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Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Citation

These regulations are the Combat Sports Regulations 2004. [Regulation 1 amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1014.]

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;

grappling, in relation to an event, is where participants wrestle, grip, handle and control an opponent without the use of striking;

light contact, in relation to an event that is not a sham contest, is where participants do not strike their opponents with full force and where strikes are pulled;

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.

[Regulation 3 amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1014.]

4. Combat sports prescribed not to be combat sport

For the purposes of the definition of *combat sport* in section 3 of the Act, the combat sports listed in the Table are prescribed not to be a combat sport.

Table

Fencing
Paintball
Wrestling that is intended to be theatrical or humorous

[Regulation 4 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1014.]

5A. Contests prescribed not to be contest

- (1) For the purposes of the definition of *contest* in section 3 of the Act, the following contests or exhibitions are prescribed not to be contests
 - (a) a light contact or grappling event for the purpose of promoting the combat sport and for which
 - (i) scores are not kept; and
 - (ii) there is no outcome or result;
 - (b) a light contact or grappling event solely for the purpose of determining a contestant's proficiency in the combat sport;
 - (c) an event in which a contestant is penalised if he or she punches, kicks, strikes or hits another contestant in a manner that does not involve light contact with that other contestant.
- (2) For the purposes of the definition of *contest* in section 3 of the Act, contests or exhibitions are prescribed not to be contests if they are conducted by one of the following State Sporting

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Associations, or by the national or international parent bodies of one of the following State Sporting Associations —

- All Australian International Taekwondo Federation WA;
- Australian Karate Federation WA; (b)
- Boxing WA; (c)
- Judo WA; (d)
- Sport Taekwondo WA; (e)
- Taekwondo WA; (f)
- Western Australian, Australian Federation of Brazilian (g) Jujitsu Branch;
- (h) Wrestling WA.

[Regulation 5A inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1015.]

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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) deleted]

[Regulation 5 amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1015.]

6A. Persons taken to be registered as contestant

Under section 62(3) of the Act, a person who is registered or licensed under a law of a place outside the State, the purpose of which substantially corresponds with the purpose of the Act, as a contestant is to be taken to be registered under the Act as a contestant.

[Regulation 6A inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1015.]

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, 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; and
- (b) details of any previous registration or licensing as a contestant in a 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; and
- (c) details of any —

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- convictions for criminal offences; or (i)
- other disciplinary measures taken under a law, (ii) the purpose of which substantially corresponds with the purpose of the Act,

in this or any other State, a Territory or another country; and

- (d) a recent photograph of the person; and
- identifying details from the person's drivers licence, (e) passport or any other approved identification document bearing the person's photograph; and
- (f) details of any medical information provided under section 16(2)(b) or 19(3)(b) of the Act; and
- details of the person's next of kin and an emergency (g) contact telephone number for that next of kin.

[Regulation 6 amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1016.]

7. Time for making application for registration

- I(1)deleted]
- An application under section 16(1) of the Act must be made (2)
 - in the case of an application by a person whose principal place of residence is in the State, not later than 5 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.
- I(3)deleted]

[Regulation 7 amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1016.]

8A. Prescribed medical information

For the purposes of sections 16(2)(b) and 19(3)(b) of the Act, (1) the following medical information is prescribed —

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- a medical certificate as to fitness to be registered as a contestant in the class to which an application relates completed by a medical practitioner within 12 months before the date of the application;
- a serology report prepared within 6 months before the date of the application stating whether or not the applicant has Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C;
- a detailed medical history of injuries sustained in a (c) contest.
- If the person who desires to be registered as a contestant is or has been a contestant in any country outside the Commonwealth, the serology report referred to in subregulation (1)(b) must be prepared within 7 days before the date of the application.

[Regulation 8A inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1017.]

8B. Prescribed ages for classes of contestants

For the purposes of section 17(1)(a)(ii) of the Act, the following ages must be reached by contestants in the following classes of contests before registration can be considered —

- (a) 6 years of age for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu;
- 6 years of age for Taekwondo; (b)
- 6 years of age for Wrestling; (c)
- 7 years of age for Karate; (d)
- 9 years of age for Judo; (e)
- (f) 10 years of age for Boxing;
- 12 years of age for Kickboxing; (g)
- 12 years of age for Muay Thai; (h)
- (i) 16 years of age for Shooto;
- 18 years of age for Mixed Martial Arts (Unified Rules). (j)

[Regulation 8B inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1017.]

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8C. Contestant record book

For the purposes of section 35(1) of the Act, the following information is prescribed —

- (a) the contestant's name;
- (b) the contestant's weight;
- details of the contestant's medical examination and (c) serology test;
- details of the contestant's win/loss record and titles the (d) contestant has won.

[Regulation 8C inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1018.]

8. **Fees**

- (1) The fee set out in Schedule 3 item 1 is prescribed for the triennial registration of a contestant under section 16(2)(c) of the Act or for the renewal of the triennial registration of a contestant under section 19(3)(c) of the Act.
- The fee set out in Schedule 3 item 3 is prescribed for the issue of a duplicate contestant record book under section 42 of the

[Regulation 8 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1018.]

Division 2 — Industry participants

9. Prescribed capacities of industry participants

For the purposes of the definition of *industry participant* in section 3 of the Act, the following capacities are prescribed—

- promoter; (a)
- matchmaker; (b)
- (c) manager;
- (d) trainer;
- referee; (e)

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- (f) judge;
- timekeeper. (g)

[Regulation 9 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1018.]

Persons taken to be registered as industry participants 10A.

Under section 62(3) of the Act, a person who is registered or licensed under a law of a place outside the State, the purpose of which substantially corresponds with the purpose of the Act, for one of the capacities prescribed under regulation 9 (other than promoter) is to be taken to be registered under the Act as an industry participant of that capacity.

[Regulation 10A inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1018-19.]

10. Register of industry participants: prescribed particulars

Under section 26(c) of the Act, the particulars listed in column 2 of the Table opposite an industry participant capacity listed in column 1 are prescribed.

Register of industry participants

Industry participant capacity		Particulars
Judge	(a)	Details of the participant's experience, qualifications and any accreditation.
	(b)	All the particulars required to be disclosed in the application form approved under section 27 of the Act.
Manager	(a)	Copy of proof of the participant's identity such as a driver's licence or passport.
	(b)	Details of the participant's

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Industry participant capacity		Particulars
		experience, qualifications and any accreditation.
	(c)	All the particulars required to be disclosed in the application form approved under section 27 of the Act.
Promoter	(a)	Copy of proof of the participant's identity such as a driver's licence or passport.
	(b)	Details of the participant's experience, qualifications and any accreditation.
	(c)	All the particulars required to be disclosed in the application form approved under section 27 of the Act.
Referee	(a)	Copy of proof of the participant's identity such as a driver's licence or passport.
	(b)	Details of the participant's experience, qualifications and any accreditation.
	(c)	All the particulars required to be disclosed in the application form approved under section 27 of the Act.
Timekeeper	(a)	Copy of proof of the participant's identity such as a driver's licence or passport.

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Industry participant capacity	Particulars	
	(b)	Details of the participant's experience, qualifications and any accreditation.
	(c)	All the particulars required to be disclosed in the application form approved under section 27 of the Act.
Trainer	(a)	Copy of proof of the participant's identity such as a driver's licence or passport.
	(b)	Details of the participant's experience, qualifications and any accreditation.
	(c)	All the particulars required to be disclosed in the application form approved under section 27 of the Act.

[Regulation 10 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1019-20.]

11. Registration fees

The fees set out in Schedule 3 item 2 are prescribed for the triennial annual registration of an industry participant under section 27(3)(b) of the Act or for the renewal of the triennial annual registration of an industry participant under section 31(2)(b) of the Act.

[Regulation 11 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1020.]

[12. Deleted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1020.]

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Part 3 — Contests

Division 1 — Pre-contest matters

[Heading inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1021.]

13. Information to be recorded at weigh-in

For the purposes of section 48(2)(d) of the Act, the following information is prescribed —

- (a) the date and venue of the contest;
- (b) the contestant's weight;
- (c) the contestant's opponent;
- (d) the name of the rules of the contest;
- (e) the number of rounds of the contest and the length of each round.

[Regulation 13 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1021.]

14. Information to be certified by medical practitioner

For the purposes of section 49A(2)(c) of the Act, the following information prescribed is —

- (a) whether or not the person examined is fit to compete in the contest;
- (b) if the person is not fit to compete in the contest, a date before which the person should not take part in
 - (i) sparring; or
 - (ii) a contest.

[Regulation 14 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1021.]

Division 2 — Rest periods

15. Restrictions on competing following a knockout or other loss

(1) Where a contestant is knocked out —

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- (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,

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 contestant 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.

[Regulation 15 amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1021.]

16. Restrictions on competing following a contest

(1) Except where subregulation (2) applies, where a contestant has participated in a contest of 6 rounds or less, the contestant must not participate in another contest for 7 days.

Penalty: \$1 000.

(2) Where a medical practitioner has endorsed a contestant's contestant 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.

[Regulation 16 amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1021-2.]

Division 3 — Record of contest

[Heading inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1022.]

17A. Prescribed information: record of contest

For the purposes of section 52(2)(d) of the Act, the following information is prescribed —

- (a) the contestant's name;
- (b) the contestant's weight;
- (c) details of the contestant's medical examination;
- (d) the opponent's name;
- (e) the opponent's weight;
- (f) the date of the contest;
- (g) the venue of the contest;
- (h) the type of contest;
- (i) the name of the contest;
- (j) the number of rounds of the contest and the length of each round;
- (k) the result of the contest.

[Regulation 17A inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1022.]

17B. Recording participation in contests outside the State

A person registered as a contestant under section 15 of the Act who participates as a contestant in a contest outside the State

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must ensure that the information prescribed under regulation 17A is entered in his or her contestant record book. Penalty: \$1 000.

[Regulation 17B inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1022.]

Division 4 — Permits for contests

[Heading inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1022.]

17C. Prescribed information: permits to conduct contests

For the purposes of section 44(2)(c) of the Act, the following information is prescribed —

- (a) the name and contact details of the applicant and the registration details of the promoter of the contest;
- (b) the contest and weigh-in dates and venues;
- (c) the matchmaker's details;
- (d) details of insurance cover to be obtained and who is to be covered by it, security of contestants and officials and the emergency medical contact procedures;
- (e) financial details for the contest including entry prices, and rewards or prizes for contestants;
- (f) contest details including the contestants' names, weights, fight records and trainers, type and length of contest, classes, proposed rules, titles contested and sanctioning body;
- (g) details of the officials who are to officiate at the contest and their qualifications;
- (h) details of the medical practitioner to be present at the contest;
- (i) details of the venue including
 - the layout of the venue and facilities for the safety of contestants, industry participants and spectators;

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- the specifications of the contest ring; (ii)
- (iii) details of the contestant warm-up, cool down and change room areas;
- details of the areas for medical staff and officials; (iv)
- details of the emergency access to the venue; (v)
- (vi) the location of security personnel;
- details of any entertainment to be provided at the contest.

[Regulation 17C inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1022-3.]

17D. Prescribed information: permit for contest

For the purposes of section 45(3)(d) of the Act, the following information is prescribed —

- the name and contact details of the promoter of the (a) contest;
- the type of contest; (b)
- the rules approved under section 62A(1) of the Act to be observed in the contest;
- any sanctioned title for the contest; (d)
- the names of the industry participants approved to (e) officiate at the contest as a referee, judge or timekeeper (as the contest requires).

[Regulation 17D inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1023.]

17E. Fee for permit for contest

The fee set out in Schedule 3 item 4 is prescribed for a permit for a contest under section 44(2)(e) of the Act.

[Regulation 17E inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1023.]

Part 4 — Ratings and titles

17. Ratings

The Commission may —

- (a) adopt the rating given to a contestant by a sanctioning body or 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.

[Regulation 17 amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1024.]

18. Titles

The Commission may in writing adopt the sanctioning of a sanctioning body or a recognised body.

[Regulation 18 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1024.]

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Part 5 — Miscellaneous

[Heading inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1024.]

19. Minimum fees for officials

- (1) The fees set out in Schedule 4 are prescribed as the minimum fees for the types of officials involved in a combat sport referred to in that item payable by the promoter of the contest to an official involved in the contest.
- (2) Despite subregulation (1), if a contest
 - is for an international title; and
 - is sanctioned by an approved international body and that international body requires that a specified fee is to be paid to an official involved in a contest for an international title sanctioned by the body,

the minimum fee payable by the promoter of the contest to an official involved in the contest (including the undercard to the title contest) is that specified fee.

[Regulation 19 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1024.]

Part 6 — Savings and transitional matters

[Heading inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1024.]

20. Terms used

In this Part —

amending Act means the Professional Combat Sports Amendment Act 2011;

commencement day means the day on which the Professional Combat Sports Amendment Act 2011 comes into operation;

PCS Act means the Professional Combat Sports Act 1987 as in force immediately before commencement day.

[Regulation 20 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1024-5.]

21. Interpretation Act 1984 not affected

Except where the contrary intention appears, this Part does not prejudice or affect the application of the *Interpretation Act 1984* Part V.

[Regulation 21 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1025.]

22. Contestants registered under the PCS Act

A person who immediately before commencement day was registered under the PCS Act section 17 as a contestant of a class is, on commencement day, to be taken to be registered under the *Combat Sports Act 1987* section 17 as a contestant in that class for the period that, and subject to the same conditions and restrictions as, applied to that person immediately before commencement day.

[Regulation 22 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1025.]

23. Certificate of registration: contestants

A certificate of registration in force under the PCS Act section 18 immediately before commencement day is, on commencement day, to be taken to be a certificate of

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registration issued under the *Combat Sports Act 1987* section 18.

[Regulation 23 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1025.]

24. Participants registered under the PCS Act

If—

- (a) immediately before commencement day a natural person was registered under the PCS Act section 27 as a prescribed class of industry participant; and
- (b) a capacity in which a person can be registered as an industry participant prescribed under regulation 9 corresponds to that prescribed class,

the person is, on commencement day, to be taken to be registered under the *Combat Sports Act 1987* section 28 in that capacity for the period that, and subject to the same conditions and restrictions as, applied to that person immediately before commencement day.

[Regulation 24 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1025.]

25. Certificate of registration: industry participants

A certificate of registration issued to an industry participant referred to in regulation 24 in force under the PCS Act section 29 immediately before commencement day is, on commencement day, to be taken to be a certificate of registration issued under the *Combat Sports Act 1987* section 29 for the capacity corresponding to the prescribed class of industry participant set out in the certificate.

[Regulation 25 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1025-6.]

26. Register: industry participants

The register of industry participants kept under the PCS Act section 26 immediately before commencement day is, on commencement day, to be taken to be the register required to be

kept under the *Combat Sports Act 1987* section 26 in relation to industry participants referred to in regulation 24.

[Regulation 26 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1026.]

[Schedule 1 deleted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1026.]

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[Heading amended in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1026.]

Division 1 — Boxing, kickboxing and Muay Thai

Division (Class)	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight
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

Division (Class)	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight
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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Schedule 2 Prescribed classes of contestants

Division 3 Mixed martial arts

Division 3 — Mixed martial arts

[Heading inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1026.]

Division (Class)	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight
Flyweight	(no lower limit)	not exceeding 56.69 kg
Bantamweight	over 56.69 kg	not exceeding 61.23 kg
Featherweight	Over 61.23 kg	not exceeding 65.77 kg
Lightweight	Over 65.77 kg	not exceeding 70.30 kg
Welterweight	Over 70.30 kg	not exceeding 77.11 kg
Middleweight	Over 77.11 kg	not exceeding 79.83 kg
Cruiserweight	Over 79.83 kg	not exceeding 90.7 kg
Heavyweight	Over 90.7 kg	(no upper limit)

[Division 3 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1026.]

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Schedule 3 — Fees

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[Heading inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1027.]

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1. Registration as a contestant under section 16(2)(c) of the Act or renewal of registration as a contestant under section 19(3)(c) of the Act

100.00

Registration as an industry participant under sections 27(3)(b) and 28(3) of the Act or renewal of registration under section 31(2)(b) of the Act

(a)	a promoter	330.00
(b)	a matchmaker	165.00
(c)	a manager	165.00
(d)	a trainer	82.50
(e)	a referee	100.00
(f)	a judge	80.00
(g)	a timekeeper	80.00

3. Fee for issue of a duplicate contestant record book

100.00

4. Application fee for permit for contest Maximum fee of 2 500

[Schedule 3 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1027.]

Schedule 4 — Minimum fees for officials

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[Heading inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1027.]

Official	Basic fee		State title		National or international title	
	One contest on a bill	2 or more contests on a bill	One contest on a bill	2 or more contests on a bill	One contest on a bill	2 or more contests on a bill
Referee	\$200	\$250	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350
Judge	\$150	\$200	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300
Timekeeper	\$150	\$200	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300

[Schedule 4 inserted in Gazette 22 Feb 2013 p. 1027.]

Notes

This is a compilation of the *Combat Sports Regulations 2004*. The following table contains information about those regulations.

Compilation table

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Professional Combat Sports Regulations 2004 ²	11 Jan 2005 p. 115-33	12 Jan 2005 (see r. 2 and <i>Gazette</i> 11 Jan 2005 p. 89)	
Professional Combat Sports Amendment Regulations 2013	22 Feb 2013 p. 1013-27	r. 1 and 2: 22 Feb 2013 (see r. 2(a));	
		Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Mar 2013 (see r. 2(b) and	
		Gazette 1 Mar 2013 p. 1091)	

Now known as the *Combat Sports Regulations 2004*; citation changed (see note under r. 1).

Defined Terms

Defined terms

[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined.

The list is not part of the law.]

Defined Term	Provision(s)
amending Act	20
approved	
commencement day	
grappling	
light contact	
PCS Act	
recognised body	
sanction	