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§4100. Creation, Membership, Purpose, Name, Officers. (a) By virtue of, and in conformity with the laws of the Territory of Guam, wherein provision is made for the creation of a boxing and wrestling commission, this commission shall be composed of five (5) members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Legislature. Members of this Commission shall serve for a period of two (2) years without compensation, with the exception that of those five (5) members appointed in 1975, three (3) shall serve a term of one year and two (2) shall serve for two years.

(b) The official name of this Commission shall be "The Guam Boxing and Wrestling Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission)" and its purpose shall be the regulation and control of amateur and professional boxing and wrestling in the territory of Guam.

(c) Its officers, consisting of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, shall be elected annually by its members at a regular meeting in January of each year.

(d) The policy of the Commission shall at all times adhere to the laws of the territory of Guam.

(e) The Commission shall appoint separate Executive Secretaries responsible for the administration of the laws, rules and regulations regarding professional boxing and wrestling and regarding amateur boxing and wrestling under the jurisdiction of this Commission.

(f) The Executive Secretaries shall be the administrative agents of the Commission's funds and shall be directly responsible for the accounting of such funds. They shall furnish such bond as the Commission shall deem appropriate, the bond to be paid out of Commission funds.

(g) The Commission shall conduct open hearings and meetings to review or consider appeals from decisions made by the Executive Secretaries or Commission and physician, and to act upon and carry on the current business of the Commission. The hearings or meetings shall be ordered by and at the discretion of the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman may order meetings when an emergency so requires.

(h) The papers filed with the Commission shall be the property of the Commission, and shall be open to the public only to the extent provided by law, rule and regulation.

(i) All correspondence of the Commission whether for publication or not shall not be released or transmitted in any way or manner until the Commission has examined and approved it for release or transmission.

§4101. Meetings. (a) This Commission shall have one (1) regular meeting each calendar month which shall be held on the first Monday of the month and if Monday shall be a legal holiday the meeting shall be held on the next working day and special meetings as may be required in addition to the regular meetings to carry out the purpose of Chapter 41 of Title 22, Guam Code Annotated [as enacted by Public Law 13-80] and conduct the business of this Commission.

(b) The regular meetings and special meetings shall be called by the Chairman who shall determine the date, time and location of the meetings. The Chairman or the Executive Secretaries shall notify all members by mail, telephone or in person of the date, time and location not less than five (5) days prior to the time set for a special meeting.

(c) Three (3) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and any motions regularly moved and seconded may be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. All members, including the Chairman, have one (1) vote.

(d) The Chairman, or the Executive Secretaries under the direction of the Chairman, shall notify all promoters who are currently licensed by this Commission by mail at their last address on file with the Executive Secretaries of this Commission, of the dates, time and location of any regular meeting of this Commission at which any proposed rules changes are being considered, in addition to the notice required under §9303 of, 5 GCA. The notice shall be mailed to each promoter ten (10) days prior to the scheduled hearing. No proposed rule shall be put to the Commission unless such notice has been given and any promoter present at the meeting has had opportunity to be heard on the proposed rule change.

§4102. Executive Secretaries. (a) The Executive Secretaries shall attend all meetings of the Commission and one of them in the capacity of the secretary keep a full and true record of all its proceedings, preserve all its books and papers, prepare for service such notices and other papers as may be required by the Commission, coordinate and supervise the activities of and duties of whatever notices the Commission may establish, make such decisions and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Commission, and otherwise act for it in behalf of the Commission, in a manner not inconsistent with the laws of the territory of Guam.

(b) In addition to the above, the Executive Secretaries shall:

(1) Act as Executive Secretary to the Commission.

(2) Administer Commission policies, laws, rules and regulations.

(3) Issue licenses in accordance with the Commission rules and regulations.

(4) Take punitive action against licensees when situations warrant, in accordance with policies established by the Commission.

(5) Recommend policies, rules, regulations and amendments to the foregoing.

(6) Collect fines and forfeitures.

(7) Keep an accurate accounting of any Commission funds.

(8) Supervise boxing and wrestling officials and employees assigned by the Commission.

(9) Accept contracts and recommend approval by the Commission.

(10) Issue appropriate identification to all Commission officials.

(11) Other duties as may be required by the Commission.

(c) In the absence of one or both of the Executive Secretaries, the Commission Chairman may designate any member of the Commission to carry out the duties of the Executive Secretary.

§4103. Tickets and Admissions. (a) All tickets shall have a price and date of show printed plainly thereon and shall have a coupon attached showing the price and date of the show. Both ticket and coupon shall contain the section or seat position where seating is assigned, the coupon to be held by the purchaser for identification. In the case of general admission tickets where the purchaser may occupy any seat both the coupon and ticket shall be consecutively numbered. The coupon attached shall be numbered to correspond to the number on the ticket.

(b) The price of tickets for all boxing matches or wrestling exhibitions and contest must be submitted to the Commission for approval.

(c) Licensed promoters must exercise extraordinary caution to prevent speculation in tickets. The licensees are prohibited from selling any tickets for any price other than the price printed thereon, or to change the price of tickets at any time after tickets for the exhibition have been placed on sale, or to sell any tickets at any time during the exhibition, for a less price in tickets for the same seat offered before the exhibition, except by the permission of the Commission. Bartering with passes and/or complimentary tickets is strictly forbidden, and anyone guilty thereof shall be subject to such fine as the Commission may direct or impose, not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

(d) All ticket sales shall be under the supervision and control of the Commission. Complimentary tickets may be issued.

§4104. Licenses and Permits. (a) All persons who desire to promote, engage or participate in any professional boxing or wrestling exhibition or contest shall file an application with the Commission, blank copies of which shall be made available by the Commission. Each applicant shall give his name and permanent place of residence, identify what type of license is desired, and certify whether or not he has been convicted of a felony at any time. Members of the Armed Forces shall submit with their application a written consent from

their commanding officer to their application and participation in exhibitions and contests. The Commission after considering the application shall at its sole discretion issue or deny a certificate approving the applicant for a license.

(b) No person shall be permitted to apply as a professional until he has demonstrated the necessary ability to the satisfaction of the Commission, by obtaining the certification of both Executive Secretaries.

(c) The above-mentioned certificate shall be addressed to the Department of Revenue and Taxation, which shall issue such licenses upon the payment of prescribed fees. The license shall expire, without regard to the date of issuance, on December 31st of the year in which issued. All licenses shall be prorated with one-fourth (1/4) of the annual fee to be paid for each quarter or portion of a quarter remaining in the calendar year from the date of issuance.

(d) The schedule of license fees for professionals shall be as follows:

a. Physicians	\$ 25.00
b. Referees	\$ 25.00
c. Judges	\$ 10.00
d. Timekeepers	\$ 5.00
e. Professional boxers or wrestlers	\$ 10.00
f. Novice boxers or wrestlers	\$ 2.00
g. Managers of professional boxers or wrestlers	\$ 25.00
h. Trainers	\$ 5.00
i. Seconds	\$ 5.00
j. Promoters of professional contests	\$100.00

(e) No person shall promote, engage or participate in any professional boxing or wrestling exhibitions or contests without first obtaining a license issued as before provided.

(f) The Commission may revoke any such license for any violation by the licensee of any rule or regulation of the Commission, or for other cause, including but not limited to violation of any law of the territory of Guam. Before any revocation, the Commission shall hold a hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law.

(g) Amateur boxers and wrestlers shall be qualified and registered according to the procedures of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. In cooperation with that organization, no licensing fees shall be required of those parties engaging and participating in amateur events, provided that all

parties shall meet the criteria and qualifications established by that organization.

(h) No boxing or wrestling exhibitions or contests may be held within our jurisdiction unless the promoter first obtains a written permit from the Commission. Such permit will be issued only if the promoter agrees to allow the Commission to inspect and examine the financial records relating to the exhibition or contest for which the permit is issued. The Commission may, after a hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law, revoke such permit for violation by the permittee of any rule or resolution of the Commission or for other cause, including but not limited to a violation of the laws of the territory of Guam.

(i) All persons applying for a license or permit shall be required to have a copy of these rules and regulations.

§4105. Promoters. (a) Promoters will be permitted to stage professional boxing and/or wrestling contests only on dates and at places assigned by the Commission and shall charge the admission prices only as approved by the Commission. Requests for approval by the Commission under this Subsection must be filed fifteen (15) days before the contest.

(b) Promoters shall make good faith efforts to stage boxing and wrestling contests. They shall exercise due care and sound judgment in arranging contests, taking into consideration the respective age, weight, experience and skill of the contestants, so that no contest is substantially uneven.

(c) Prior to the scheduling of an event, each promoter shall deliver to the Commission a surety of at least Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in the form of a certified check or of a bond. The amount of the surety shall be set at a higher sum, at the sole discretion of the Commission, where circumstances so demand. Such surety shall be returned only when the Commission is satisfied that all parties and all expenses of the event have been paid.

(d) Promoters shall not match contestants who are under the same management as opponents in any boxing contest unless specifically authorized by the Commission in writing.

(e) Promoters shall not act in the capacity of manager or representative of any boxer or wrestler while under license as a promoter.

§4106. Referees. (a) The Commission shall appoint and license referees who shall have sole jurisdiction over each competition for its duration with the exception that the physician may recommend termination of a contest.

(b) Referees shall not act in the capacity of manager or representative in any capacity of any boxer or wrestler while under license as a referee.

§4107. Referees for Boxing. (a) The referee in any professional boxing contest under the jurisdiction of this Commission, shall be licensed by this Commission.

(b) The Commission shall approve the selection of all referees for all contests. The employment of any referee other than as licensed by the Commission is strictly prohibited.

(c) The referee shall inspect the person and equipment of each contestant and see that no foreign substance has been used or applied to or by a contestant to the detriment of an opponent.

(d) The referee shall refrain from touching either contestant during the progress of the contest except through absolute necessity from the failure of either one or both contestants to respond promptly to his command to break from a clinch.

(e) He shall immediately warn contestant when he is failing to apply his best efforts and if such warning is not promptly and immediately heeded, may disqualify either or both contestants.

(f) He must immediately disqualify a contestant who becomes guilty of committing a deliberate foul or an unintentional foul which injures his opponent sufficiently to impair his ability to continue unhandicapped and declare the opponent winner of the contest. In case of minor and unintentional fouls which have no injurious effect upon an opponent, he shall issue a warning to the offender and upon a repetition of the offense after warning; may disqualify the offending contestant and declare the opponent winner of the contest.

(g) When a contestant is disqualified by the referee for any cause, his purse shall be withheld by promoter and paid over to the Commission as it may determine proper after investigating the cause of disqualification.

(h) The referee shall decide all questions arising during the progress of a contest not specifically covered by these rules.

(i) The referee is directly and solely responsible to notify the Commission in writing of the circumstances leading to the disqualification of a contestant or any out of the ordinary action employed by him during the contest no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the contest.

(j) The referee shall be the sole judge of a contestant's fitness to continue after the starting of a contest, subject to the advice of the Commission physician, and shall not recognize the tossing of a towel into the ring or any other signal as acknowledgment of defeat for a contestant.

(k) When a contestant is down the referee shall at once commence the calling off the seconds and indicating the count with a motion of his arm at each count. If the contestant fails to arise at the count of ten (10), the referee shall declare him out and the opponent winner of the contest. Should the contestant who is down, arise before the count of ten (10) is reached and immediately goes down through weakness, the referee shall continue the count from where he left off when the contestant arose. When a contestant is down, his opponent shall retire to the farthest neutral corner of the ring, remain there until the count is completed or until the referee indicates that the contest continue. The count should continue at the end of each round except in the final round.

(l) It shall be mandatory for the contestant knocked down to take a count of eight (8).

(m) Any boxer who is knocked down three (3) times in any given round shall be declared out by a technical knockout and his opponent shall be declared the winner.

(n) The referee, at his discretion, may call time out during the progress of a round for any emergency including the retying of laces or determining the condition of a fighter. During this time out, the timekeeper shall stop the clock until the referee signals the round to continue.

(o) Should a contestant leave the ring during the one-minute rest periods between rounds of a contest and fail to return before the gong rings beginning the next round, the referee shall count him out the same as if he were down.

(p) A contestant knocked or thrown out of the ring during a contest shall return to the ring unassisted within ten (10) seconds or be declared out and his opponent declared winner of the contest by the referee, and he will be counted out the same as if he were down.

(q) When the Commission has licensed judges to assist in awarding decisions, the judges shall do so in those contests which have lasted for the number of scheduled rounds. The judges shall assist the referee assigned to the particular contest. If the Commission has not authorized judges to assist in the contest decision, the referee shall indicate the winner immediately upon conclusion of the contest. The referee's decision shall then be considered final.

§4108. Timekeepers, Boxing Judges and Announcers. (a) The Commission shall select and license where required a reasonable number of timekeepers, boxing judges and announcers.

(b) The timekeeper shall be furnished with an official stop watch by the Commission. The timekeeper shall provide himself with a whistle which he shall blow ten (10) seconds prior to the commencement of each and every round.

(c) In the event of a contest terminating before the scheduled limit of rounds, the timekeeper shall inform the announcer of the exact duration of the contest.

(d) Boxing judges shall assist in awarding decisions, where the Commission has so authorized. They shall award decisions according to the scoring system adopted by the Commission.

(e) No person shall act as announcer at any boxing or wrestling exhibition or contest without the permission of the Commission. No license fee is required from an announcer.

(f) The announcer shall act as Master of Ceremonies. He shall only make such announcements as are authorized by the Commission or its appointed representative at ringside. The announcer shall receive from the Commission or its representative a statement of weights for all contests and shall make his announcement in the ring therefrom.

(g) By the term *announcer*, the Commission does not mean any member of the media who may be present to broadcast or record the contests.

§4109. Inspectors. (a) There shall be an official representative of the Commission in attendance at all boxing contests who shall assign such assistants as may be necessary to properly supervise all arena activities.

(b) It shall be the duty of such official to see that none but duly qualified persons are allowed to enter contestants' dressing rooms as are authorized by the Commission; to supervise the managing and taping of contestants' hands; to supervise the lacing on of all gloves on contestants (except "main event" contestants whose gloves will be put on after they have entered the ring) to see that only gloves of proper weight as prescribed by law and in good condition and properly sterilized are worn by contestants; to see that all other equipment worn by contestants is in accordance with the Commission rules or instructions as may be issued from time to time; to pass upon the fitness of contestants to enter the ring and prevent any contestant from participating in a contest while under the influence of liquor or a drug; to see that none but duly qualified

managers and seconds are in the contestant's corner in the progress of the contest.

§4110. Seconds. (a) No contestant shall have more than two (2) seconds in attendance, and they shall not be permitted to coach principals in any way during the progress of a round.

(b) All seconds shall leave the ring at the sound of the timekeeper's "ten-second" whistle.

(c) Seconds shall at all times observe instructions and commands of any official of the Commission.

(d) Seconds shall not attempt in any manner to signalize defeat for a contestant during the progress of a round but may with consent of the referee forfeit the contest to the opponent between any two (2) rounds, provided the contestant under his care shall have become injured to such an extent as to make further participation seem unwise and unsafe. Should the contest be thus forfeited, the forfeiting contestant will be declared out by a technical knockout in the round just completed.

(e) The medication used by the seconds shall be under the direct supervision of the attending physician. The use of iron derivatives, Monsel's solution or Veredance is prohibited.

(f) The willful failure to disclose to the Commission physician any injury or weakness of a contestant by a manager, second or contestant, will make the offending individual liable to forfeiture or suspension of his license.

(g) Water shall be used in such a manner as not to create a hazard in the ring.

(h) Any second who wilfully violates or fails to fulfill any of these rules and regulations shall be subject to fine, suspension or cancellation of his license at the discretion of the Commission.

§4111. Contracts. (a) Promoters and professional contestants will in all cases be required to execute written contracts covering services of contestants and remuneration therefore. Promoters shall file a copy of each contract with the Commission at the time of weighing in of the contestants, except for "main event" or principal contests.

(b) Contracts of "main event" or principal contestants must be filed with and approved by the Commission not less than five (5) days prior to the date of contest in which contestants are to participate. Telegraphic acceptance of terms

shall be considered the same as a signed contract pending the arrival of contestant and execution of a signed contract as required above.

(c) Contestants signing contracts with promoters for their own services will be required to file with Commission an affidavit that they are entirely under their own management.

(d) All contracts are subject to the approval of the Commission. Such contracts must hold harmless the territory of Guam, the Commission and all their agents, officers and employees from any and all claims by reason of injury or damage caused by any contest under Commission auspices.

(e) All forfeits provided for in contracts must be posted in the form of a certified check or cash with the Commission at the time of filing the contract and in case of forfeiture the disposition of forfeiture will be made at the discretion of the Commission.

(f) Any promoter, manager or contestant, who after having become a party to a contract as prescribed by the Commission in these rules, shall violate or fail to fulfill any or all of the provisions of the contract is liable to fine, suspension or cancellation of his license at the discretion of the Commission, and except in the case of the promoter shall be subject to forfeiture of the purse or any portion thereof at the discretion of the Commission. The promoter shall be liable for all expenditures occasioned by any delay in a regularly scheduled exhibition or contest, excepting such delay ordered by the Commission.

§4112. Equipment. (a) The ring for any boxing contest shall not be less than sixteen (16) feet square nor more than twenty-four (24) feet within the ropes. The ring shall comply with the standards set by the World Boxing Association.

(b) All gloves shall be of the weight prescribed by law.

(c) All contestants shall wear "foul-proof" protection cups. The belt of trunks shall not extend above the waistline.

(d) All contestants shall have an adequate mouthpiece.

(e) Bandages shall not exceed the following restrictions:

(1) One winding of surgeons adhesive tape not over one and one-half (1-1/2) inches wide, place directly on the hand to protect that part of the hand near the wrist. Said tape may cross the back of the hand twice, but shall not extend within one inch of the knuckles when the hand is clinched to make a fist.

(2) Contestants shall use soft surgical bandage not over two inches wide, held in place by not more than two yards of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. One ten yard roll of bandage shall complete the wrappings for each hand.

§4113. Pre-contest Conditions. (a) Contestants must be physically present on Guam for at least seven (7) calendar days prior to a boxing contest.

(b) Contestants scheduled to participate in a boxing contest shall weigh in at a time and place designated by the Commission not less than six (6) nor more than twelve (12) hours before start of the contest except as may otherwise be accepted by the Commission, in the presence of a representative of the Commission and the Commission's physician. Contestants shall be permitted to participate in the scheduled contest only upon certification by the physician as to physical fitness.

(c) Contestants shall report at the place where the contest is to be held at least one (1) hour before scheduled starting time for the first contest. They shall box in proper ring costume, including foul-proof cup, boxing trunks and such other items of attire, which conform to the regulations of the Commission.

(d) Contestants shall in no case be paid for services either in whole or in part before conclusion of the contest; and upon instruction from the Commission, payment for any contestant's services shall be withheld by the promoter and paid over to the Commission at its discretion; with the exception, that at the discretion of the Commission travelling expenses may be advanced to the contestant.

(e) No person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be allowed to participate as a contestant in any professional boxing contest under the jurisdiction of this Commission, and no boxer under the age of twenty-one (21) years shall take part in any professional contest of more than six (6) rounds duration with the exception under written permission from the Commission, eight (8) and ten (10) two-minute duration rounds are permitted. No boxer over the age of thirty-eight (38) years shall be allowed to participate in any professional contest, except by special permission of the Commission.

(f) Boxers shall be divided into the following classes and weights:

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| (1) Flyweight | 112 pounds or under |
| (2) Bantamweight | over 112 to 118 pounds |
| (3) Featherweight | over 118 to 126 pounds |
| (4) Lightweight | over 126 to 135 pounds |
| (5) Welterweight | over 135 to 147 pounds |
| (6) Middleweight | over 147 to 160 pounds |
| (7) Light Heavyweight | over 160 to 175 pounds |

(8) Heavyweight all over 175 pounds

(g) No contest shall be scheduled, and no contestant shall engage in a boxing contest where the weight difference exceeds the allowance shown in the following, except upon prior approval of the Commission:

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| (1) 112-118 pounds | not more than 3 pounds |
| (2) 118-126 pounds | not more than 5 pounds |
| (3) 126-135 pounds | not more than 7 pounds |
| (4) 135-147 pounds | not more than 9 pounds |
| (5) 147-160 pounds | not more than 11 pounds |
| (6) 160-175 pounds | not more than 12 pounds |
| (7) 175 pounds and over | no limit |

§4114. Round and Championship Fights. (a) Each bout shall consist of not more than ten (10) rounds of not more than three (3) minutes with a one minute intermission in between rounds, unless the contest be for a championship or by special permission of the Commission.

(b) A match certified by the Commission as a championship may consist of not more than fifteen (15) rounds.

(c) In the event of the scheduling of a championship match, the rules and regulations of the appropriate international boxing association shall take precedent over these rules and regulations.

§4115. Fouls and Downs. (a) The following acts if committed by a contestant during the progress of a contest shall be considered fouls:

- (1) Hitting an opponent who is down or is arising from being downed.
- (2) Holding an opponent with one (1) hand and hitting him with the other.
- (3) Deliberately holding an opponent or maintaining a clinch after being commanded by the referee to break.
- (4) Butting with the head, shoulder or knee.
- (5) Hitting with the inside heel of the hand or gouging with thumbs.
- (6) Hitting with the wrist or elbow.
- (7) Hitting or flecking with the open glove.
- (8) Wrestling or rubbing at the ropes.

(9) Hitting deliberately at the back of the neck or on that part of the body directly over the kidneys.

(10) The use of pivot or backhand blows.

(11) Failure to obey the commands of the referee.

(12) Any physical action which may injure opponent except by fair and sportsmanlike boxing.

(13) Purposely going down without being hit.

(14) The use of abusive or profane language.

(15) Contestants are prohibited from carrying on any conversation during a round.

(b) If as a result of a foul, the ability of a contestant is sufficiently impaired as to be a handicap in the opinion of the Commission doctor, the contest shall be stopped in the same round, and if default contestant is ahead on points or equal, he shall be declared the winner. However, if fouled contestant is not ahead on points, the contest shall be declared a draw.

(c) A contestant shall be considered down when a part of his body other than his feet, are on the ring floor or is hanging helplessly on the ropes. A contestant hanging over the ropes is not officially down until so indicated by the referee who can count the contestant out either on the rope or on the floor. A contestant sent down by a foul may remain down until the count of nine without being disqualified.

§4116. Scoring System. (a) The scoring of boxing contests shall be a "ten count must" system. The winner of each round shall receive ten (10) points and the other contestant the number of points from one (1) through nine (9) as earned by him in the opinion of each judge and the referee except by foul. In the case of an even round, each contestant shall receive ten (10) points. If the referee declares a foul is committed, the ten (10) points shall be taken away. If a boxer loses his mouthpiece, intentionally or unintentionally, the bout shall be stopped and the mouthpiece replaced and at the discretion of the referee said boxer may be penalized one (1) point in the scoring of that round wherein the mouthpiece was lost.

(b) Referees and judges in boxing competitions shall in rendering their decision, consider and declare a contestant be "knocked out" when he is unable after being knocked down to arise unaided in ten (10) seconds. When a losing boxer is in distress but still in his feet and the referee intercedes to save him or when he receives injury due to a severe cut, the decision shall be a "Technical

Knockout". The referee shall show on his card the cause for stopping the bout. Referees, when in doubt as to the extent of injury to a boxer, shall call the attending physician and shall stop the bout as the physician so directs. Judges will mark their cards in conformity with the referee in the event of a technical knockout.

(c) In case of a knockout the score card should be marked "K.O." and the round in which the knockout occurred.

(d) The scoring by the judges and referees shall be marked in ink on score cards furnished by the Commission. The Commission shall furnish each judge and referee score cards for each round with round number, each contestant's name and the name of the judge or referee shown thereon. After each round the judge and referee shall turn over to the Commission the score card for the round just concluded.

(e) The Commission reserves the right to make public at the ring side or at any other time the individual decisions of the referee or judges.

(f) No member of the public shall approach any ringside official during the continuation of a contest. Only members of the Commission may inquire as to the scoring and only at the end of the contest. All persons violating this provision shall be ejected from the arena.

§4117. Fake Competition, Unfair Dealings, Unsportsmanship Conduct.

(a) Any promoter, referee, judge, manager, second, timekeeper, announcer or contestant who shall knowingly participate in or become in any way connected with a fixed or fake contest, shall have his license cancelled and/or suffer such other penalties as the Commission may impose.

(b) The meaning of "fake or fixed contest" as used here in a contest in which the result is prearranged in any manner or in which by prearrangement either one or both contestants in an attempt to influence the final result of the contest shall fail to put forth his or their best efforts in an honest endeavor to win.

(c) Any promoter, referee, manager, judge, second, timekeeper, announcer or contestant who while in any way or manner, connected with boxing or wrestling contests shall become guilty of unfair dealing, unsportsmanlike conduct or violating any rules and regulations of the Commission will be subject to fine, suspension and/or cancellation of his license at the discretion of the Commission.

§4118. Physicians. (a) A physician duly licensed by the Commission shall be in attendance at all boxing and wrestling exhibitions and contests.

(b) No contestant shall be permitted to compete in any boxing or wrestling contest or exhibition unless he has been physically examined by a licensed physician within forty-eight (48) hours of the staging of the match and pronounced physically qualified to compete.

(c) The physician shall certify in writing over his signature as to the contestant's physical condition to engage in such contest, and said physician shall be in attendance during the contest prepared to deal with any emergency that arise. Said physician shall file a report of examination with the Commission within twenty- four (24) hours after the contest.

(d) The physician in attendance at each contest shall remain throughout the entire contest, and he shall be provided a seat immediately adjacent to the ring area. He shall assist if any serious emergency shall arise, and shall render temporary or emergency treatments for cuts and minor injuries sustained by the contestants. No manager or second shall attempt to render aid to a boxer during the course of a round before the physician has had an opportunity to examine the boxer who may have been injured. Time out shall be called for such examination.

(e) The physician shall report any injury to a boxer or wrestler that occurs during a contest and any medical aid applied after a contest to the Commission.

§4119. Arenas Rules. (a) Liquid refreshments sold at contests herein shall be limited to soft drinks served in paper cups.

(b) The rental or sale of cushions in the arena or hall where any contests are scheduled shall only take place prior to the first contest. After that time they may be distributed at the entrances.

(c) Smoking shall not be permitted in any arena, hall or place where exhibitions or contests are to be given, except upon the prior approval of the Commission and with the approval of the Fire Division of the Department of Public Safety.

(d) If ushers are provided, they shall wear appropriate garments, headpieces or arm bands for identification, and are forbidden to seat anyone after an exhibition or contest has begun, until the round of boxing in progress has been completed, or with a minimum of disturbance at a wrestling contest. There shall be no changing of spectators from any seat other than for which they hold a ticket.

(e) There shall be no advertising attached on the ring on any object within a twenty-five (25) feet radius of the ring. This rule may be suspended at the

discretion of the Commission, but only at a regularly scheduled meeting prior to the event.

§4120. Wrestling: Limitation of Contest. Wrestling competitions shall be limited to one (1) or three (3) falls with a sixty (60) minute limit or such other limit as the Commission may authorize.

§4121 Same: Referee. Only referees licensed by the Commission shall officiate at any wrestling competition held within the jurisdiction of this Commission. The referee is given power to conduct the competition and to carry out the rules and regulations of this Commission, and his word shall be final. If some circumstances arise which are not covered by the rules, final decision shall be made by the referee.

§4122. Same: Uniforms. Wrestlers appearing in competitions shall be properly clothed in neat and clean athletic apparel. Trunks and tights must be well fitting with a high waistband. Opponents must have distinctive uniforms. Shoes must be of soft top with soft soles and lace with eyelets only.

§4123. Same: Mats and Ropes. The ring for any wrestling contest shall be not less than sixteen (16) feet square nor more than twenty- four (24) feet square within the ropes. The floor to extend not less than eighteen (18) inches beyond the ropes. The ropes at the standards, the standards, and any and all protrusions shall be adequately padded so as to prevent injury.

§4124. Same: Referee. Under no circumstances shall any wrestler lay his hands on the referee. The referee represents the Commission and his given power to officiate the exhibitions and to enforce the rules and regulations thereof. The referee's instructions must be strictly complied with.

§4125. Special Rules Relating to Amateurs. Amateur boxing and wrestling shall follow the current rules and regulations of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and amendments thereof.

§4126. General. (a) A Commissioner in attendance upon and supervising a contest or exhibition has the full power of the Commission in enforcing, but not waiving, the rules and regulations of the Commission.

(b) Should any questions come up, not covered by these rules, the Commission reserves the right to make whatever decision it deems to be fair and equitable and in accordance with the spirit as well as the letter of the law, and such decision shall be final.

(c) In adopting this set of rules and regulations for professional boxing it is expressly intended and declared that the Commission herewith adopts the rules and regulations of the international boxing organizations of which the

Commission is a member, and said rules by reference hereto are made a part hereof, and in the absence of rules and regulations covering a situation under these rules, those of the above- cited organizations shall be controlling at the discretion of the Commission.

(d) Further, in adopting these rules and regulations for professional wrestling it is expressly intended and declared that the Commission herewith adopts the rules and regulations relating to professional wrestling of the state of California, and said rules by reference hereto are made a part hereof, and in the absence of rules and regulations covering a situation under these rules, those above-named shall be controlling at the discretion of the Commission.

(e) These rules and regulations may be amended from time to time as the members of the Commission may deem necessary or advisable.

§4127. Petitions Regarding Rules. (a) To conform with §9310 5 GCA, as amended in Public Law 13-40, a petition for promulgation, amendment or repeal of any rule of the Commission may be filed by any interested party. Such petition shall contain the name and address of the party; identify the rule that the party desires to repeal or give a short, concise and definite statement of the proposed new rule or amendment; and state in a short, concise and definite manner the reasons for the proposal.

(b) To conform with §9312 of 5 GCA, a petition for a declaratory ruling with respect to the applicability to any person, property or state of facts of any rule enforceable by the Commission may be filed by any interested party. Such petition shall contain the name and address of the party filing the petition; identify the rule or rules whose applicability is in question; identify the person, property or state of facts in question with reasonable certainty and in a short and concise manner; and state in a short, concise and definite manner why the rule or rules should or should not apply in the particular situation.

(c) Each petition as set forth in Subsections (a) and (b) of this rule, with ten (10) copies, shall be filed with one of the Executive Secretaries of the Commission. The Secretaries shall then distribute copies to commission members at least three (3) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission. The Commission shall consider such petition at the meeting and deny it, give a declaratory ruling, or shall set it for hearing within thirty (30) days. The petitioner shall be requested to attend the regular meeting, and any interested party shall be heard on the petition.

(d) When the Commission denies a petition under Subsection (c) it shall notify the petitioner within ten (10) days in writing why the petition is denied. The petitioner may request a rehearing to submit any new information or data.

(e) A declaratory ruling shall give a brief synopsis of the facts, a statement of reasons and the conclusions of the Commission. The Commission shall record such and transmit a copy to the petitioner within ten (10) days after the meeting.

(f) All hearings scheduled shall conform with §9303 of 5 GCA.

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