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**PROFESSIONAL COMBAT SPORTS ACT 1987**

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**PROFESSIONAL COMBAT  
SPORTS REGULATIONS 2004**



Western Australia

## Professional Combat Sports Regulations 2004

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## Professional Combat Sports Act 1987

**Professional Combat Sports Regulations 2004**

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

**Part 1 — Preliminary****1. Citation**

These regulations are the *Professional Combat Sports Regulations 2004*.

**2. Commencement**

These regulations come into operation on the day on which the *Boxing Control Amendment Act 2003* comes into operation.

**3. Terms used in these regulations**

In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears —

“**approved**” means approved by the Commission;

“**medical practitioner**” means an individual who is registered as a medical practitioner under the *Medical Act 1894*;

“**recognised body**” means an approved combat sports body of another State, a Territory, the Commonwealth or another country;

“**sanction**”, in relation to a title, means to approve of the use of the title in relation to a contestant in a contest.

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**4. Prescribed combat sports**

- (1) For the purposes of the Act, a martial art, sport or activity is prescribed to be a combat sport if —
  - (a) it is specified in Schedule 1; or
  - (b) the primary objective of a participant in a contest of the martial art, sport or activity is to strike, kick, hit, grapple with, throw or punch another participant, or do any combination of those things.
- (2) Despite subregulation (1)(b), wrestling that is intended to be theatrical or humorous is not prescribed to be a combat sport.
- (3) Nothing in subregulation (1) renders an unlawful martial art, sport or activity to be lawful.

**Professional Combat Sports Regulations 2004**Registration **Part 2**Contestants **Division 1****r. 5****Part 2 — Registration****Division 1 — Contestants****5. Prescribed classes of contestants**

- (1) For the purposes of section 14 of the Act the classes of contestants are prescribed in Schedule 2.
- (2) For the purposes of section 24(a) of the Act, if a contestant is registered or licensed by a recognised body as a contestant of a class prescribed in Schedule 2, the contestant is to be taken to be registered accordingly in this State for the purposes of participating in a contest in this State.

**6. Particulars to be recorded in the register**

For the purposes of section 15(2)(c) of the Act, the Commission is to cause to be entered in the register in respect of each person registered as a contestant —

- (a) details of any contests in which the person has participated in an amateur capacity, including the number of years that the person participated, the person's win/loss record and details of any injuries sustained by the person in that participation;
- (b) details of any previous registration or licensing as a contestant in a professional combat sport, including where the person was registered or licensed, each combat sport and class in respect of which the person was registered or licensed;
- (c) details of any —
  - (i) convictions for criminal offences; or
  - (ii) other disciplinary measures taken under any professional combat sport Act or regulations, in this or any other State, a Territory or another country;
- (d) a recent photograph of the person;

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- (e) identifying details from the person's drivers licence, passport or any other approved identification document bearing the person's photograph; and
- (f) details of any medical certificates as to fitness lodged with the application for registration under section 16(2) of the Act.

**7. Prescribed prerequisites for registration as a contestant**

- (1) For the purposes of section 17(1)(d) of the Act the conditions prescribed as being prerequisite to registration of a person as a contestant are set out in this regulation.
- (2) An application under section 16(1) of the Act must be made —
  - (a) in the case of an application by a person whose principal place of residence is in the State, not later than 3 days before the date of any proposed contest in which the person intends to compete; and
  - (b) in the case of an application by a person whose principal place of residence is outside the State, before any weigh-in conducted under section 48 of the Act.
- (3) Where the person is or has been a contestant in any country outside the Commonwealth, the person must also submit to the Commission —
  - (a) a copy of —
    - (i) the person's full contest record obtained from a recognised body in every such country;
    - (ii) evidence of any current registration or licensing from a recognised body; and
    - (iii) any letters of clearance from a recognised body;and
  - (b) a serology test report in relation to the person, completed by a medical practitioner within 7 days before the day on which the application is made.



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Industry participants                **Division 2**  
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**8. Registration fees**

- (1) The fee set out in Schedule 3 item 1 is prescribed for the annual registration of a contestant under section 16(2)(b) of the Act or for the renewal of the annual registration of a contestant under section 19(3)(c) of the Act.
- (2) If an application is made for registration or renewal of registration for a period that is less than 6 months, the fee payable is reduced by half.

**Division 2 — Industry participants**

**9. Prescribed classes of industry participants**

- (1) For the purposes of section 25 of the Act, the following classes of persons are prescribed as industry participants —
  - (a) promoters;
  - (b) matchmakers;
  - (c) managers or manager’s agents;
  - (d) trainers, instructors or coaches;
  - (e) assistant trainers, assistant instructors or assistant coaches;
  - (f) seconds;
  - (g) referees;
  - (h) judges;
  - (i) timekeepers.
- (2) For the purposes of section 33(1) of the Act, if an industry participant —
  - (a) is registered as a promoter, the industry participant is also to be taken to be registered as a matchmaker;
  - (b) is registered as a manager, the industry participant is also to be taken to be registered as a trainer, instructor and coach;

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- (c) is registered as a trainer, instructor or coach, the industry participant is also to be taken to be registered as a second and an assistant trainer, assistant instructor or assistant coach, as the case may be, for that period;
  - (d) is registered as a referee, the industry participant is also to be taken to be registered as a judge and a timekeeper for that period;
  - (e) is registered as a judge, the industry participant is also taken to be registered as a timekeeper.
- (3) For the purposes of section 33(1) of the Act, if an industry participant is registered or licensed by a recognised body as a person of a class referred to in subregulation (1) except a promoter or referee, the industry participant is to be taken to be registered accordingly in this State for the purposes of participating in a contest in this State.

**10. Industry participant's particulars to be recorded**

The Commission is to cause to be entered in the register in respect of each person registered as an industry participant under section 26 of the Act —

- (a) for a referee or a judge — any medical certificates as to the participant's medical fitness required by the Commission for the purposes of registration;
- (b) for a referee, judge or timekeeper — details of experience, qualifications and accreditation;
- (c) for a promoter — the name of a person nominated by the applicant to hold the certificate of registration; and
- (d) for all industry participants including a referee, judge or promoter — all the particulars required to be disclosed by the application form approved under section 28 of the Act.

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Industry participants **Division 2**  
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**11. Registration fees**

- (1) The fees set out in Schedule 3 item 2 are prescribed for the annual registration of an industry participant under section 28(3) of the Act or for the renewal of the annual registration of an industry participant under section 31(2)(b) of the Act.
- (2) If an application is made for registration or renewal of registration for a period that is less than 6 months, the fee payable is reduced by half.

**12. Prescribed penalty: s. 33(2)**

For the purposes of section 33(2) of the Act, the prescribed penalty in respect of each class of industry participant is —

- (a) for a first offence — \$2 000; and
- (b) for a second or subsequent offence — \$10 000.

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**Part 3 — Contests****Division 1 — Prescribed prizes and places****13. Prescribed prizes**

- (1) A prize to the value of less than \$100 is prescribed for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of “contest” in section 3 of the Act.
- (2) For the purposes of subregulation (1) —
  - (a) any belt or trophy awarded to a contestant for winning a contest is not to be regarded as a prize for the contestant;
  - (b) any reimbursement of reasonable travel, accommodation or meal expenses is not to be regarded as a prize for the contestant; and
  - (c) any other consideration given to a contestant for participating in a contest, whether expressed to be a prize or reimbursement of expenses or otherwise, is to be regarded as a prize for the contestant.

**14. Prescribed places where contests must not be held**

Any place without an approved contest ring is prescribed for the purposes of section 53 of the Act.

**Division 2 — Rest periods****15. Restrictions on competing following a knockout or other loss**

- (1) Where a contestant is knocked out —
  - (a) the contestant must not participate in a contest for a period of at least 30 days;
  - (b) for a second consecutive time, the contestant must not participate in a contest for a period of at least 60 days; or
  - (c) for a third consecutive time, the contestant must not participate in a contest for a period of 90 days,

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Rest periods **Division 2**  
**r. 16**

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or for such longer period as the medical practitioner referred to in section 49 of the Act determines.

Penalty: \$1 000.

- (2) Where a contest is terminated because a contestant is judged unable to continue for a reason other than a knock-out, the contestant must not participate in a contest for such a period as the medical practitioner referred to in section 49 of the Act determines.

Penalty: \$1 000.

- (3) Any contestant who loses 6 consecutive contests must not enter into any contract to participate in a contest unless the contestant has passed a medical examination by an approved medical practitioner.

Penalty: \$1 000.

- (4) The medical practitioner referred to in section 49 of the Act is to endorse a contestant's medical record book referred to in section 35 of the Act with any specific date before which the contestant is not to participate in a contest under this regulation.

**16. Restrictions on competing following a contest**

- (1) Except where subregulation (2) applies, where a contestant has participated in a contest —

- (a) of 6 rounds or less, the contestant must not participate again for 7 days; or  
(b) of 7 rounds or more, the contestant must not participate again for 14 days.

Penalty: \$1 000.

- (2) Where a medical practitioner has endorsed a contestant's medical record book under regulation 15(4) with a specific date before which the contestant is not to participate in a contest, the contestant must not participate in a contest before that date.

Penalty: \$1 000.

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**Part 4 — Ratings and titles****17. Ratings**

The Commission may —

- (a) adopt the rating given to a contestant by a recognised body; or
- (b) determine the rating of a contestant in accordance with its own standards,

and that rating is to be used to determine a contestant's standard when participating in a contest in this State.

**18. Titles**

The Commission may in writing —

- (a) adopt the sanctioning of a recognised body; or
- (b) itself sanction a title where the title relates to a contestant or contest in this State.

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Repeal

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**Part 5 — Repeal****19. Repeal**

The *Boxing Control Regulations 1990* are repealed.

***Professional Combat Sports Regulations 2004*****Schedule 1**    Combat sports

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**Schedule 1 — Combat sports**

[r. 4(1)]

1.        Kickboxing
2.        Muay Thai
3.        Brazilian ju jitsu
4.        Full contact karate
5.        Ultimate or Xtreme fighting



**Professional Combat Sports Regulations 2004****Prescribed classes of participants Schedule 2****Schedule 2 — Prescribed classes of participants**

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**Division 1 — Boxing, kickboxing and Muay Thai**

<b>Division (Class)</b>	<b>Minimum Weight</b>	<b>Maximum Weight</b>
Strawweight or Mini Flyweight	—	not exceeding 47.73 kg
Junior Flyweight	over 47.73 kg	not exceeding 48.99 kg
Flyweight	over 48.99 kg	not exceeding 50.80 kg
Junior Bantamweight	over 50.80 kg	not exceeding 52.16 kg
Bantamweight	over 52.16 kg	not exceeding 53.52 kg
Junior Featherweight	over 53.52 kg	not exceeding 55.34 kg
Featherweight	over 55.34 kg	not exceeding 57.15 kg
Junior Lightweight	over 57.15 kg	not exceeding 58.97 kg
Lightweight	over 58.97 kg	not exceeding 61.23 kg
Junior Welterweight	over 61.23 kg	not exceeding 63.50 kg
Welterweight	over 63.50 kg	not exceeding 66.68 kg
Junior Middleweight	over 66.68 kg	not exceeding 69.85 kg
Middleweight	over 69.85 kg	not exceeding 72.57 kg
Super Middleweight	over 72.57 kg	not exceeding 76.20 kg
Light Heavyweight	over 76.20 kg	not exceeding 79.38 kg
Cruiserweight	over 79.38 kg	not exceeding 86.18 kg
Super Cruiserweight	over 86.18 kg	not exceeding 95.00 kg
Heavy weight	over 95.00 kg	(no upper limit)

**Division 2 — Brazilian ju jitsu and full contact karate**

<b>Division (Class)</b>	<b>Minimum Weight</b>	<b>Maximum Weight</b>
Lightweight	over 60.00 kg	not exceeding 70.00 kg
Middleweight	over 70.00 kg	not exceeding 80.00 kg
Heavy weight	over 80.00 kg	not exceeding 90.00 kg
Super heavyweight	over 90.00 kg	(no upper limit)

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**Prescribed classes of participants**

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**Division 3 — Ultimate or Xtreme fighting**

<b>Division (Class)</b>	<b>Minimum Weight</b>	<b>Maximum Weight</b>
Bantamweight	(no lower limit)	not exceeding 60.00 kg
Featherweight	over 60.00 kg	not exceeding 65.00 kg
Lightweight	over 65.00 kg	not exceeding 70.00 kg
Welterweight	over 70.00 kg	not exceeding 77.00 kg
Middleweight	over 77.00 kg	not exceeding 84.00 kg
Light Heavyweight	over 84.00 kg	not exceeding 93.00 kg
Heavyweight	over 93.00 kg	not exceeding 102.00 kg
Super Heavyweight	over 102.00 kg	(no upper limit)

**Professional Combat Sports Regulations 2004****Fees Schedule 3****Schedule 3 — Fees**

[r. 8(1) and 11(1)]

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1. Registration as a contestant under section 16(2)(b) of the Act or renewal of registration as a contestant under section 19(3)(c) of the Act .....	20.00
2. Registration as an industry participant under section 28(3) of the Act or renewal of registration under section 31(2)(b) of the Act as —	
(a) a promoter .....	100.00
(b) a matchmaker .....	50.00
(c) a manager .....	50.00
(d) a manager's agent .....	25.00
(e) a trainer, instructor or coach .....	25.00
(f) an assistant coach .....	25.00
(g) a second .....	25.00
(h) a referee .....	20.00
(i) a judge .....	20.00
(j) a timekeeper .....	20.00

By Command of the Governor,

M. C. WAUCHOPE, Clerk of the Executive Council.

