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PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to define the minimum facility requirements for the conduct of a professional boxing or wrestling exhibition, except where the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) The ring shall not be less than sixteen (16) nor more than twenty-five (25) feet square within the ropes. The apron of the ring floor shall extend beyond the ropes not less than two feet (2'). The ring shall not be more than four feet (4') above the floor of the building or grounds of an outdoor arena and shall be provided with suitable steps for the use of contestants, coaches and officials.
- (2) The ring shall be equipped with at least three (3) ropes. The rope shall be not less than one inch (1") in diameter. These ropes shall be manila ropes, synthetic, plastic rope or any similar material and shall not be made of metal of any type. All ropes shall be wrapped securely in soft material. If three (3) ropes are used they shall extend in triple parallel lines, two feet (2'), three feet (3') and four feet (4') above the ring floor. If four (4) ropes are used, the lower rope shall be eighteen inches (18") above the ring floor, the second rope thirty inches (30"), the third rope forty-two inches (42") and the fourth rope fifty-four inches (54") above the ring floor. The ring floor shall be padded with a one-inch (1") layer of Ensolite or foam rubber (or equivalent) which is placed on a one-inch (1") base of Celotex (building board). The padding shall be covered with canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced securely in place.
- (3) Ring posts shall not be less than three inches (3") or more than four inches (4") in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to the height of fifty-eight inches (58") above the ring floor. The ring posts shall not be closer than eighteen inches (18") to the ring ropes. The turnbuckles must be covered with a protective padding.
- (4) The gong, bell, buzzer or horn which is used must be sufficiently loud so that the officials and contestants can hear it clearly. The ten (10)-second warning may be by whistle or buzzer.
- (5) Spectator seats shall not be closer than eight feet (8') from the outside edge of the apron of the ring. The ringside area shall be under the jurisdiction of the inspector for the use of designated working officials, contestants, their seconds, judges, referees, physicians, announcer and media representatives. Promoters are responsible to see that the working area is controlled and free of nonessential individuals. The inspectors shall be provided seating next to the announcer.
- (6) Gloves shall not weigh less than eight (8) ounces for professional boxing exhibitions and shall be new for all main exhibitions and exhibitions of ten (10) rounds or greater.
- (7) All gloves will be furnished by the promoter and shall be new or in good condition.
- (8) Gloves shall not be twisted or otherwise manipulated to break down the padding. Violators will be subject to reprimand, suspension or revocation of license.
- (9) Promoters must have on hand an extra set of eight (8) ounce gloves to be used in case gloves are broken or in any way damaged during the course of an exhibition.
- (10) Scales shall be furnished by the promoter and shall be thoroughly tested and approved by the inspector previous to use in connection with any exhibition.
- (11) Sections (1)—(3) and (6)—(10) shall not apply to mud, oil or substance wrestling. The ring for substance wrestling shall be at least eight feet by eight feet (8' x 8') with six-inch (6") padded side boards and a two-inch (2") foam padded flooring, covered with a plastic or vinyl tarpaulin. The substance used shall be nontoxic and noncaustic to the contestants and the general public.

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