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GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS FOR COMBAT SPORTS REGISTRANTS

Forming part of the Conditions of Registration



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1.0 Conditions of registration

Individuals registered with the Combat Sports Commission (the Commission) are subject to the following conditions of registration under sections 17(3), 20(2), 28(2) and 32(2) of the *Combat Sports Act 1987* (the Act):

- 1.1 Contestants and industry participants are registered subject to the Commission's Code of Conduct. Any breach of this conduct may result in disciplinary action by the Commission against the registrant.
- 1.2 Contestants and industry participants agree to the Commission sharing their registration details, contest records and medical details with other combat sports regulatory bodies whose purpose substantially corresponds with the purpose of the Commission.
- 1.3 Contestants and industry participants are registered subject to the Commission's fit and proper person policy. Contestants and industry participants who fail to meet the requirements of this policy during their registration may face disciplinary action by the Commission.

2.0 Contestants

- 2.1 Contestants are required to update the Commission of any changes to:
 - their address or contact details,
 - their fit and proper person status,
 - their medical status as it relates to their suitability to participate in combat sport contests.
- 2.2 Contestants are required to adhere to additional protective equipment requirements based on their age and experience.

The following additional protective equipment is required for all contestants under the age of 18 regardless of their experience:

Muay Thai

Age group	Protective equipment
12 –15 years	Head guard, shin guards, elbow guards, chest guard/body pad.
16 – 17 years	Head guard, shin guards, elbow guards.
18 years +	No additional protective gear.

Kickboxing

Age group	Protective equipment
12 –15 years	Head guard, shin guards, chest guard/body pad.
15 – 17 years	Head guard, shin guards.
18 years +	No additional protective gear.

"C Class" Shooto

Age group	Protective equipment
16 –18 years	Head guard

The following table of additional protective equipment is required (mandatory) for **debut** contestants over the age of 18 based on their contest experience. Optional additional padding, such as head guards, may also be worn if mutually agreed to be worn by both contestants.

Muay Thai

Number of contests	Protective equipment
Contestants who have fought 0-5 contests will be required to:	- Wear approved shin guards, and - Wear approved elbow pads. Elbow strikes are allowed with the use of elbow pads.
Contestants who are contesting their 6 th contest will be required to:	- Wear approved elbow pads. Elbow strikes are allowed with the use of elbow pads.
Contestants who have fought 7 or more contests:	Will not be subject to any additional protective equipment.

Kickboxing

Number of contests	Protective equipment
Contestants who have fought 0-6 contests will be required to:	- Wear approved shin guards.
Contestants who have fought 7 or more contests:	Will not be subject to any additional protective equipment.

Mixed Martial Arts

Number of contests	Protective equipment
Contestants who have fought 0-2 contests will be required to:	- Wear approved 7oz hybrid gloves, - Wear approved soft shin guards.
Contestants who are contesting 3-6 contests will be required to:	- Wear approved 7oz hybrid gloves.
Contestants who are contesting their 7 th contest will be required to:	- Wear approved 4oz gloves

2.3 Contestants are required to understand the duties that the Act and the *Combat Sports Regulations 2004* (the Regulations) impose on them. Specifically, contestants should have knowledge of the following sections, parts and divisions of the Act:

- Section 16, requirements for registration,
- Part VI, Contestant Record Books,
- Sections 47(2)(a),(b) and (c), sham contests,
- Section 49A(1), pre-contest medicals,
- Section 50, weigh-ins and medical exams,
- Section 52(1), records of contests,
- Section 53, false and misleading information.

And the following Regulations:

- Regulation 8A, medical requirements for registration,
- Regulation 7, timelines for registration,
- Regulation 17B, disclosure/advice of contest results outside of WA,
- Division 2, rest periods following KOs and medical requirements following consecutive losses,

- 2.4 When negotiating a match up, contestants are required to disclose to their trainer and/or manager, promoters and matchmakers their full contest record, across all disciplines and styles of combat sport.
- This record should include:
- All Muay Thai, Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts and Kickboxing contests,
 - Both amateur and professional contests,
 - Details of any interclub sparring events the contestant has participated in,
 - Details of any martial arts contests the contestant has participated in, and
 - Details of any combat sports State Sporting Association contests the contestant has participated in.
- 2.5 Contestants must disclose to a medical practitioner conducting a combat sport medical exam (i.e. annual medical or pre/post contest medical):
- Details of any injuries or medical issues they are currently carrying,
 - Date of their last contest,
 - Details of any knockouts, concussions or other head traumas sustained (whether in a contest, sparring or training) since their last combat sport medical exam.
- 2.6 Contestants must present at their pre-contest medical in a fit and healthy state. A Contestant can be declared unfit to compete by the Medical Practitioner because of:
- Dehydration,
 - Any sign of the use of a prohibited substance or alcohol,
 - A recent fracture or cut,
 - An acute illness,
 - A skin disease,
 - Obesity,
 - Pregnancy (female contestants), or
 - Any other condition that, in the opinion of the Medical Practitioner would be detrimental to the contestant or their opponent.
- 2.7 Contestants are required to attend a post contest medical in line with s51(4) of the Act.
- 2.8 Contestants are registered subject to the Commission's position statement on drug testing and drug testing policy. A contestant is required to immediately comply with any direction to attend a testing program for prohibited substances and procedures.
- 2.9 A contestant must not take, or allow any person to administer to them, any substance or method that is listed in the World Anti-Doping Code (the WADC) by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as a prohibited substance or method.
- 2.10 Contestants are required to obtain a clearance from the Commission when participating in a contest in the jurisdiction of another combat sport authority outside of the state.
- 2.11 Contestants competing interstate or overseas must advise the Commission of the following details within seven days of returning to Australia:
- The contest date and venue.
 - The contestant's weight.
 - The name of the opponent and the opponent's weight.
 - The number of rounds the contest was scheduled for.
 - The contest result.
- 2.12 The Medical Practitioner's post-contest medical examination report – if the contestant is/is not fit for further combat sports contests and if a non-sparring/non-contest period has been prescribed.

- 2.13 To assist in reporting their results, contestants may email or text a scan/photo of the relevant page out of their Contestant Record Book to the Commission. Alternatively, contestants may request a contest result sheet from the Commission prior to competing outside the state.
- 2.14 A contestant must comply with any direction from a member or representative of the Combat Sports Commission to weigh in either at the weigh in required under section 48 of the Act or for the purposes of checking the contestant's weight at a contest.

3.0 Managers

- 3.1 Managers are required to understand the duties that the Act and Regulations impose on them. Specifically, managers should have knowledge of the following sections of the Act:
- Section 27, requirements for registration,
 - Sections 47(2)(a), (b) and (c), sham contests,
 - Section 53, false and misleading information.
- And the following Regulations:
- Regulation 10, requirements for registration.
- 3.2 Managers have a duty to manage the affairs of a contestant in the contestant's best interests.
- 3.3 Managers must take all reasonable steps to arrange for proper training for the contestant, secure contests for the contestant and ensure the contestant isn't over matched.
- 3.4 Managers must ensure that the contestant maintains their registration, fitness and serology requirements with the Commission.
- 3.5 When negotiating a match up, a manager is required to disclose to promoters, matchmakers and opposition trainers their contestant's full contest record, across all disciplines and styles of combat sport. This record should include:
- All Muay Thai, Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts and Kickboxing contests,
 - Both amateur and professional contests,
 - Details of any interclub sparring events the contestant has participated in,
 - Details of any martial arts contests the contestant has participated in, and
 - Details of any combat sports State Sporting Association contests the contestant has participated in.
- 3.6 Managers must ensure that any contract entered into by the contestant is in order and that the contestant fulfils the requirements of any contract they enter into.
- 3.7 A manager may organise an agent to carry out these duties with the permission of the contestant.

4.0 Matchmakers

- 4.1 Matchmakers are required to understand the duties that the Act and Regulations impose on them. Specifically, matchmakers should have knowledge of the following sections of the Act:
- Section 27, requirements for registration,
 - Sections 47(2)(a), (b) and (c), sham contests,
 - Section 53, false and misleading information.
- And the following Regulations:
- Regulation 10, requirements for registration.

- 4.2 Matchmakers must take all steps to protect the health and safety of contestants by ensuring contestants are not under or over matched with respect to experience, competence or weight.
- 4.3 Matchmakers must be impartial and unbiased in dealings with managers, trainers, and contestants.
- 4.4 When negotiating a match up, a matchmaker is required to ask contestants, promoters and/or opposition trainers the contestant's full contest record, across all disciplines and styles of combat sport. This record should include:
- All Muay Thai, Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts and Kickboxing contests,
 - Both amateur and professional contests,
 - Details of any interclub sparring events the contestant has participated in,
 - Details of any martial arts contests the contestant has participated in, and
 - Details of any combat sports State Sporting Association contests the contestant has participated in.
- 4.5 Matchmakers are to ensure that contestants are registered, or eligible to be registered, with either the Commission, an interstate combat sport authority or with an approved overseas authority.
- 4.6 Matchmakers must only provide a promoter with the names and details of contestants suitable for matching for a proposed contest.
- 4.7 Matchmakers cannot be officials for a contest between contestants that the matchmaker has matched.
- 4.8 A matchmaker must not engage or match a contestant who:
- does not meet the registration requirements specified in the *Act* and Regulations,
 - is on a medical suspension for a period that includes the date of the proposed contest whether or not this suspension is imposed by the Commission, an interstate combat sport authority, an approved overseas authority, or a medical practitioner, is on a disciplinary suspension for a period that includes the date of the proposed contest whether or not this suspension is imposed by the Commission, an interstate combat sport authority, or an approved overseas authority.

5.0 Trainers

- 5.1 Trainers are required to understand the duties that the *Act* and Regulations impose on them. Specifically, trainers should have knowledge of the following sections of the *Act*:
- Section 27, requirements for registration,
 - Sections 47(2)(a), (b) and (c), sham contests,
 - Section 53, false and misleading information.
- And the following Regulations:
- Regulation 10, requirements for registration.
- 5.2 Trainers must ensure that their contestants have the necessary skills to defend themselves and mount a credible offence prior to entering a contest.
- 5.3 When arranging a match up, a trainer is required to disclose to promoters, matchmakers and opposition trainers their contestant's full fight record, across all disciplines and styles of combat sport. This record should include:
- All Muay Thai, Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts and Kickboxing contests,
 - Both amateur and professional contests,
 - Details of any interclub sparring events the contestant has participated in,

- Details of any martial arts contests the contestant has participated in, and
 - Details of any contests sanctioned by a combat sports State Sporting Association the contestant has participated in.
- 5.4 Trainers must ensure that contestants are not under or over matched with respect to experience, competence or weight.
- 5.5 Trainers must ensure contestants are fit, healthy and uninjured for all contests.
- 5.6 Where possible, trainers must advise the Commission of their contestant's interstate and overseas contest results and suspensions within seven days of a contest held outside the state.
- 5.7 A trainer must not administer to a contestant or allow any person to administer to them, any substance or method that is listed in the World Anti-Doping Code (the WADC) by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as a prohibited substance or method.
- 5.8 Trainers must, as far as possible, ensure that their contestants follow the instructions of the Medical Practitioner in respect to:
- Obtaining follow up medical treatment,
 - Post-concussion care,
 - Complying with medical suspensions from sparring and contests.
- 5.9 A trainer may also be a contestant's manager but must also be registered as a manager.

6.0 Promoters

- 6.1 Promoters are required to understand the duties that the Act and Regulations impose on them. Specifically, promoters should have knowledge of the following sections of the Act:
- Section 27, requirements for registration,
 - Section 44, applying for permits,
 - Section 47AA, request for information,
 - Section 47A, suspending or cancelling a permit,
 - Sections 48A, 47(1), 47(2A), 47(2B), 47(2)(a), (b) and (c) offences and sham contests,
 - Sections 48(2)(a) and 48(2)(c), weigh ins,
 - Section 49A(4), pre-contest medicals,
 - Section 51, duties of a promoter,
 - Section 53, false and misleading information.
- And the following Regulations:
- Regulation 10, requirements for registration,
 - Regulation 17C, permit information,
 - Regulation 19, minimum fees for officials.
- 6.2 Promoters are registered subject to the Commission's promoter's fit and proper person policy. Promoters who fail to meet the requirements of this policy during their registration may face disciplinary action by the Commission.
- 6.3 Promoters must not deal with a matchmaker, manager or trainer who is not registered with the Commission, an interstate combat sport authority or with an approved overseas authority. Promoters may deal with an unregistered manager or matchmaker where that individual resides in an Australian State/ Territory or country that does not require managers or matchmakers to be registered.

- 6.4 A promoter can undertake the duties of a matchmaker, manager and/or trainer but must adhere to all conditions relevant to these capacities.
- 6.5 A promoter shall ensure that contestants in each contest are reasonably matched for weight, competence and experience by engaging a matchmaker to match contestants.
- 6.6 A promoter who does not engage a matchmaker to match contestants is responsible for the duties of a matchmaker.
- 6.7 When negotiating a match up a promoter is required to ask contestants, matchmakers and/or opposition trainers the contestant's full contest record, across all disciplines and styles of combat sport. This record should include:
 - All Muay Thai, Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts and Kickboxing contests,
 - Both amateur and professional contests,
 - Details of any interclub sparring events the contestant has participated in,
 - Details of any martial arts contests the contestant has participated in, and
 - Details of any combat sports State Sporting Association contests the contestant has participated in.

7.0 Officials

7.1 Referees

Referees are required to understand the duties that the *Act* and Regulations impose on them.

7.1.1 Specifically, referees should have knowledge of the following sections of the *Act*:

- Section 27, requirements for registration,
- Sections 47(2)(a), (b) and (c), s47(3) and s47(5), sham contests,
- Section 53, false and misleading information.

And the following Regulations:

- Regulation 10, requirements for registration

7.1.2 Referees are to impartially apply the rules approved by the Commission for each contest.

7.1.3 A referee is automatically considered to be registered in the categories of judge and a timekeeper.

7.2 Judges

Judges are required to understand the duties that the Act and Regulations impose on them.

7.2.1 Specifically, judges should have knowledge of:

- Section 27, requirements for registration,
- Sections 47(2)(a), (b) and (c), s47(2), s47(4) and s47(5), sham contests,
- Section 53, false and misleading information.

And the following Regulations:

- Regulation 10, requirements for registration.

7.2.2 Judges are required to follow the instructions of the referee in control of a contest.

7.2.3 Judges must maintain their judging registration with the Commission. A judge is automatically considered to be registered in the category of a timekeeper

7.2.4 Judges must impartially judge each round and record the result on an official scorecard.

- 7.2.5 Judges must apply the scoring system outlined in the rules for the contest approved by the Commission and declared by the referee.
- 7.2.6 Judges must not communicate with any official other than the referee while performing the duties of a judge.
- 7.2.7 Judges must not communicate with or indicate in any way the result of a round or a contest to members of the audience or the media.

7.3 **Timekeepers**

Timekeepers are required to understand the duties that the *Act* and Regulations impose on them

- 7.3.1 Specifically, timekeepers should have knowledge of:
- Section 27, requirements for registration,
 - Sections 47(2)(a), (b) and (c), sham contests,
 - Section 53, false and misleading information.
- And the following Regulations:
- Regulation 10, requirements for registration.

7.3.2 Timekeepers are required to follow the instructions of the referee in control of a contest.

7.3.3 Timekeepers must maintain their timekeeping registration with the Commission.

8.0 **Seconds**

- 8.1 Seconds are required to understand the duties that the Act and Regulations impose on them. Specifically, seconds should have knowledge of the following sections of the *Act*:
- Section 27, requirements for registration,
 - Sections 47(2)(a), s47(2)(b) and s47(2)(c), sham contests,
 - Section 53, false and misleading information.
- And the following Regulations:
- Regulation 10, requirements for registration.

- 8.2 A second must not:
- Act as a manager or trainer unless that second holds an appropriate certificate of registration.
 - Attempt in any way to procure a contest for a contestant.
 - Be ringside without the trainer present.

- 8.3 A second must not administer to a contestant or allow any person to administer to them, any substance or method that is listed in the World Anti-Doping Code (the WADC) by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as a prohibited substance or method.



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