

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

### **Information for Matchmakers**

- All matchmakers are required to submit a proposed fight card at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the proposed event.
- The fight card is reviewed by the Commission. In order for the Commission to review the fight card the matchmaker must submit for each boxing participant an official record from Fight Fax, Inc, and each mixed martial arts participant must have an official record from Battlebase.net. Professional debuts must also have a Pro Debut from completed.
- Executed letters of agreement (contracts) are due to the Commission office at least four days prior to the event.
- All participants are required to submit results for the following medical exams:
  - Hepatitis-B Surface Antigen (good for one year from date taken)
  - Hepatitis-C Antibody (good for one year from date taken)
  - Dilated Eye Exam (good for one year from date taken) please contact the office if you have any questions about expiration dates of eye exams currently filed with the commission.
  - Female fighters are required to have a pregnancy test with a negative outcome within the past 30 days.
- Please remind all participants to bring government-issued photo identification. Professional boxers will also need to ensure they bring a current Federal ID card.
- Pro debut boxers or professional boxers who have lost or misplaced their Florida-issued Federal ID card will no longer be required to bring two passport photos. The Commission is now equipped with the capability to take photographs and will do so in Florida from this point forward. Proof of residency in Florida is required for those who have lost a Federal ID card originally issued in another jurisdiction unless the participant is a foreigner with a valid passport.

### **Federal ID Cards Issued by the Florida State Boxing Commission**

**NOTE:** To be issued a Federal ID card in Florida, you must be a Florida-resident or a foreign-based participant who will be participating in Florida.

The Florida State Boxing Commission no longer requires applicants to submit two passport photos for a Federal ID card. The applicants photograph will be taken by the Commission for identification purposed at the weigh-in. Renewals

will be issued at no cost to the participants if the original ID is presented to the Commission. Otherwise, lost Federal ID's will result in a \$15.00 replacement fee. For ID's required outside of Florida, you will need to submit a digital photograph along with proof of government-issued photo identification to [Florida.Boxing@dbpr.state.fl.us](mailto:Florida.Boxing@dbpr.state.fl.us) in order to process your request.

### **Stacy Young Act: Amateur Boxing and Kickboxing**

No amateur boxing or kickboxing match may be held in Florida unless it is sanctioned and supervised by an amateur sanctioning organization approved by the Commission.

- Any person holding, promoting, or sponsoring a match prohibited under the Stacy Young Act commits a third degree felony;
- Any person participating in a match prohibited under the Stacy Young Act may be charged with a second degree misdemeanor; and
- No amateur mixed martial arts match may be held in Florida

An emergency rule has been adopted to implement the Stacy Young Act. Any amateur sanctioning organization seeking approval from the Commission to sanction and supervise amateur matches in Florida must contact the Commission. Sparring matches held for training purposes by a bona fide nonprofit school or education program whose primary purpose is instruction in the martial arts, boxing, or kickboxing that are limited to amateur participants who are students of the school or education program are exempt; matches conducted or sponsored by any company or detachment of the Florida National Guard that are limited to participants who are members of the company or detachment of the Florida National Guard are exempt.

### **Ringside Physicians**

Ringside physicians are assigned by the Commission. Promoters are responsible for submitting officials' pay (judges, referees, and ringside physicians) to the Commission at the event which will then be distributed by the Commission representative.

### **Disclosure by Promoter to Venue(s)**

Upon negotiation with a venue, it is recommended the promoter disclose the licensure and associated tax requirements for concessionaires under Section 548.017, Florida Statutes, during negotiation.

### **Affirmation of No Accident or Injury**

All participants are required to have their trainer, second, or manager affirm to the Commission of no personal knowledge as to why the participant should not compete in the match due to an accident or injury sustained prior to the fight while training or sparring.

### **Promoters' Responsibility for Security**

The promoter is responsible for providing adequate security necessary to provide for the correct handling of the program of matches in a safe manner. Security personnel shall be prepared to immediately respond to any situation. If the seating capacity is 2,000 or greater, the promoter shall ensure that in addition to regular security, a minimum of two (2) certified law enforcement officers are located immediately adjacent to each of the red and blue corners and that additional certified law enforcement officers are located within the premises of the program of matches in positions to have a clear and unobstructed view of the ring. All officers must be able to immediately respond to their fellow officers at ringside.

### **Promoters' Responsibility for Accommodations**

The Promoter is responsible for pay, travel and hotel expenses for the Judges, Referees, and Physicians.

### **Proposed Fight Cards for Boxing (Matchmakers)**

All matchmakers are required to submit a Proposed Bout Sheet at least ten days in advance of the date of the proposed event. Each boxing participant must have an official record from Fight Fax, Inc. and each mixed martial arts or kickboxing participant must have an official record from Sherdog.com.

If the participant is a pro debut then a pro debut form provided by the commission must be completed. If the pro debut is approved by the Commission to fight, the pro debut must present his/her Amateur Passbook at the time of the weigh-in. Also, pro debut participants must have their trainer or manager present at the weigh-in for the purpose of affirming the competence of the participant prior to fighting.

### **Proposed Fight Cards for Mixed Martial Arts (Matchmakers)**

Matchmakers are responsible with providing the Florida State Boxing Commission with current mixed martial arts records from Battlebase.net. The printed records are accepted via facsimile at 850.922.2249. In addition, the proposal must be accompanied by the following:

- Fighter's Name
- Trainer's Name
- Trainer's Phone Number
- Fighting Style
- Length of Time Training

Also, pro debut participants must have their trainer or manager present at the weigh-in for the purpose of affirming the competence of the participant prior to fighting.

Finally, matchmakers of mixed martial arts must provide the following statement to the Commission along with each proposed fight card:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a licensed matchmaker in Florida hereby certify the proposed matches are, to the best of my ability and knowledge, competitive matches based upon weight, skill level, number of fights, and fighting style or discipline.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Late Arrivals to a Weigh-In**

Any fighter arriving more than one-half hour late to a weigh-in without either first clearing with the Commission or providing an acceptable excuse will be penalized as follows:

- \$25 – First occurrence
- \$50 – Second occurrence
- License suspension and unable to participate in the program of matches – Third occurrence
- License revocation – Fourth occurrence

### **Insurance Coverage Requirements (Purchased by Promoters)**

- Minimum of \$20,000 per participant for medical, surgical and hospital care for injuries sustained while engaged in a match.
- Minimum of \$20,000 per participant for life insurance covering death caused by injuries received while engaged in a bout.
- Note: Any deductible associated with these policies is entirely the responsibility of the promoter of record.

### **Fees Associated with Licensure and Live Events**

The following non-refundable fee shall accompany each application for a license:

<u>Licensure Types</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Announcer	\$25.00
Booking Agent	\$50.00
Judge	\$25.00
Manager	\$50.00
Matchmaker	\$100.00
Participate	\$15.00
Promoter	\$250.00
Referee	\$25.00
Representative of a Booking Agent	\$25.00
Second	\$15.00
Timekeeper	\$25.00
Trainer	\$15.00
Concessionaire	\$100.00
Ringside Physician	No fee

Permits

Event Permit (Boxing/Kickboxing)	\$1,800.00
Event Permit (Mixed Martial Arts)	\$1,800.00

Post Tax Report and Payment (Due to Commission within 72 hours following the event)	5%
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