Rules of
Department of Economic Development
Division 40—Office of Athletics
Chapter 2—Licenses and Permits

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Op. Atty. Gen. No. 71, Jan (9-16-59). When a proposed public dinner sponsored by a labor union at a hotel, at which a special feature is a boxing program, and the only tickets offered for sale or sold, were for dinner, Athletic Commission had no jurisdiction over the event and the sponsors were not required to secure the permission of or a license from the commission to hold the dinner.

Op. Atty. Gen. No. 19, Cooper (6-11-53). There can be no criminal prosecution for "booking" of professional wrestlers for wrestling show by unlicensed organization which sponsored private wrestling show where such is prohibited by the rules of the Athletic Commission only and not by statute; administrative agencies are prohibited by Mo. Const. Art. 1, section 31 from imposing a fine or imprisonment for violation of administrative rules.

Op. Atty. Gen. No. 19, Cooper (1-31-52). Five percent gross receipts collected by Athletic Commission from regulated boxing, sparring and wrestling exhibitions is not applicable to theaters televising these events under exclusive rights. It is applicable to amounts received by promoters for television rights of every exhibition held in state.

4 CSR 40-2.011 Licenses

(Purpose: This rule outlines the requirements and fees for obtaining licenses.

(1) All contestants, referees, judges, managers, seconds, physicians, timekeepers, promoters, matchmakers and announcers must apply for and submit the proper fee to be issued a license. All contestants, referees, judges, managers, seconds, physicians, timekeepers, promoters, matchmakers and announcers must be issued a license before participating in a contest.

(2) Each applicant for a license shall complete an application as prescribed by the office. The office will not process any application for a license that does not contain the proper fee and all information required from the applicant. The office will not refund license fees. All licenses expire on June 30 of each even numbered year following the date of issuance.

(3) An applicant for a professional boxing, professional wrestling, professional kickboxing or professional full-contact karate contestant license shall be required to submit to any medical examination or testing ordered by the office.

(4) Each contestant shall consistently use the same name in contests. Each contestant shall provide the office with the contestant’s legal name and the ring name, if any, to be used in a professional boxing, professional wrestling, professional kickboxing, or professional full-contact karate bout. The inspector may require all contestants to present photo identification prior to competing in the contest.

(5) Licensees must comply with all applicable federal regulations governing professional boxing, professional wrestling, professional kickboxing, and professional full-contact karate.

(6) If a licensee changes his/her name or address they must notify the office in writing within ten (10) days after the change(s) becomes effective. A name change will require legal documentation approving the name change.

(7) The following is a schedule of fees for initial licensure and renewal:

(A) Promoter—Professional $400.00
(B) Contestant—Professional $40.00
(C) Referee—Professional $50.00
(D) Judge—Professional $50.00
(E) Matchmaker $200.00
(F) Manager $100.00
(G) Second $20.00
(H) Announcer $20.00
(I) Timekeeper $20.00
(J) Physician $0.00

(8) The following is a schedule of fees for federal identification cards:

(A) Initial federal identification card $15.00
(B) Duplicate federal identification card $10.00

4 CSR 40-2.021 Permits

(Purpose: This rule describes the requirements and fees for obtaining permits for contests.

(1) The promoter shall obtain a separate permit for each contest from the office prior to each contest. The request for the permit must be received by the office no later than ten (10) business days before the date of a contest. The office will not approve permits for—

(A) Bouts between members of the opposite sex for professional boxing, professional kickboxing or professional full-contact karate; or

(B) Bouts between human contestants and nonhumans.

(2) Fees for boxing and martial arts permits are twenty-five dollars ($25) per contest per day. Fees for wrestling permits are one hundred fifty dollars ($150) per contest per day.

(3) The office may deny an application for such a permit or grant a limited, restricted or conditional permit for any cause deemed sufficient by the office.

(4) No promoter, official or contestant shall serve in any capacity at contests for which the office has denied a permit or for which a permit has not been issued. Such participation shall be grounds for discipline.

(5) The promoter must have an approved permit before any publicity is issued on the contest. Violation of this provision shall be grounds for discipline.

