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Chapter One: 4 MCAR §§ 9.101 - 9.124 General Rules

§ 9.101 Purpose. These rules are adopted pursuant to Minn. Stat. § § 341.05, subd. 1 and 341.11 (1976) and are designed to supervise and regulate all amateur and professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests occurring in the State of Minnesota. They are a complete recodification of the prior rules of the Board.

§ 9.102 Definitions.

A. 'Board' means the Board of Boxing.

B. 'Exhibition' means any boxing or sparring event or bout at which direct or indirect admission is charged or at which prizes or compensation are given to the boxers.

C. 'Contest' means any boxing or sparring bout at which scoring is done.

D. 'Match' means any boxing or sparring bout at which victory is sought or declared.

§ 9.103 Applicability. These rules shall apply to all amateur and professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests and related activities occurring in or affecting professional and amateur boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests held or proposed to be scheduled and held in the State of Minnesota.

§ 9.104 Construction and interpretation. These rules shall be construed to effectuate the purposes of Minn. Stat. § § 341.01 - .15 (1976), as amended from time to time. Where ambiguities or conflicts appear, they may be interpreted by the Board.

§ 9.105 Cases not covered. If questions or situations arise which are alleged not to be provided for by these rules, they shall be determined by at least a quorum of the Board in such a manner as they think best, just and conformable to the usage and best interests of the State of Minnesota and the sport of boxing.

§ 9.106 Complaints and investigations. The Board shall entertain and dispose of duly submitted complaints as specified in Minn. Stat. § 214.10 (1976), as amended.

§ 9.107 Basic prohibitions.

A. Franchise license required. No amateur or professional boxing or spar-

ring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or be promoted or sponsored except by a current and valid licensee of the Board.

B. Prior approval of dates, places, and contestants required. No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or be promoted or sponsored within the State of Minnesota without the prior approval of the Board as to date, place, and participants. Any such exhibition, match, or contest receiving such approval shall be conducted strictly in accordance with these rules and such conditions as the Board may see fit to impose.

C. Licenses and registrations required. No professional or amateur franchise, sponsor, organization, promoter, nor any manager, referee, judge, timekeeper, assistant timekeeper or other official, nor any professional boxer or second shall participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest in the State of Minnesota without a current license or approval, as the case may be, from the Board and no amateur boxer or coach shall participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest in the State of Minnesota without a current registration with the Board. All activity conducted pursuant to such licenses, registrations, or approval shall be conducted strictly in accordance with these rules and such conditions as the Board may see fit to impose.

D. Amateur sponsorships and professional promotions distinguished. No amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be sponsored by other than an amateur franchise licensee and no professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be promoted by other than a professional franchise licensee.

§ 9.108 Applications. All applications for licenses and registrations shall be in writing and all questions propounded by the Board shall be answered fully and truthfully. All applications shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of the appropriate fee. All papers and documents filed with the Board shall be the property of the Board. Prior to acting upon any application, the Board may, in its discretion, examine under oath the applicant, any officer thereof, and any other witnesses. The form of the application shall be prescribed by the Board.

§ 9.109 Granting, suspending and revoking licenses and registrations. The granting of all licenses, registrations, and approvals is a matter of Board discretion and the Board may impose such conditions as it sees fit as a part of any license, registration, or approval.

All licenses, registrations, or approvals granted by the Board may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board. Suspensions and revocations shall occur according to such procedures as the Board deems necessary under all the circumstances and in light of the regulatory powers and purposes of the Board.

§ 9.110 Non-assignability. No license, registration, or approval granted by the Board is assignable in any respect.

§ 9.111 Compliance with other agency rules and statutes. All licensees of the Board shall comply with pertinent statutes and rules of the other agencies of the State of Minnesota.

§ 9.112 Supervision of contests. All amateur and professional exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by licensed and approved referees and judges. At all boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests contestants, referees, timekeepers, assistant timekeepers, seconds, examining physicians, and announcers shall at all times be subject to the control of the Board. The Board may appoint an official representative to insure that the rules of the Board are strictly observed. No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or take place except in the presence and supervision of the Board or its official representative.

§ 9.113 Inspectors. The Board or its duly authorized representatives shall have the authority upon demand to inspect all boxing or sparring facilities, training camps, gymnasiums, and auditoriums in Minnesota, all related activities and all books and records pertaining to any aspect of boxing or related activity occurring or proposed to occur in whole or in part in the State of Minnesota.

§ 9.114 Advance reports. Each promoter of any professional boxing exhibition, match, or contest must file with the Board a statement in writing prior to any public announcement of an exhibition, match, or contest and, in any case, at least five days prior to the holding of any such exhibition, match, or contest, which shows the name of the club, the place or city where such exhibition, match, or contest shall be held, the name and location of the building wherein the same shall be held, the estimated seating capacity thereof, the names, addresses, and weights of the main event and semi-windup contestants, together with such other information as the Board may require.

§ 9.115 Filing of contracts. Each promoter of any professional boxing exhibition, match, or contest must file with the Board at least five days prior to the holding of any such contest, exhibition, match, or contest any and all contracts involving contestants. All professional contestants must be signed to a written contract. Contracts with professional main event boxers must be accompanied by certified checks for the amounts of forfeits at the time of filing said contracts with the Board.

§ 9.116 Minnesota championships. No bout may be advertised as a Minnesota championship unless the Board, in its sole discretion, declares the bout to be for the Minnesota championship.

§ 9.117 Tickets.

A. Admission. No person shall be admitted to a boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest without a ticket, except duly authorized Board inspectors who shall be admitted with proper badge and credentials.

B. Press tickets. All press tickets issued shall be marked "Press." All com-

plimentary tickets shall be marked "Complimentary." Twenty tickets marked "Press" shall be reserved for members of the Board, its counsel, and a representative of the Department of Revenue. No more than sixty "Press" tickets may be issued for any one fight in cities of the first class, not more than thirty in Rochester, and not more than ten elsewhere, outside of Board tickets.

C. Price. All tickets, exclusive of press and complimentary tickets, shall have the price plainly printed thereon and shall have a coupon attached which may be held by the purchaser thereof. The price of tickets shall be printed in large type and displayed at all ticket sellers' windows and shall not be varied.

§ 9.118 Seating—media, commissioners, and officials. Holders of press tickets, commissioners, and officials shall be seated at ring side tables. It shall be the promoter's responsibility to place name tags or designations on the tables to insure orderly seating. At bouts expected to draw large media attention, two rows of ring side tables shall be provided. There shall be at least four feet between the ring side tables and the first row of seats. If said seating and designations are not in place at least three hours prior to the first exhibition, match, or contest, the Board or its official representative may arrange for same without notice and at the promoter's expense. A maximum of four photographers may be at ring side at any one time and then only at designated places and subject to the control of the Board.

§ 9.119 Security and ushers. It shall be the duty of the promoter or sponsor to keep order and to provide adequate security and adequate ushers to insure proper seating.

§ 9.120 Fund raising and announcements. No fund raising shall be permitted and no public announcements made at any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest, except with the prior approval of the Board or its official representative.

§ 9.121 Post-contest reports. The franchise licensee who promotes each amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall furnish in writing to the Board within forty-eight hours following the event a statement showing the names of all contestants and the result of each contest held, together with the amount of the gross gate.

§ 9.122 Medical examinations. Whenever an examination of a contestant by a physician is required by these rules, such examination shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. All examining physicians and physicians attending exhibitions, matches, or contests shall be assigned by the Board of Boxing and licensed by the Minnesota Board of Medical Examiners and shall report their written findings for each contestant to the Board of Boxing. All examinations, attendance of a physician, and reports shall be at the expense of the promoter or sponsor.

§ 9.123 Payments to boxers. No payments may be made by a promoter or sponsor to a boxer until approved by the Board or its official representative.

§ 9.124 Repealer. The prior rules of the Board not contained herein are hereby repealed.

Chapter Two: 4 MCAR §§ 9.201 - 9.215 Rules Governing Amateur Boxing

§ 9.201 Jurisdiction. All amateur boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board and subject to such conditions as it may in its discretion impose.

§ 9.202 Amateur registration and licenses. All amateur boxers and coaches must be registered with the Board in a form to be specified by the Board and amateur referees, judges, seconds, and franchises must be licensed by the Board.

§ 9.203 Licenses, registrations, and license fees. All amateur licenses for referees, judges and seconds, franchises, and registrations of boxers expire one year from the date of issue unless revoked by the Board. The fees shall be:

Referees	\$10.00
Judges.	\$10.00
Seconds.	\$ 2.00
Boxers. . . . .	.no fee

§ 9.204 Amateur franchise licenses.

A. Amateur franchise licenses shall be granted in conformity with these rules and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

B. Such licenses shall have a duration of one year unless otherwise specified by the Board.

C. The fee for said license in cities of the first class having a population of over 150,000 shall be \$150.00; in cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, \$50.00; in all other cities and towns, \$25.00.

§ 9.205 Form of amateur franchise license. The form of amateur franchise license shall be as follows:

"State of Minnesota, Board of Boxing. To all whom it may concern: Amateur Franchise License No. _____. WHEREAS, due application was made for an amateur franchise license in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing, and the said Board of Boxing having duly considered said application and ordered the issuance of the license thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, the State of Minnesota, by and through its Board of Boxing, does hereby grant unto _____ a license to conduct, hold, or give amateur boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests within

the city, village, or township of _____, State of Minnesota, and not elsewhere, in accordance with the provisions of law aforesaid, and subject to such rules, and regulations, and amendments thereof, as the Board of Boxing may from time to time prescribe.

Unless revoked or suspended, this license is for a period of one year from the date set forth hereunder.

This license may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board.

This license is not assignable to any other party.

All amateur boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests conducted under the auspices of this license shall be governed by the rules of the Board of Boxing, the laws of the State of Minnesota, and, to the extent not in conflict, the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Board of Boxing has caused these presents to be signed by its Chairman and Secretary and has affixed its seal this day of _____, 19____.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF BOXING

By _____
Chairman

And _____
Secretary

§ 9.206 Financial statements and returns. Financial statements and returns shall be filed by each amateur franchise licensee as required by the laws and promulgated rules of the State of Minnesota and its respective agencies.

§ 9.207 Ten day rule. An amateur desiring to box as a professional must file written notice ten days prior to the date on which his application for a professional license shall be entertained.

§ 9.208 Managers. No amateur is required to have a manager. No manager of an amateur boxer will be recognized unless he has presented a legally valid contract with the boxer to the Board and such contract has been approved and filed with the Board and a manager's license issued.

§ 9.209 Compensation.

A. Limit. The maximum compensation paid to an amateur shall not be in excess of \$5.00, exclusive of travel and subsistence.

B. Special prizes. Sponsors of any tournament or intercity match shall be allowed to give a special prize to the contestants in addition to the regular compensation, providing such prize has the prior approval of the Board.

C. Advance filing. Sponsors of any tournament, exhibition, match, or contest to be attended by boxers from outside the place of their legal residence must file in the office of the Board at least 24 hours preceding the time of the event a schedule of compensation, travel, and subsistence money proposed to be paid each boxer.

D. Sworn statement. With 48 hours after the holding of the event, the franchise holder, sponsor, or promoter shall forward to the Board in a form specified by the Board a sworn statement that the rules of the Board pertaining to compensation, travel, and subsistence paid and promised to be paid to each amateur boxing was not in excess of the amount set forth in the schedule filed with the Board.

§ 9.210 Rules. The official rules of the Amateur Athletic Union shall govern all amateur exhibitions, matches, and contests except when in conflict with these rules.

§ 9.211 Officials. All amateur exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by a referee and judges licensed by the Board. Unless waived by the Board, all such exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the presence of the Board or its official representative. All other officials shall be approved by the Board.

§ 9.212 Rules governing safety.

A. Junior class amateurs—limits. Junior class amateurs are those amateurs who have not reached sixteen years of age. Junior class amateurs shall not be allowed to box more than three rounds of one minute duration.

B. Senior class amateurs—limits. Senior class amateurs are those between sixteen years of age and twenty-six. Senior class amateurs shall not be allowed to box more than three rounds of two minute duration except in authorized tournaments.

C. Medical examination. No amateur boxer shall be permitted to take part in a boxing or sparring exhibit, match, or contest unless he has been examined and passed immediately before the contest by a physician.

D. Frequency. No amateur boxer shall be permitted to participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest on more than two days in five, or more than one contest on any one day except in duly sanctioned and authorized tournaments.

E. Attendance of physician. A physician must be in attendance at each amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest. He shall examine each contestant immediately before the contest and after each knockout or technical knockout and during the course of each contest at the request of the referee.

F. Authority to stop bout. A referee must stop a bout when either contestant shows marked superiority and the other opponent is outclassed.

G. Cut eyes. In a tournament, when a bout is stopped because of a cut eye, the decision shall go to the boxer then leading on points. In a non-tournament bout, the bout shall be ruled no contest if one of the participants suffers a cut eye in the first round. If the injury occurs in the second or third round, the boxer leading on points shall be awarded the decision.

§ 9.213 Equipment. Equipment shall be as required by A.A.U. rules.

§ 9.214 Ring names. No ring names shall be allowed.

§ 9.215 Acts or takeoffs. Any acts or take-offs or insincerity on the part of an amateur boxer may subject the boxer to immediate suspension.

Chapter Three: 4 MCAR §§ 9.301 - 9.306 Rules Governing Professional Boxing

§ 9.301 Jurisdiction. All professional boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board and subject to such conditions as it may in its discretion impose.

§ 9.302 Licenses. All referees, judges, boxers, managers and seconds shall be licensed in accordance with the following schedule. Such licenses shall expire one year from the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked by the Board.

Referees	\$25.00
Judges.	\$10.00
Boxers.	\$ 5.00
Managers	\$10.00
Seconds.	\$ 5.00

§ 9.303 Professional franchise licenses.

A. Professional franchise licenses shall be granted in conformity with these rules and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

B. Such licenses shall have a duration of thirteen weeks (one-quarter year) unless otherwise specified by the Board.

C. The fee for said license shall be \$250.00 per quarter in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Bloomington. In other locations the fee shall be:

1. In cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, but more than 100,000, \$125.00 per quarter.

2. In municipalities having a population of less than 100,000 but more than 10,000, \$50.00 per quarter.

3. In municipalities having a population of less than 10,000, \$25.00 per quarter.

§ 9.304 Form of professional franchise license. The form of professional franchise license shall be as follows:

"State of Minnesota, Board of Boxing. To all whom it may concern: Professional Franchise License No. _____.

WHEREAS, due application has been made for a license in accordance with the terms of the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules of the Board of Boxing, and said Board having duly considered the said application and ordered the issuance of a license thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, the State of Minnesota, by and through the Board of Boxing, does hereby grant unto: _____ a license to conduct, hold, or give boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests within the city, village, or township of _____, State of Minnesota, and not elsewhere, in accordance with the provisions of law aforesaid, subject to such rules and amendments thereof as the Board of Boxing may from time to time prescribe, for a period of thirteen weeks (one-quarter year) from the date hereof unless revoked or suspended or unless a different duration is specified herein.

No boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be of more than fifteen rounds not to exceed three minutes each.

All boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests held pursuant to this license shall be governed by the rules of the Board of Boxing and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

This license may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board.

This license is not assignable to any other party.

In the event this license pertains to a city or governing entity other than a city of the first class, the consent required by Minnesota Statutes § 341.08 must be obtained from the governing body thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Board of Boxing has caused these presents to be signed by its Chairman and Secretary and has affixed its seal this _____ day of _____, 19____.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF BOXING

By _____
Chairman

And _____
Secretary"

§ 9.305 Rules governing safety.

A. Age and length of bout. No professional boxer shall be permitted to engage in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest without a license issued by the Board. No license will be granted to any boxer under eighteen years of age. No license will be granted to any boxer over thirty-six years of age without a specific review by the Board of said boxer's medical condition and ability to further engage in boxing. Professional boxers only eighteen years of age shall be limited to ten round bouts or less. No bout shall exceed fifteen rounds.

B. A-1 condition. Each contract between a promoter and a boxer shall include a clause in which the boxer and his manager certify that the boxer is in A-1 condition and is not concealing an illness or injury.

C. Medical examination; attendance of physician and authority to stop bout. Each contestant shall be examined by a physician prior to entering the ring. One physician must be in attendance at each exhibition, match, or contest. Such physician shall examine each contestant immediately before the bout and after each knockout or technical knockout and at other times as indicated. The referee shall be the judge in cooperation with the ring physician as to the fitness of a contestant to continue when he is seemingly taking undue punishment or is badly injured.

D. Intervals. No boxer participating in a bout of less than ten rounds shall be permitted to engage in consecutive bouts with less than three days intervening between such contests. Boxers engaging in main events shall not engage in such bouts without an intervening period of seven days.

A minimum of sixty days interval shall be required before a boxer who has been knocked unconscious shall be allowed to box again. When a bout is stopped because it has become one sided or a serious facial laceration has occurred, an interval of thirty days is required before a boxer shall be allowed to box again.

E. Medical investigations. In case of repeated knockouts or severe beatings, a boxer shall be retired for his own physical welfare. Any boxer who has sustained six consecutive defects or who has received a serious concussion shall be subject to investigation, review, and examination by the Board with the advice of its physician.

F. Main event contestants. In each application for a main event bout, the results of the last six bouts for each contestant shall be included in a sworn statement signed by the boxer, his manager, and promoter.

§ 9.306 World boxing association. The Board shall presume, unless rebutted, that all suspensions issued by the World Boxing Association shall be recognized.

Chapter Four: 4 MCAR §§ 9.401 - 9.411 Equipment Rules Governing Professional Exhibitions, Matches, and Contests

§ 9.401 Ring, ropes, posts. The ring shall be no less than 16 nor more than 20 feet square within the ropes, the ring floor to extend beyond the ropes a distance of not less than 18 inches. The ring floor, height of ring, ring posts and ring ropes shall meet standards and be approved by the Board or its official representative.

§ 9.402 Gong. The gong must be not less than eighteen inches in diameter, to be adjusted securely on a level with the ring platform, the timer to use a metal hammer in indicating the beginning and the end of rounds, so that the contestants and referee can hear the sound of the bell.

§ 9.403 Buckets, etc. Three hours in advance of the first exhibition, match, or contest, there shall be provided by the sponsor or promoter a sufficient number of buckets and water bottles, fans, powder resin, resin box, stools for seconds, and such other articles as are required in the conduct of the bouts. The official representative of the Board shall have authority to order same without notice to the promoter and at the promoter's expense if they are not so supplied. The Board may require at the time of filing for a franchise a deposit of \$200.00 to cover said expenses should they arise. Said deposit shall be refunded if no expenses arise.

§ 9.404 Gloves. Each glove shall weigh not less than eight ounces for contestants from 112 to 175 pounds, and not less than 10 ounces for contestants over 175 pounds. Gloves for principal contestants shall be adjusted in the ring under the supervision of the referee, the laces to be knotted on the back of the wrist.

§ 9.405 Scales. Scales for weighing contestants shall be provided by the sponsor or promoter and shall be thoroughly tested and approved prior to use.

§ 9.406 Protective equipment. No contestant shall be allowed to enter the ring without all normal and suitable protective equipment as determined and approved by the Board or its official representative, including equipment which shall obviate the necessity of making any claims for low blows.

§ 9.407 Bandages. Each hand shall be allowed 10 yards of gauze bandage. Each boxer shall be permitted to use as much tape, one inch in width, as the Board decides shall be necessary. Only one layer of the tape shall be permitted across the knuckles of each hand to hold the gauze in place.

§ 9.408 Shoes. Shoes shall be of soft material and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles, or hard heels.

§ 9.409 Ring costume. Contestants shall box in normal and suitable ring costume which shall be approved by the Board or its official representative. Said

costume shall include protective equipment, and shall be firmly adjusted previous to entering the ring. Long hair shall be secured.

§ 9.410 Shaving. Boxers must be clean shaven twenty-four hours before participating in any bout unless this requirement is waived by the Board.

§ 9.411 Inspections—foreign substances, equipment. The referee or the Board's official representative shall inspect the bandages, gloves and protective equipment of the contestants and make certain that no foreign substances have been applied either to the gloves, bandages, protective equipment or to the body of the contestant to the detriment of an opponent, and that the contestant's equipment is in order.

Chapter Five: 4 MCAR §§ 9.501 - 9.518 Rules Governing the Conduct of Professional Exhibitions, Matches, and Contests

§ 9.501 Weights. Unless authorized by the Board, all exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the following weight classifications, the difference in weights allowable indicated in parenthesis:

Flyweight	(3)	112 pounds
Bantamweight.	(4)	118 pounds
Featherweight.	(5)	126 pounds
Lightweight	(6)	135 pounds
Welterweight	(7)	147 pounds
Middleweight	(8)	160 pounds
Light Heavyweight	(10)	175 pounds
Heavyweight.		All Over

§ 9.502 Weigh-ins and examinations. Weigh-ins shall occur at 12 noon on the day of the exhibition, match, or contest under the supervision of the Board or its official representative. All boxers shall be examined by a physician. Failure to appear at a scheduled weigh-in and examination may subject the contestant to a fine in an amount to be determined by the Board.

§ 9.503 Professional main event boxers—reporting. Professional main event boxers must appear in the city in which the exhibition, match, or contest is to be held 72 hours before fight time unless excused by the Board.

§ 9.504 Officials. All boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by a licensed referee and two licensed judges, who shall be appointed by the Board. Unless waived by the Board, the judges shall be licensed referees. They shall be seated at ring side opposite each other.

§ 9.505 Officials' fees. Officials' fees shall be in a uniform amount approved by the Board and shall be the obligation of the promoter.

§ 9.506 Announcer. The announcer shall announce the names of the contest-

ants, their correct weights, and such other matters as shall be directed or approved by the Board or its official representative.

§ 9.507 **Timekeeper and assistant timekeeper.** There shall be a timekeeper and a separate knockdown assistant who must be seated outside the ring close to the gong. The timekeeper shall indicate the beginning and ending of each round by striking the gong with a metal hammer. The knockdown assistant shall begin his count when a contestant is knocked down and shall continue counting unless the opponent does not occupy the farthest neutral corner. The timekeeper shall provide himself with a whistle and accurate stopwatch before the bout. Ten seconds before the beginning of each round the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of contestants by the blowing of a whistle.

§ 9.508 **Scoring, scorecards, and decisions.** All professional bouts shall be to a decision or draw, scored on the so-called "ten point system." The decision shall be given to the contestant obtaining the majority vote of the referee and the two judges. Following each bout, scorecards shall be deposited with the Board or its official representative.

§ 9.509 **Officials' decisions final.** The decisions of the referee and judges shall be final.

§ 9.510 **Seconds.**

A. **Designation and seating.** Seconds shall be designated prior to a bout and only seconds shall be allowed in the corners. A chair or stool shall be made available for each second, taped "seconds," and seconds shall sit on the main floor and not the platform during the rounds; provided, however, that seconds shall be seated in such location as shall assure them good vision and ample room. It shall be the duty of the referee to enforce this rule.

B. **Number.** There shall not be more than three seconds for each contestant.

C. **Coaching.** Seconds shall not coach boxers during the progress of rounds.

D. **Other activity.** Seconds must remain seated and silent during rounds and shall not spray or forcefully throw water on a boxer or in any other way assist him. Fans may be used between rounds. The swinging of towels is prohibited.

§ 9.511 **Referee discretion.** The referee shall have the discretion: to stop a bout or contest at any stage and make a decision if he considers it too one sided or one contestant is apparently outclassed; to stop a bout or contest if he considers the competitors are not in earnest, in which case he may disqualify one or both the contestants; to disqualify a contestant who commits a foul and to award a decision to the opponent; to determine in cooperation with the ring physician the fitness of a contestant to continue and to stop a bout if he is seemingly taking undue punishment or is badly injured; to de-

clare a technical knockout when a contestant fails for any one of numerous reasons, such as cuts, injuries or admission of overwhelming superiority on the part of his opponent to answer the bell for a succeeding round; to disqualify a boxer for continuously and deliberately striking an opponent with low blows; to disqualify the offender for a fourth offense after warning said boxer three times for minor fouls; to disqualify a boxer for hitting an opponent who is down or who is getting up; and to declare a knockout.

§ 9.512 Knockdowns, mandatory eight count, standing eight count and waiver thereof.

A. Clear knockdowns. When a boxer is clearly knocked down he shall be required to take a mandatory count of eight whether or not he has regained his feet before the count of eight has been reached. Should a boxer slip or fall down or be pushed down, he shall be ordered to his feet immediately. Failure to rise may subject him to disqualification.

B. Mandatory eight count. While a mandatory eight count is in progress, the boxer scoring the knockdown must retire to the farthest neutral corner indicated by the referee and remain there until the eight count is completed. Should he fail to do so, both the referee and timekeeper shall stop counting until he returns to the corner.

C. Counting. When a contestant is down the timekeeper shall immediately begin counting while the referee sends the boxer scoring the knockdown to the farthest neutral corner. The referee shall then return to the fallen boxer and pick up the count from the timekeeper and count in unison. The count shall not continue while the opponent does not occupy the farthest neutral corner.

D. Deemed knockdowns. A contestant shall be deemed down when any part of his body other than his feet is on the ring floor, he is hanging helplessly over the ropes, or he is rising from a down position, provided that a boxer hanging over the ropes is not officially down until so announced by the referee.

E. Standing eight count rule. The standing eight count rule shall be in effect unless both contestants shall agree before the start of each bout that it shall be waived.

§ 9.513 Knockouts. If the contestant fails to rise before the count of ten, the referee shall declare him the loser by knockout. Should a contestant who is down arise before the count of ten is reached and again go down without being struck, the referee shall resume the count where he left off. When a boxer is knocked out, the referee should count the full ten, thus avoiding the recording of a technical knockout which would be confusing and misleading to commissions in the other states. When a boxer has been knocked out, he shall not be touched or moved except by the direction of the ring physician. Should a contestant leave the ring during the one-minute period between rounds and fail to be in the ring when the gong rings to resume boxing, the

referee shall count him out the same as if he were down. If a contestant who has been knocked or fallen out of the ring during a contest fails to return immediately, the referee may count him out as if he were down.

§ 9.514 **Technical knockouts.** If the referee stops a contest because it is one-sided, or because of a badly cut eye, or should a contestant finish any one round of a contest and fail for any one of numerous reasons, such as cuts, injuries or admission of overwhelming superiority on the part of his opponent, to answer the bell for the succeeding round, the proper termination of the bout shall be a technical knockout. Should a contestant be knocked down three times in the same round, the contest shall be terminated and ruled a TKO, unless this rule is waived by the Board for a specific contest.

§ 9.515 **Minor fouls.** Contestants shall break clean and must not strike a blow while breaking from clinches. Contestants must not hold and hit. Butting with the head or shoulders, wrestling or clinching, or illegal use of elbows shall not be allowed. There shall be no unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the contestants. This shall include the use of abusive or insulting language.

A penalty of one point may be imposed by the referee for the following deliberate conduct: maintaining a clinch; holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the free hand; butting with the head, or illegal use of the shoulders and elbows; hitting on the breakaway after being ordered to break clean by the referee; hitting with the inside or heel of the hand and wrist; wrestling or roughing at the ropes; use of the rabbit and backhand punches; striking at that part of the body over the kidneys, except when an opponent deliberately turns his back to avoid being hit in the stomach over the liver and over the heart; use of abusive or profane language; refusal to obey warnings of the referee or any physical actions which might injure a contestant by illegal tactics; biting or kicking.

§ 9.516 **Major fouls and disqualifications.** A boxer may be disqualified by the referee if: he deliberately knees an opponent in the groin, deliberately hits an opponent who is down or who is getting up or continuously and deliberately strikes an opponent with low blows, or for a fourth minor foul after three warnings.

§ 9.517 **Low blows.** A bout shall not be terminated by a low blow. A boxer may be penalized three points for low punching. The referee shall count out boxers who fall to the floor claiming fouls as a result of the low blow. A boxer may be disqualified for continuously and deliberately striking an opponent with low blows.

§ 9.518 **Miscellaneous penalties.**

A. **Deliberate fouls.** If a bout is terminated by the referee because of a deliberate foul, the offending contestant shall receive only such percentage of his compensation or purse as the Board shall designate. The remainder of such purse shall be deemed a fine and be forfeited to the Board of Boxing.

B. Refusal to enter ring. If a boxer refuses to enter the ring unless he is paid in advance, his purse shall be turned over to the Board or its official representative. If he then refuses to enter the ring he shall be barred from boxing in Minnesota.

C. Forfeiture of fees. In the case of suspension or revocation of a license, the license fee shall be forfeited to the Board.

Chapter Six: 4 MCAR §§ 9.601 - 9.611 General Rules Governing Women's Professional Boxing

§ 9.601 Jurisdiction. All professional women's boxers, promoters, managers, seconds, and boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board.

§ 9.602 Incorporation. Except to the extent inconsistent with specific provisions of Chapter Six of these rules. Chapters One, Three, Four, and Five of these rules shall apply to women's professional boxers, promoters, managers, seconds, and boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests.

§ 9.603 Certain exhibitions, matches, and contests prohibited. There shall be no boxing exhibitions, matches, or contests between a male and a female boxer.

§ 9.604 Pre-bout physical examination and affidavit of non-pregnancy. The pre-bout physical examination of each female contestant shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. Each contract involving a female contestant must contain the attestation by each contestant that she is not pregnant and each contestant shall so attest by affidavit to the Board.

§ 9.605 Annual physical examination. Prior to receipt of an original boxing license or the annual renewal of said license, each female boxer shall have a medical examination which includes a pelvic examination.

§ 9.606 Weights. Unless authorized by the Board, all exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the following weight classifications, the difference in weights allowable indicated in parentheses:

Flyweight	(5)	. . . . .	113 pounds
Bantamweight.	(6)	. . . . .	121 pounds
Featherweight.	(6)	. . . . .	129 pounds
Lightweight	(6)	. . . . .	137 pounds
Welterweight	(7)	. . . . .	146 pounds
Middleweight	(8)	. . . . .	154 pounds
Light Heavyweight.	(8)	. . . . .	162 pounds
Heavyweight.	(8)	. . . . .	170 pounds
Super Heavyweight . . . . .		. . . . .	all over

§ 9.607 Separate dressing room facilities. Promoters shall provide dressing room facilities for female boxers which are separate from the men's facilities.

§ 9.608 Uniform. The female boxing uniform shall consist of body shirt, blouse, and shorts.

§ 9.609 Protective equipment. No contestant shall be allowed to enter the ring without a breast protector whose suitability shall be approved by the Board in addition to such other normal and suitable protective equipment as determined and approved by the Board or its official representative.

§ 9.610 Gloves. Each glove shall weigh not less than ten ounces.

§ 9.611 Rounds. Each exhibition, match, or contest shall have two minute rounds with a one minute rest between rounds. No exhibition, match, or contest shall be more than ten rounds.