts event under the supervision of the commissioner, inspector, or department representative.

**History:** EmR1032; emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.07, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102; cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (2) (b) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013; renum. section 192.206 (title), (1) to (3) (d) 1., 2. from section SPS 193.06 (title), (1) to (3) (d), (e) and am. (2) (b), (3) (intro.), (a), (d) 1. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### SPS 192.207 Ringside physician's license.

**(1) APPLICATION.** A person shall, before acting as a ringside physician at any mixed martial arts event, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the \$10 fee as specified in s. 444.11, Stats.

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

**(2) ELIGIBILITY.** (a) To be eligible for a license as a ringside physician, an applicant shall hold a credential to practice medicine in Wisconsin in accordance with ch. 448, Stats.

(b) The department may deny a license to an applicant who has committed any act that would, if committed by a licensee, subject the applicant to discipline under subch. V.

**History:** EmR1032; emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.08, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102; cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (2) (b) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013; renum. section 192.207 from section SPS 193.07 and am. (2) (b) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### SPS 192.208 Second's license. (1) APPLICATION.

A person shall, before acting as a second at any mixed martial arts event, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the \$40 fee as specified in s. 444.11, Stats.

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

**(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 an applicant who has committed any act that would, if committed by a licensee, subject the applicant to discipline under subch. V.

**History:** EmR1032; emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.09, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102; cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (2) (b) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013; renum. section 192.208 from section SPS 193.08 and am. (2) (b) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### SPS 192.209 Timekeeper's license. (1) APPLICATION.

A person shall, before acting as a timekeeper at any mixed martial arts event, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the \$10 fee as specified in s. 444.11, Stats.

**Note:** Applications are available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Professional Credentialing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O.



Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department's website at: <http://dsps.wi.gov>.

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

(b) The department may deny a license to an applicant who has committed any act that would, if committed by a licensee, subject the applicant to discipline under subch. V.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.11, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (2) (b) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.209 from section SPS 193.09 and am. (2) (b) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.210 Term of license.** A license as a promoter, matchmaker, contestant, judge, referee, ringside physician, second, or timekeeper shall expire 12 months after its date of issuance unless suspended or revoked for cause.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.12, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. from section SPS 193.10 and am. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.211 Renewal of license.** A promoter, matchmaker, contestant, judge, referee, ringside physician, second, or timekeeper 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.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.13, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. from section SPS 193.11 Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.212 Permits.** (1) A licensed promoter or club who wishes to conduct a professional or amateur mixed martial arts event shall, before conducting an event, obtain a permit from the department. An application for a permit to conduct an event shall be submitted to the department at least 30 calendar days before the proposed date of the event and no more than 90 calendar days before an event by a promoter or an authorized representative of a licensed professional club, corporation, or association on forms provided by the department and shall include all of the following:

**Note:** Applications for permits are available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Professional Credentialing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department's website at: <http://dsps.wi.gov>.

(a) The name, address, phone number, and license number of the promoter or professional club, corporation, or association.

(b) The name and license number of the matchmaker that the promoter, or professional club, corporation, or association plans to use for the event. If the matchmaker is not licensed in Wisconsin, the event permit application shall include the proposed matchmaker's application for licensure along with all required documents.

(c) The proposed date, starting time, and location of the event as well as all of the following information regarding the venue:

1. Name and address.
2. Seating capacity.
3. A floor plan that indicates the dressing room locations and fire exits.
4. Name and telephone number of the primary contact person of the proposed venue.
5. Evidence satisfactory to the department that the promoter or professional club has entered into a valid agreement with the owner or manager of the venue where the proposed mixed martial arts event will be conducted.

(d) Information regarding whether the proposed event will be all professional, all amateur, or combined professional and amateur, the number of rounds for each scheduled bout, and the proposed number of professional bouts and amateur bouts.

(e) Assurance that at least 8 bouts will be scheduled, except where the commissioner or department representative grants a waiver of bouts.

(f) For a combined professional and amateur event, assurance that the event will start with the amateur bouts and will not include intermixing of professional and amateur bouts.

(g) A non-refundable \$300 permit application processing fee pursuant to s. 444.02 (3), Stats.

(h) The preliminary fight card for the event, that shall include all of the following:

1. The name and weight class of each of the proposed contestants in each bout.
2. Each contestant's Wisconsin license number.
3. Each contestant's Association of Boxing Commissions' mixed martial arts national identification number.
4. Each contestant's contest history.
5. The names and Wisconsin license numbers of each contestant's seconds.
6. The proposed purse.

(i) A detailed plan to provide medical personnel and equipment for the event and for evacuating a seriously injured contestant to a hospital, including the name of the promoter or professional club's representative responsible for evacuating an injured contestant, a detailed evacuation route, method of removal from the contest area, the means of transportation to the hospital, and the name of the nearest hospital, pursuant to s. 444.095 (2) (c) and (d), Stats.

(j) A detailed plan to furnish adequate police or private security forces for the protection of the spectators.

(k) The date, time and location of the official weigh-in and physical examination.

(L) Proof of having obtained the insurance required by s. 444.18, Stats.

(m) Proof of having complied with s. 444.035, Stats., and s. SPS 192.201.

(n) The admission fee of all tickets and the proposed number of tickets, including the number and proposed value of complimentary tickets.

(2) Upon receipt of an application for a permit to conduct a professional mixed martial arts event, the department may deny the application upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) The applicant does not provide all the required information.

(b) The appropriate number of judges, referees, inspectors, or ringside physicians will not be available on that date.

(c) One or more of the contestants listed on the fight card are not licensed or are ineligible to compete due to being under a suspension or revocation order issued by the department or another licensing jurisdiction for any of the following reasons:

1. A recent knock-out or series of consecutive losses.
2. An injury, a requirement for a medical procedure, or a physician's denial of certification.
3. Testing positive for a prohibited drug.
4. The use of false aliases, falsifying, or attempting to falsify official identification cards or documents issued pursuant to ch. 444, Stats.
5. Unprofessional conduct or other inappropriate behavior inconsistent with generally accepted methods of competition at mixed martial arts events.

(3) The department may grant a permit for the event but withhold approval of one or more mixed martial arts contestants scheduled to compete in an event.

(4) A permit issued under this section shall allow the permit holder to conduct only the event named in the permit. A permit is not transferable. The promoter or representative of the professional club, corporation, or association whose name appears on the permit shall be present at the weigh-in and at the event until the conclusion of the final bout unless excused by the department.

(5) The department shall establish all rules and requirements for conducting mixed martial arts events, pursuant to s. 444.02 (1), Stats.

(6) The commissioner or department representative shall determine if the contestants are evenly and fairly matched according to skill level, experience, and weight so as to produce a fair and sportsmanlike contest.

**History:** EmR1032; emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.14, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102; cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (1) (m) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013; renum. section 192.212 (title), (1), (2) (intro.) to (c) 5., (3) to (6) from section SPS 193.12 (title), (1), (2) (intro.) to (c) 5., 6., (3) to (5) and am. (1) (b), (e) to (h), (m), (2) (intro.), (b), (c) (intro.), (4) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.213 Permits, issuance and effect.** (1) All promoters and professional clubs who have obtained an event permit from the department shall submit no later than 10 business days before the scheduled event, all of the following:

(a) All complete and signed bout agreements, on forms provided by the department.

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

(b) The complete and executed contract or rental agreement between the promoter or professional club and the venue.

(c) Complete license numbers for all contestants and seconds.

(d) All required physical examination forms and laboratory reports from contestants as stated in s. SPS 192.204 (2) (d).

(e) The final fight card for the event listing the name, license number, contest history, weight class, scheduled rounds and opponent of each contestant, and red/blue corner designations.

(f) Each contestant's Wisconsin license number.

(g) The names and Wisconsin license numbers of each contestant's seconds.

(2) If the department denies an application for a permit or refuses to approve a contestant whose name has been submitted to the department by the applicant, it shall provide the applicant with an opportunity to have that decision reviewed by the commissioner or department representative. The review shall be conducted at the discretion of the commissioner or department representative.

(3) Issuance of a permit by the department authorizes a promoter or professional club to conduct a mixed martial arts event under the control of the commissioner, inspectors, department representatives, referees and ringside physicians assigned and listed in the permit.

(4) A promoter may substitute a contestant listed on their permit application after requesting a substitute. The request shall be submitted to the department no later than one business day preceding the date of the event. Exceptions may be allowed and shall be determined by the department.

**History:** EmR1032; emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.15, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102; cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (1) (d) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013; renum. section 192.213 from section SPS 193.13 and am. (1) (intro.), (c), (d), cr. (1) (f), (g), am. (4) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.214 Canceling an event.** (1) At any time during an event, the assigned department representative may cancel all or part of an event upon the occurrence of either one of the following:

(a) The commissioner or department representative reasonably believes that the event is not being conducted in accordance with this chapter and ch. 444, Stats., or the conditions stated in the permit which authorizes the event.

(b) The commissioner or department representative reasonably believes that the event poses an unreasonable threat to the health or safety of contestants, spectators, or officials.

(2) The department may cancel an event at any time for violation of this chapter.

(3) A promoter or professional club may cancel an event no later than 30 hours before it is scheduled to begin by notifying the department and those members of the media whom the promoter or professional club initially notified about the event. Any cancellation by a promoter shall result in an assessment of costs by the department pursuant to s. 444.035, Stats.

**History:** EmR1032; emerg. cr. as s. RL 193.16, eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102; cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (1) (a), (2) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013; renum. section 192.214 from section SPS 193.14 and am. (1) (a), (2), (3) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### Subchapter III — Officials for Mixed Martial Arts Sporting Events

**SPS 192.301 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) Have proof of complying with s. 444.035, Stats., and s. SPS 192.201, 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 Safety and Professional Services, Division of Professional Credentialing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department's website at: <http://dsp.s.wi.gov>.

(4) Submit to the department an event application that complies with s. SPS 192.212 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 Commissions and the commissioner or department representative for approval.

(6) 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.

(7) Have a certified invoice from the ticket printer that indicates the total number of tickets printed in each price range, including the number of complimentary tickets.

(8) Have medical and life insurance for each contestant competing in the event, in accordance with s. 444.18, Stats., without allowing any contestant to either waive any insurance coverage or provide any deductible payments.

**Note:** Under section 444.18 of the Statutes, a promoter "...shall insure each contestant participating for hospital, nursing, and medication expenses and physician's and surgeon's services according to an equitable fee schedule, not to exceed in the aggregate \$25,000, to be paid to, or for the use of, any contestant to compensate for injuries sustained in any such contest; and shall insure each contestant for not less than \$25,000 to be paid to the contestant's estate in the event of the contestant's death as the result of participation in such professional contest or amateur mixed martial arts fighting contest."

(9) Submit to the department, no later than 4 days prior to the event, verification that medical and life insurance have been obtained for each contestant.

(10) No promoter may begin conducting an event without the presence of one licensed referee, at least 3 licensed judges, at least 1 licensed physician, 1 licensed timekeeper, an ambulance, emergency medical personnel, and security personnel on site pursuant to s. 444.095 (2), Stats.

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

(12) 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.

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

(14) Have a separate divider or uniformed officer between the cage or fenced area and spectators. The divider shall be approved by the inspector or department representative.

(15) 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.

(16) No promoter may exhibit nor allow any contestant to exhibit any type of entrance theme that includes music, video, or any type of physical display which contains any profanity or derogatory ethnic remarks. Failure to comply will subject the promoter or contestant to disciplinary action by the department.

(17) No promoter may allow a round–card girl or round–card model, or allow any of the promoter’s agents to use any language, including profanity or derogatory ethnic remarks, or exhibit 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.

(18) 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 complementary tickets.
- (b) Total amount of gross proceeds.
- (c) All unsold tickets with the stubs attached.

(19) Provide emergency medical personnel and equipment for the event and for evacuating a seriously injured contestant to a hospital; and submit the name of the promoter or designated representative responsible for evacuating an injured contestant, a description of the method of removal from the contest area and the means of transportation to the hospital, and the name of the nearest hospital, pursuant to s. SPS 192.212 (1) (i) and s. 444.095 (2) (c) and (d), Stats.

(20) Pay for pregnancy testing and drug testing of contestants.

(21) Compensate all officials and contestants.

(22) If requested by the commissioner, inspector, or department representative, place at least 2 video screens which meet the approval of the commissioner, inspector or department representative and which will allow patrons to view action inside the cage or fenced area.

(23) Pay the department the event and gate fee specified in s. 444.02 (3), Stats., within 2 business days of the event and upon determination by the inspector of the gross admission receipts.

(24) Comply with all rules and regulations relating to promotional events.

(25) Provide department–approved sound devices for the timekeeper.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (1), (4), (22) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013: r. (9) to (11), (14), renum. section 192.301 (title), (intro.) to (5), (14), (6) (intro.) to (c), (7) to (9), (10) to (13), (15) to (25) from section SPS 194.01 (title), (intro.) to (5), (6), (7) (intro.) to (c), (d), (12) to

(17), (18) to (28) and am. (1), (4), (5), (7) to (10), (13), (14), (16), (18) to (22), (25) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### SPS 192.302 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.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.302 from section SPS 194.02 Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### SPS 192.303 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 as defined in the ABC’s unified rules 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 has any of the following characteristics:

(a) Is 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; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.303 from section SPS 194.03 and am. (1) (c), (2) (intro.), (a) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### SPS 192.304 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 contestants and others in the contest area, pursuant to this chapter, the ABC’s unified rules 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 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 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 has any of the following characteristics:

- (a) Is 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.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (1) (a) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.304 from section SPS 194.04 and am. (1) (a), (d), (f), (3) (intro.), (a) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### SPS 192.305 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.

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

(4) Provide 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) Attend to injured contestants between bouts.

(7) Complete records and reports.

(8) Provide all medical supplies that will be needed to attend to 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; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.305 from section SPS 194.05 and am. (4), (6), (8) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.306 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 non-championship 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 may 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.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.306 from section SPS 194.06 and am. (1), (3) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.307 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 the round 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.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.307 from section SPS 194.07 and am. (2) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.308 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) 1. Inspectors who travel less than 90 miles from their residence, at a minimum of \$150 each.

2. Inspectors who travel 90 miles or more from their residence, at a minimum of \$200 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, who 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.

2. The secondary physician at a minimum of \$300, who 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.

(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 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) Traveling more than 90 miles from a residence, which may result in being reimbursed up to an additional \$150 for meals,

mileage, and necessary expenses incurred in performance of the official's duties. Any associated lodging shall be provided by the promoter.

(4) No later than 10 business days before the scheduled event, the department and the promoter or professional club shall agree 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 cancellation of the event.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.308 from section SPS 194.08 and am. (1) (c), (d) 1., 2., (2), (3) (intro.), (e), (4) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

#### **Subchapter IV — Conducting Mixed Martial Arts Sporting Events**

**SPS 192.401 General provisions.** (1) Male and female contestants may not compete against each other in a bout.

(2) Each contestant shall present a completed medical examination report form containing the information in s. SPS 192.204 (2) (c) to the ringside physician at the pre–bout examination.

(3) All professional and amateur events shall be conducted under the supervision of the department.

(4) Only licensed participants may be allowed in the contest area.

(5) Amateur contestants may not currently or have ever been a professional fighter in any combative sport. This includes mixed martial arts, boxing, karate or any other form of a combative sport. Any contestant found in violation will be subject to disciplinary action.

(6) Debut amateur contestants shall complete a department–approved form detailing the contestant's experience and training for mixed martial arts competitions. The trainer of the debut contestants shall certify that the contestant is skilled enough to compete and has never engaged in any type of professional mixed martial arts event.

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

(7) Amateur contestants shall have a minimum of 5 recorded amateur bouts on the Association of Boxing Commissions' national database prior to being permitted to compete as a professional contestant. The commissioner or a person designated by the department may waive this requirement.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.401 from section SPS 195.01 and am. (2), (4), (6), (7) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.402 Weigh–in procedures and weight classes.** (1) Professional and amateur contestants shall weigh in no more than 30 hours prior to the start time of the event in which they will compete. The weigh–in shall be conducted under

the supervision of an inspector or department representative at a place designated by the promoter in an area with ample lighting to observe contestants and conduct the weigh–in.

(2) Contestants may wear a shirt, a pair of shorts and socks at the weigh–in. Contestants may not wear any additional apparel or jewelry.

(3) The scale shall be provided by the promoter and approved by the inspector or department representative.

(4) The weight allowance is the difference in weight permitted between contestants in 2 different weight classes.

(5) Contestants may not participate in a bout where the weigh–in weight difference of opposing contestants exceeds the weight allowance shown in Table A.

(6) After having communicated with the promoter, the commissioner or department representative shall have the sole discretion as to whether to cancel a contest if a contestant does not make weight.

(7) There may not be a difference of more than 3 pounds between weight classes from straw weight up to the bantamweight class for fighters competing in two different weight classes.

(8) There may not be a difference of more than 5 pounds between weight classes from featherweight up to the welterweight class for fighters competing in two different weight classes.

(9) There may not be a difference of more than 7 pounds between weight classes from middleweight up to the superheavyweight class for fighters competing in two different weight classes.

**Note:** Examples of the difference between weight classes: A fighter weighing 134 pounds in the bantamweight class may not compete against an opponent who weighs more than 137 pounds in the featherweight class. A fighter weighing 184 pounds in the middleweight class may not compete against an opponent who weighs more than 191 pounds in the light heavyweight class.

(10) A one–pound weight variance is allowed for all weight classes for all bouts except title bouts and catch–weight bouts.

(11) A contestant in the welterweight class or lower may not lose more than 2 pounds within 1 hour. A contestant above the welterweight class may not lose more than 3 pounds within 1 hour.

(12) Weight allowances between weight classes do not apply to professional contestants in a title fight or contestants from an amateur contest. Amateur contestants shall compete within their weight class.

(13) The final agreement between a contestant and a promoter shall be provided to the department no later than 4 business days before the official weigh–in.

(14) Contestants who fail to arrive at their report time for weigh–in will be subject to a suspension of up to 60 days, as reported in the Association of Boxing Commissions' mixed martial arts national database.

(15) Contestants who fail to make their contracted weight within 1 hour of their official weigh–in will be subject to a suspension of up to 60 days, as reported in the Association of Boxing Commissions' national database.



TABLE A

Weight class	Weight	Allowance	Glove size
Straw weight	up to and including 115 lbs	3 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Flyweight	over 115 to 125 lbs	3 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Bantamweight	over 125 to 135 lbs	3 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Featherweight	over 135 to 145 lbs	5 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Lightweight	over 145 to 155 lbs	5 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Welterweight	over 155 to 170 lbs	5 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Middleweight	over 170 to 185 lbs	7 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Light Heavyweight	over 185 to 205 lbs	7 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Heavyweight	over 205 to 265 lbs	7 lbs	4 oz to 8 oz
Super Heavyweight	over 265 lbs		4 oz to 8 oz

**History:** EmR1032; emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102; cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013; renum. section 192.402 from section SPS 195.02 and am. (1), (5) to (12), (14), (15) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.403 Judging and scoring. (1)** All bouts will be scored by 3 judges.

**(2)** The ten–point must scoring system as defined in the ABC’s unified rules shall be the standard system of scoring a bout. The winner of the round shall be awarded 10 points, and the loser of the round shall be awarded 9 points or less, except for the rare occasion of an even round, that is scored 10 to 10.

**(4)** Effective striking is judged by determining the total number of legal heavy strikes landed.

**(5)** Effective grappling is judged by considering the amount of successful executions of a legal takedown and reversal. Factors to consider are takedowns from the standing position to a mount position, passing the guard to the mount position, and bottom position fighters using an active threatening guard.

**(6)** Effective control is judged by determining who is dictating the pace, location and position of the bout. Factors to be considered are any of the following:

- (a) Countering a grappler’s attempt at a takedown by remaining standing and legally striking.
- (b) Taking down an opponent to force a ground fight.
- (c) Creating threatening submission attempts.
- (d) Passing the guard to achieve a mount.
- (e) Creating striking opportunities.

**(7)** Effective aggressiveness means moving forward and landing legal strikes.

**History:** EmR1032; emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102; cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013; renum. section 192.403 from section SPS 195.03 and am. (2), r. (3), (8) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.404 Fouls. (1)** The referee shall issue a warning if conditions that may progress to a foul are observed. After the initial warning, a penalty will be issued. The penalty may be a deduction of points or disqualification depending on the severity of the foul. Any points deducted for any foul shall be deducted in the round in which the foul occurred.

**(2)** The referee, as soon as practical after the foul, shall call time and notify which contestant is being penalized and the total number of points the contestant is being penalized.

**(3)** If a bottom contestant commits a foul and in the referee’s judgment is not in control, unless the top contestant is injured, the bout shall continue so as not to jeopardize the top contestant’s superior positioning at the time.

**(4)** The referee shall verbally notify the bottom contestant of the foul.

**(5)** When the round is over, the referee shall notify the judges and the inspector of the foul and the total point deduction.

**(6)** Only the referee can assess a foul or any point deductions. Judges may not deduct points for what they interpret is a foul.

**(7)** The referee shall check the fouled contestant’s condition to see if they can still participate in the contest.

**(8)** Disqualification occurs after any combination of 3 fouls or if the referee determines the foul to be flagrant.

**(9)** If an injury results from a foul and is severe enough to terminate the bout, the contestant causing the injury loses by disqualification.

**(10)** If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, a mandatory 2–point penalty shall be assessed to the contestant committing the foul.

**(11)** If an injury sustained by a contestant as a result of an intentional foul causes the contestant to be unable to continue at a subsequent point, the injured contestant shall win by a technical decision, if they are ahead on the score cards. If the injured contestant is even or behind on the score card at the time of the stoppage, the bout shall be declared a technical draw.

**(12)** If a bout is stopped because of an unintentional foul, the referee shall determine whether the contestant who has been fouled can continue or not. If the contestant’s chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of the foul, and if the foul did not involve concussive impact to the head of the contestant who has been fouled, the referee may order the bout continued after a recuperative interval of not more than 5 minutes. Immediately after stopping the bout or at the end of the round, the referee shall immediately inform the inspector, commissioner, or department representative of their determination that the foul was accidental and unintentional.

**(13)** If the referee determines either from their observation or that of the ringside physician that the bout may not continue because of the injury from the unintentional foul, the bout shall be declared a no contest if the foul occurred during the first 2 rounds of a non–championship bout, or during the first 3 rounds of a championship bout.

**(14)** If an unintentional foul renders the contestant unable to continue the bout, or an injury from an intentional foul later becomes aggravated by fair blows and the referee stops the bout because of the injury, after the completion of the second round in a non–championship bout or 3–round bout, or after the completion of the third round of a championship bout or 5–round bout, the outcome shall be determined by scoring the completed rounds and the partial round at which the referee stopped the bout.

**(15)** A contestant may not be declared the winner of a bout on the basis of their claim that the opponent fouled them unintentionally by hitting them in the groin. If after a recuperative interval

of not more than 5 minutes a contestant is unwilling to continue because of the claim of being hit in the groin, the bout will be declared a no contest if the second round has not been completed in a 3–round bout or the third round has not been completed in a 5–round bout.

**(16)** Types of fouls in a mixed martial arts contest include all of the following:

- (a) Butting with the head.
- (b) Eye gouging of any kind.
- (c) Biting.
- (d) Hair pulling.
- (e) Fishhooking.
- (f) Groin attacks of any kind.
- (g) Intentionally placing a finger into any orifice or into any cut or laceration on an opponent.
- (h) Small joint manipulation.
- (i) Striking to the spine or back of head.
- (j) Striking downward using the point of the elbow. Arcing elbow strikes are permitted.
- (k) Throat strikes of any kind, including grabbing the trachea.
- (l) Clawing, twisting or pinching the flesh.
- (m) Grabbing the clavicle.
- (n) Kicking the head of a grounded opponent.
- (o) Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent.
- (p) Stomping on a grounded opponent. A contestant is considered grounded when he or she has more than just the sole of their feet on the ground. A downed opponent may kick up to all legal striking points of the body.
- (q) Kicking to the kidney with the heel.
- (r) Throwing an opponent out of the cage or fenced area.
- (s) Holding the shorts or glove of an opponent.
- (t) Spitting at an opponent.
- (u) Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent.
- (v) Holding or grabbing the ropes or fence.
- (w) Using abusive language or illicit gestures in the cage or fenced area.
- (x) Attacking an opponent on or during the break.
- (y) Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee.
- (z) Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded to end the round.
- (za) Flagrantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.
- (zb) Timidity, including avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece or faking an injury.
- (zc) Interference from anyone working the corner or corner men leaving their area.
- (zd) Any act in the judgment of the referee that is detrimental and places an opponent at a disadvantage.
- (ze) Spiking.

**(17)** Illegal strikes to the back of the head, resulting in a foul, include strikes in the nape of the neck area up to the top of the ears, and strikes in the Mohawk area from the top of the ears to the crown of the head, or the area where the head begins to curve, as specified in the ABC's unified rules.

**(18)** The following actions are additional fouls for amateur contestants:

- (a) Elbow or forearm strikes.
- (b) Knee strikes to the head at any time.
- (c) Neck cranks or any hold that places a contestant's neck in jeopardy from a crank.
- (d) All leg submissions except kneebar and straight ankle locks.

(e) Hand chokes.

(f) Striking against the knees including all strikes to or around the knee joint.

(g) All spine attacks, including strikes and locks.

(h) Dropping an opponent on his or her head or neck at any time.

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**SPS 192.405 Mouthpiece.** All contestants shall wear a mouthpiece during competition. The round may not begin without the mouthpiece. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the referee shall call time and have the mouthpiece replaced at the first opportune moment, without interfering with the immediate action. The referee may deduct points if it is judged the mouthpiece is being purposely spit out.

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**SPS 192.406 Appearance and attire. (1)** Male contestants shall wear a groin protector that will protect them against injury from a foul blow. Female contestants shall have the option of wearing chest protection while they compete.

**(2)** Female contestants may wear groin and breast protectors.

**(3)** Each contestant shall wear mixed martial arts shorts, biking shorts, or kickboxing shorts. Shorts shall be approved by the inspector or department representative.

**(4)** Male contestants may not wear a shirt or Gi. Shirts are permitted for female contestants.

**(5)** No shoes are permitted.

**(6)** No grappling shin guards are permitted.

**(7)** No body grease, gels, balms, oils, or lotions may be applied to the hair, face or body. This includes the use of excessive amounts of water dumped on a contestant to make him or her slippery.

**(8)** Petroleum jelly may be applied to the facial area, but only from the cheekbone area to the forehead, at cage side in the presence of an inspector, referee, or a person designated by the department. Any contestant applying anything other than petroleum jelly in an approved fashion prior to this may be penalized a point or disqualified.

**(9)** Taping of hands, wrists, and ankles is permitted.

**(10)** Only neoprene joint supports may be used. Metal supports are prohibited.

**(11)** Fingernails and toenails shall be trimmed.

**(12)** The inspector or department representative shall determine whether head or facial hair presents any hazard to the safety of the contestant or their opponent or will interfere with the supervision and conduct of the event. Facial hair may not be braided.

**(13)** Contestants may not wear any equipment that fails to receive approval from the inspector or department representative.

**(14)** Amateur contestants shall wear mixed martial arts shorts, biking shorts, or boxing or kickboxing shorts during competition that will be subject to the approval of a department representative. The shorts may not have pockets, buttons, zippers, grommets, exposed hook–and–loop fasteners, or metal of any kind.

**(15)** Amateur male contestants may wear a close–fitting rash guard. Any rash guard shall be approved by the department. Amateur female contestants shall wear a body shirt.

**(16)** Amateur contestants may not wear padding on their feet during a contest. Ankle guards or neoprene knee wraps are optional, and they shall be approved by the department.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.406 from section SPS 195.06 and am. (1), (7), (8), (10), (11), (13) to (16) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.407 Gloves.** (1) All non–amateur contestants shall wear grappling gloves that weigh a minimum of 4 ounces and not more than 8 ounces. Amateur contestants shall wear gloves that weigh a minimum of 6 ounces and a maximum of 8 ounces.

(2) Gloves shall be supplied by the promoter. Contestants are not permitted to supply their own gloves. Gloves shall be new the first time they are being inspected by the department representative. Once inspected, new gloves may not be used more than three times. Used gloves may not be worn for title bouts. The promoter shall supply new gloves for both contestants competing in any title bout including state bouts.

(3) Both contestants shall wear the same size gloves.

(4) Each contestant’s gloves shall be inspected and approved by the inspector, referee, or department representative prior to starting the bout.

(5) Amateur contestants may use a mitt–style glove.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.407 from section SPS 195.07 and am. (1), (5) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.408 Hand wraps.** (1) All contestants shall gauze and tape their hands prior to all contests.

(2) In all weight classes, the bandages on each contestant’s hands shall be restricted to soft gauze cloth not more than 15 yards in length and 2 inches in width, held in place by not more than 10 feet of surgeon’s tape, one inch in width for each hand.

(3) Surgeon’s adhesive tape shall be placed directly on each hand for protection near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice and may not extend to cover and protect the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist.

(4) The bandages shall be evenly distributed across the hand.

(5) Bandages and tape shall be placed on the contestant’s hands in the dressing room in the presence of the inspector or department representative.

(6) The manager or chief second of the opponent may elect to be present when hands are being wrapped.

(7) Under no circumstances are gloves to be placed on the hands of a contestant until approved by the inspector or department representative.

(8) No substances other than tape and gauze are allowed. Pre–wraps are not allowed.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.408 from section SPS 195.08 and am. (1) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.409 Requirements for caged or fenced area.** (1) All mixed martial arts contests shall take place in a cage or fenced area that has been approved by the department and is subject to inspection prior to each event by the referee, inspector, or department representative.

(2) Mixed martial arts contests may not be conducted in a ring.

(3) The fighting–area floor shall be no smaller than 18 feet by 18 feet and no larger than 32 feet by 32 feet.

(4) The fighting–area floor shall be padded in a manner approved by the department, with at least a one–inch layer of foam padding. Padding shall extend beyond the fighting area and over the edge of the platform.

(5) The fighting–area floor shall not be more than 4 feet above the floor of the building and shall have 2 sets of suitable steps or ramps for use by the contestants.

(6) Posts shall be made of metal not more than 6 inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of 58 inches above the fighting–area floor and shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the department.

(7) The fighting area shall be enclosed by a fence made of material, such as vinyl–coated chain–link fencing, that will not allow a contestant to fall out or break through it onto the building floor or spectators.

(8) All metal parts shall be covered and padded in a manner approved by the department and may not be abrasive to the contestants.

(9) The fighting area shall have 2 separate entries onto the fighting–area floor.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.409 from section SPS 195.09 and am. (1) to (9) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.410 Corner equipment.** (1) At least one second who works in a contestant’s corner may have the following equipment:

(a) A bucket.

(b) Clean towels.

(c) Sterile gauze pads, sterile cotton, and cotton–tipped swabs.

(d) Ice–filled bag, which is double–bagged.

(e) Water in clear plastic sealed containers.

(2) Seconds shall submit the bucket and corner equipment to the ringside physician for inspection and approval before a contest.

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

(a) A solution of adrenaline 1/1000.

(b) Avetine.

(c) Thrombin.

**History:** CR 14–013: cr. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.411 Number, type and duration of rounds and bouts.** (1) Professional bouts shall be 3 rounds of 5 minutes each with a one minute rest period that includes a 10 second warning signal.

(2) Championship bouts shall be 5 rounds of 5 minutes each with a one minute rest period that includes a 10 second warning signal.

(3) Amateur bouts shall be 3 rounds of 3 minutes each with a 60 second rest period that includes a 10 second warning signal.

(4) A minimum of 8 bouts shall be scheduled unless waived by the commissioner or department representative.

(5) (a) All combined professional and amateur events shall start with the amateur bouts.

(b) Intermixing of professional and amateur bouts is prohibited.

(c) Conducting mixed martial arts events in combination with other forms of single combat sports is prohibited.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.411 from section SPS 195.10 and am. (title), (4), cr. (5) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.412 Medical requirements, physicals, and examinations.** (1) (a) All contestants shall produce the physical examination and laboratory results required under s. SPS 192.204 (2) (c).

(b) The commissioner, department representative, or ringside physician may require that a contestant take an additional hepatitis B surface antigen test or hepatitis C antibody test and provide the results within 2 weeks of an event in which a contestant is scheduled to compete.

(2) The commissioner, department representative, or ringside physician may order a computed tomography (CT) scan with contrast or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) examination when a contestant has any of the following:

(a) Lost 3 bouts in a row by knock–out or technical knock–out.

(b) Lost 6 bouts in a row.

(c) An extensive losing record.

(3) All contestants shall have a pre–bout physical examination by the ringside physician within 30 hours before each bout, and if requested by a contestant, referee, or inspector, after a bout. After each pre–bout and post–bout examination of a contestant, the ringside physician shall complete a report, on forms provided



by the department, and submit the completed reports to the department representative.

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

(4) The ringside physician shall review all documents provided by contestants regarding medical examinations and laboratory results and examine each contestant as appropriate in his or her judgment including heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, vision and lungs. The ringside physician shall certify as fit those contestants whose physical condition appears satisfactory for completion and shall disqualify others. The results of the examination shall be recorded on a form provided by the department and submitted by the ringside physician to the inspector.

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

(5) A contestant who has been knocked out or injured in a bout that was terminated by a referee shall undergo a thorough physical examination by a physician licensed in accordance with ch. 448, Stats., and be certified fit to participate in a competitive mixed martial arts contest. If a contestant has been knocked out or injured by a head blow, a medical suspension is required under s. SPS 192.502.

(6) Female contestants shall submit to a pregnancy test conducted under the supervision of the inspector or ringside physician at their pre-bout physical examination, pursuant to s. 444.095 (3) (b) 3., Stats.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (1) (intro.), (5) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.412 from section SPS 195.11 and r. (1) (a), (c), (d), renum. (1) (intro.) to (a) and am. (1) (b), (2) (intro.), (3), (5) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.413 Types of bout results.** A mixed martial arts contest may end under any of the following results:

(1) Submission, as demonstrated by any of the following:

(a) Tap out, which occurs when a contestant physically uses their hands to indicate that they no longer wish to continue.

(b) Verbal tap out, which occurs when a contestant verbally announces to the referee that they do not wish to continue.

(2) Knock-out (KO), as demonstrated when a contestant is rendered unconscious due to a legal strike.

(3) Technical knock-out (TKO), which occurs through any of the following:

(a) The referee stops the bout because the contestant can no longer defend himself or herself.

(b) The ringside physician advises the referee to stop the bout.

(c) An injury as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to terminate the bout.

(d) The referee stops the bout because a contestant is injured by a legal technique and cannot continue.

(4) Decision via scorecards, which may be of any of the following types:

(a) Unanimous, which occurs when all 3 judges score the bout for the same contestant.

(b) Split decision, which occurs when 2 judges score the bout for one contestant and one judge scores for the opponent.

(c) Majority decision, which occurs when 2 judges score the bout for the same contestant and one judge scores the bout a draw.

(5) Draw, which may be of any of the following types:

(a) Unanimous, which occurs when all 3 judges score the bout a draw.

(b) Majority, which occurs when 2 judges score the bout a draw.

(c) Split, which occurs when all 3 judges score a bout differently.

(6) Disqualification, which occurs when an injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul as determined by the referee is severe enough to terminate the contest. Under this situation, the contestant causing the injury loses by disqualification.

(7) Forfeit, which occurs when a contestant fails to begin competition or prematurely ends the contest for reasons other than injury or indicating a tap out.

(8) Technical draw, which occurs through any of the following:

(a) An injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul, as determined by the referee, causes the injured contestant unable to continue at a subsequent point in the contest, and the injured contestant shall win by a technical decision if the contestant is ahead on the scorecards.

(b) The number of rounds specified in s. SPS 192.410 have been completed, with the results of the scorecards being a draw.

(9) Technical decision, which occurs through any of the following:

(a) When a bout is prematurely stopped due to an injury and a contestant is leading on the scorecards.

(b) An injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul, as determined by the referee, causes the injured contestant unable to continue at a subsequent point in the contest, the injured contestant shall win by a technical decision if the contestant is ahead on the scorecards.

(10) No contest, which occurs when a bout is prematurely stopped due to accidental injury and a sufficient number of rounds have not been completed to render a decision via the scorecards, or when a contestant tests positive for prohibited drug use and is disciplined under s. SPS 192.504.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (10) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.413 from section SPS 195.12 and am. (1) to (3) (a), cr. (3) (d), am. (4), renum. (9) to (9) (intro.) and am., cr. (9) (a), (b), am. (10) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.414 Rule meetings.** All contestants and their seconds shall attend pre-bout meetings with the referee and a department representative to review the ABC's unified rules, fouls, and department requirements.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. from section SPS 195.13 and am. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.415 Consumables.** (1) Only water or an approved electrolyte-replacement beverage may be consumed during the bout. Electrolyte-replacement beverages include Gatorade<sup>®</sup>, Powerade<sup>®</sup>, Propel<sup>®</sup>, and Smartwater<sup>®</sup>. All consumables are subject to approval by the inspector or representative of the department.

(2) Beverages shall be brought to cage side unopened, sealed, and only in a plastic container. Unsealed beverages are prohibited.

(3) The inspector or department representative shall approve and sign off on any beverage.

(4) No stimulant beverages or beverages with caffeine, such as Red Bull<sup>®</sup> and Rockstar, are allowed.

(5) The department reserves the right to inspect, test, or remove any beverage from cage side. The department may test any contestant that an inspector or department representative believes is in violation of this section.

(6) Any beverage that is tested and found to have been adulterated in any manner will result in the contestant being subject to disqualification and disciplinary action.

(7) Tobacco use is not permitted in the contestant's locker room.

(8) Use of any energy stimulant in pill or other form is not permitted.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.415 from section SPS 195.14 and am. (1), (2), (4), cr. (8) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

### Subchapter V — Discipline, Suspensions, Rest Periods, and Drug Testing

**SPS 192.501 Grounds for discipline.** (1) The department may deny a credential application for, reprimand, or limit, suspend, or revoke the credential of any promoter or professional club member, matchmaker, official, or representative who does any of the following:

(a) Violates any state statute or rule related to the sport of mixed martial arts.

(b) Conducts an event or engages in conduct at an event in a manner that would pose unreasonable risk of harm to spectators or participants.

(c) Interferes with an inspector, judge, referee, or ringside physician while performing their official duties at an event.

(d) Misrepresents material facts related to an event including the identity or record of a contestant.

(e) Associates or consorts with bookmakers or gamblers as defined in ch. 945, Stats., or has engaged in similar pursuits.

(f) Has engaged in any fraud or misrepresentation substantially related to the sport of mixed martial arts, or any discrimination addressed in ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, Stats.

(g) Has violated any law related to fraud or misrepresentation substantially related to the sport of mixed martial arts, or any discrimination addressed in ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, Stats.

(h) Fails to meet the financial obligations required by these rules.

(2) No person whose license has been suspended or revoked may participate in any mixed martial arts event including entering the dressing rooms or entering the contest area at any event. If a person's suspended license has been reinstated then that person may participate in any mixed martial arts event including entering the dressing room or entering the contest area at any event.

(3) The department may deny a credential application for, reprimand, or limit, suspend, or revoke the credential of any contestant or second who does any of the following:

(a) Violates any state statute or rule related to the sport of mixed martial arts.

(b) Fails to comply with a directive of or interferes with an inspector, referee, or ringside physician while performing their official duties at an event.

(c) Engages in conduct which would cause spectators, officials or participants at an event an unreasonable risk of harm, including throwing a mouthpiece into the audience during or after an event.

(d) Makes a materially false statement in an application or provides any materially false information to the department or its representatives or other officials.

(e) Receives a revocation, limitation, or suspension for a license to engage in the sport of mixed martial arts, from another jurisdiction, for reasons that are substantially the same as the grounds for revocation, limitation, or suspension stated in this section.

(f) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, Stats., has been convicted of a crime or subject to an adverse action. The licensee shall send to the department within 48 hours of the judgment of conviction a copy of the complaint or other information that describes the nature of the conviction. The applicant shall disclose the nature of any conviction or pending criminal allegation while their application is under review.

(g) Fails to compete in a bout due to the use of alcohol or drugs. The department may require a contestant to submit to a drug test pursuant to s. SPS 192.504 and s. 444.095 (3) (c), Stats.

(h) Fails to be sufficiently physically fit to engage in professional mixed martial arts competition, or fails to perform to the best of their ability based on information contained in a physical examination report or other reliable information.

(i) Participates in any mixed martial arts event not sanctioned and approved by the department, except this paragraph does not apply to a mixed martial arts event that is equivalently sanctioned by an approved recognized American Indian tribe or band.

(j) If licensed as a professional contestant, in any jurisdiction, competes in a mixed martial arts event as an amateur.

(k) Fails to appear or compete in a contest in which they signed a bout agreement to appear. The contestant may provide a certificate from a physician, subject to the approval of the commissioner or department representative, verifying a physical disability. The contestant who files a certificate from a physician stating they are unable to fulfill a bout agreement because of physical disability, shall be given a medical suspension for a term deemed appropriate by the department. The contestant shall submit a medical clearance from a physician, subject to the approval of the commissioner or department representative before having their medical suspension cleared and their license reinstated.

(L) Fails to appear for their report time for their official weigh-in or fails to make their contracted weight within 1 hour of their official weigh-in time, and as a result their scheduled bout is cancelled in accordance with s. SPS 192.214.

(m) Verbally harasses or physically abuses any department representative or official before, during or after an event regulated by the department.

(4) The commissioner or department representative may seek an order to hold the purse of a contestant who tests positive for alcohol, drugs, controlled substances, anabolic steroids, or illegal enhancement substances in violation of this chapter and s. 444.095 (3) (c), Stats.

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### SPS 192.502 Medical suspensions and mandatory rest periods.

(1) A contestant who is determined by the referee under s. SPS 192.412 (2) to have sustained a knock-out is then subject to a mandatory 60-day suspension before competing again, and such suspension shall be reported to the Association of Boxing Commissions national database.

(2) A contestant who is determined by the referee under s. SPS 192.412 (3) to have sustained a technical knock-out is then subject to a mandatory 30-day suspension before competing again, and such suspension shall be reported to the Association of Boxing Commissions national database.

(3) The ringside physician may also determine that a contestant is subject to a medical suspension, after conducting the post-bout examination.

(4) The suspension provided for in sub. (1), (2), or (3) may not be cleared by the department until a contestant complies with all post-bout medical requirements determined by the ringside physician.

(5) Without a release from the commissioner or department representative, a contestant may not compete again until 7 days have elapsed after their last bout. The 7-day period begins the day following the event in which they competed.

(6) Without a release from the commissioner or department representative, an amateur or a professional contestant competing in a non-sanctioned contest may not compete again until 60 days

have elapsed after their last bout. The 60–day period begins the day following the event in which they last competed. This subsection does not apply to a mixed martial arts event that is equivalently sanctioned and approved, either directly or indirectly, by a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band.

(7) If a contestant is reported on a suspension list maintained by “Mixed Martial Arts LLC,” “Fight Fax, Inc.,” “FCFighter,” or another jurisdiction, or on any other suspension list recognized by the department, the contestant may not compete without a release from the commissioner, inspector or department representative.

**History:** EmR1032: emerg. cr., eff. 9–1–10; CR 10–102: cr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5–1–11; correction in (1), (2) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; CR 14–013: renum. section 192.502 from section SPS 196.02 and am. (1), (2), (4) to (7) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14.

**SPS 192.503 Administrative suspensions.** A contestant who is determined by the commissioner, inspector or department representative to have engaged in unsportsmanlike conduct or to have not complied with requirements under this chapter is subject to a mandatory suspension of 30 to 180 days as reported in the Association of Boxing Commissions’ mixed martial arts national database, before competing again, unless released sooner by the commissioner or department representative.

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**SPS 192.504 Mandatory drug testing.** (1) Contestants may not engage in the personal use of drugs, including all anabolic steroids or controlled substances, pursuant to s. 444.095 (3) (c), Stats., while participating in a bout, except when prescribed, dispensed or administered by a licensed physician or dentist for a legitimate medical condition.

(2) To exercise the exception in sub. (1), the contestant shall provide written notice or a prescription to the department before participating in any event. The written notice or prescription shall contain the name of the substance, the quantity and dosage or the substance prescribed, and the name, address and telephone number of the physician or dentist prescribing the substance.

(3) Contestants may not be under the influence of alcohol while participating in a bout.

(4) The commissioner, department representative, or ringside physician may require any contestant to submit to a drug test, including the testing of urine, hair, or blood specimens.

(5) The department representative or ringside physician may require a contestant to submit to testing for the presence of alcohol, drugs, controlled substances, or steroids at any time after the official weigh–in, on the day of the bout in which the contestant is participating, or within 24 hours of competing in a bout based on reasonable cause or random selection.

(6) Grounds for reasonable cause include any of the following:

(a) The commissioner, inspector, department representative, or ringside physician observes the contestant or receives information that a contestant is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, controlled substances or steroids.

(b) The contestant has previously tested positive for drugs, controlled substances or steroids.

(7) The random testing of contestants competing in a bout shall be conducted by the inspector or department representative. The department representative shall determine the number of random tests for each event. Both contestants competing in a selected bout shall submit to a drug test.

(8) The collection of specimens from contestants for drug testing shall be taken in the presence of the inspector, department representative, or ringside physician in a manner prescribed by the official. Specimens may include urine, hair samples, or blood. Specimens shall be tested at a facility acceptable to the department. Results of all drug tests shall be submitted directly to the department.

(9) If laboratory testing of a contestant’s specimen test positive for any alcohol, drug, controlled substance, anabolic steroids or illegal enhancement substances, the contestant shall be disciplined. A contestant who is disciplined and who was the winner of a contest shall be disqualified and the decision shall be changed to no contest. The results of a contest shall remain unchanged if a contestant who is disciplined was the loser of the contest.

(10) If the laboratory test results prove to be negative or inconclusive, no action shall be taken and all results of the contestant’s bout shall stand.

(11) Contestants who are prohibited, restrained, disqualified, or are otherwise ineligible to compete in another state or jurisdiction due to a disciplinary action that involves the use of drugs may not compete in any department authorized event until such time as the period of prohibition, restraint, disqualification, or ineligibility is completed or removed and subject to the approval of the commissioner, or department representative.

(12) Subject to the discretion of the commissioner, or department representative, a contestant with a previous disciplinary action in another state or jurisdiction may be required to take a drug test before being allowed to compete in any department authorized event.

(13) The promoter shall be responsible for the costs of testing contestants for drugs. Any requests for follow–up or additional testing shall be the financial responsibility of the contestant.

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