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BOARD OF BOXING

AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL BOXING

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2200.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Board.** "Board" means the Board of Boxing.

Subp. 2. **Exhibition.** "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.

Subp. 3. **Contest.** "Contest" means any boxing or sparring bout at which scoring is done.

Subp. 4. **Match.** "Match" means any boxing or sparring bout at which victory is sought or declared.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.0200 SCOPE.

Parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800 shall apply to all amateur and professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests and related activities occurring in or affecting

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professional and amateur boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests held or proposed to be scheduled and held in the state of Minnesota.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.0300 PURPOSE.

Parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800 are adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, sections 341.05, subdivision 1 and 341.11 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.0400 CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION.

Parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800 shall be construed to effectuate the purposes of Minnesota Statutes 1976, sections 341.01 to 341.15. Where ambiguities or conflicts appear, they may be interpreted by the board. If questions or situations arise which are alleged not to be provided for by parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800, 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.0500 COMPLAINTS.

The board shall entertain and dispose of duly submitted complaints as specified in Minnesota Statutes 1976, section 214.10.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.0600 BASIC REQUIREMENTS.

Subpart 1. **Franchise license.** No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or be promoted or sponsored except by a current and valid licensee of the board.

Subp. 2. **Prior approval of dates, places, and contestants.** 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. In the case of amateur boxing, the prior approval of the deputy commissioner for the region where the exhibition, match, or contest is to be held is required as to date, place, and participants. Any such exhibition, match, or contest receiving such approval shall be conducted strictly in accordance with parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800 and such conditions as the board may see fit to impose.

Subp. 3. **Licenses and registrations.** 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 approvals shall be conducted strictly in accordance with parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800 and such conditions as the board may see fit to impose.

Subp. 4. **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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.0700 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.0800 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 for cause by the board. Suspensions and revocations shall occur according to procedures prescribed by the contested case procedures of the Minnesota Administrative Procedure Act.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.0900 NONASSIGNABILITY OF LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR APPROVAL.

No license, registration, or approval granted by the board is assignable in any respect.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.1000 COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES AND OTHER AGENCY RULES.

All licensees of the board shall comply with pertinent statutes and rules of the other agencies of the state of Minnesota.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.1100 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 ensure 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.1200 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. A licensee shall, upon reasonable notice, produce all records requested by the board.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.1300 ADVANCE REPORTS.

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 exhibition, match, or contest, each promoter of any professional boxing exhibition, match, or contest must file with the board a statement in writing 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.1400 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.1500 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.1600 TICKETS.

Subpart 1. 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.

Subp. 2. Press tickets. All press tickets issued shall be marked "Press." All complimentary 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 60 "Press" tickets may be issued for any one fight in cities of the first class, not more than 30 in Rochester, and not more than ten elsewhere, outside of board tickets.

Subp. 3. 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.1700 SEATING.

Subpart 1. Commissioners, officials, and media. 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 ensure orderly seating. At bouts expected to draw large media attention, two rows of ringside tables shall be provided. There shall be at least four feet between the ringside 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 ringside at any one time and then only at designated places and subject to the control of the board.

Subp. 2. 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 ensure proper seating.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.1800 FUND RAISING AND PUBLIC 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

2200.1900 POSTCONTEST REPORTS.

The franchise licensee who promotes each amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, contest, or closed circuit television presentation shall furnish in writing to the board within 48 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.2000 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Whenever an examination of a professional or amateur contestant by a physician is required by parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800, such examination shall include an eye examination.

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If the contestant was knocked out during the match or contest in progress or the last match or contest the contestant participated in, the examination must include an electroencephalogram. The examination shall include other 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 Practice 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932; L 1991 c 106 s 6*

2200.2100 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.07; 341.10*

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2200.3100 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

2200.3200 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, seconds, and franchises must be licensed by the board. All amateur licenses for referees, 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; seconds, \$2; boxers, no fee.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.3300 AMATEUR FRANCHISE LICENSES.

Amateur franchise licenses shall be granted in conformity with parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800 and the laws of the state of Minnesota. Such licenses shall have a duration of one year unless otherwise specified by the board. The fee for said license in cities of the first class having a population of over 150,000 shall be \$150; in cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, \$50; in all other cities and towns, \$25.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

2200.3400 [Repealed, 13 SR 2932]

2200.3410 FORM OF AMATEUR FRANCHISE LICENSE.

The form of amateur franchise license is as follows:

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF BOXING
500 METRO SQUARE BUILDING
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

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 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.

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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 for cause by 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 United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation.

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

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CHAIR

SECRETARY

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

History: *13 SR 2932; 17 SR 1279*

2200.3500 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

2200.3600 TEN DAY RULE.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

History: *17 SR 1279*

2200.3700 MANAGERS.

No amateur is required to have a manager. No manager of an amateur boxer will be recognized unless the manager 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

History: *17 SR 1279*

2200.3800 COMPENSATION.

Subpart 1. **Limit.** The maximum compensation paid to an amateur shall not be in excess of \$5 in cash or \$100 in other prizes, exclusive of travel and subsistence.

Subp. 2. **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.

Subp. 3. **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.

Subp. 4. **Sworn statement.** Within 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.3900 APPLICABLE RULES.

The official rules of the United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation shall govern all amateur exhibitions, matches, and contests except when in conflict with parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800. The board may suspend, modify, or withdraw any rule of the United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation when in conflict with the rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing. These suspensions, modifications, or withdrawals may pertain to individual situations or to all exhibitions, matches, and contests.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.4000 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

2200.4100 RULES GOVERNING SAFETY.

Subpart 1. **Junior class amateurs.** Junior class amateurs are those amateurs who have not reached 16 years of age.

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

Junior boxers ages 10 and 11 shall not be allowed to box more than ten matches or contests per year, excluding board-authorized tournaments. A match or contest for these boxers shall consist of no more than three rounds of one minute's duration.

Junior boxers ages 12 and 13 shall not be allowed to box more than 12 matches or contests per year, excluding board-authorized tournaments. A match or contest for these boxers shall consist of no more than three rounds of 1-1/2 minutes' duration.

For junior boxers ages 14 and 15 a match or contest shall consist of no more than three rounds of two minutes' duration.

Subp. 2. **Senior class amateurs.** Senior class amateurs are those 16 years of age and older. Senior class amateurs shall not be allowed to box more than three rounds of two minutes' duration, or more than two times in seven days, or more than one contest on any one day except in board-authorized tournaments.

Amateur exhibitions, matches, contests, and board-sanctioned tournaments of more than two minutes' duration must be authorized by the Minnesota Board of Boxing or its official representative.

Subp. 3. **Medical examination.** No amateur boxer shall be permitted to take part in a boxing or sparring exhibit, match, or contest unless the boxer has been examined and passed by a physician immediately before the contest.

Subp. 4. **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.

Subp. 5. **Attendance of physician.** A physician must be in attendance at each amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest. The physician shall examine each contest-

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tant immediately before the contest and after each knockout or technical knockout and during the course of each contest at the request of the referee.

Subp. 6. **Authority to stop bout.** A referee must stop a bout when either contestant shows marked superiority and the other opponent is outclassed.

Subp. 7. **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 nontournament 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

History: *13 SR 2932; 17 SR 1279*

2200.4200 EQUIPMENT; AMATEUR MATCHES.

Equipment shall be as required by the United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation rules.

The board may by rule modify or amend the equipment requirements of the United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation to increase safety.

Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, a portable resuscitator with oxygen equipment, along with a qualified person to administer it, must be available at ringside. Headgear must be worn by amateur boxers.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.4300 RING NAMES.

No ring names shall be allowed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

2200.4400 ACTS, TAKEOFFS, OR INSINCERITY.

Any acts, or takeoffs, or insincerity on the part of an amateur boxer may subject the boxer to immediate suspension.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.11*

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2200.5000 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.5100 LICENSES.

All referees, judges, boxers, managers, and seconds shall be licensed in accordance with the following schedule: referees, \$25; judges, \$10; boxers, \$5; managers, \$10; seconds, \$5. Such licenses shall expire one year from the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked by the board.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subds 1,2; 341.07*

2200.5200 PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE LICENSES.

Professional franchise licenses shall be granted in conformity with parts 2200.0100 to 2200.9800 and the laws of the state of Minnesota. Such licenses shall have a duration of 13 weeks (one-quarter year) unless otherwise specified by the board. The fee for said license shall be \$250 per quarter in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Bloomington. In other locations the fee shall be: in cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, but more than 100,000, \$125 per quarter; in municipalities having a population of less than 100,000 but more than 10,000, \$50 per quarter; in municipalities having a population of less than 10,000, \$25 per quarter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subds 1,2; 341.07*

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2200.5300 [Repealed, 13 SR 2932]

2200.5310 FORM OF PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE LICENSE.

The form of professional franchise license shall be as follows:

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF BOXING
500 METRO SQUARE BUILDING
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

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 for cause by 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, section 341.08 must be obtained from the governing body hereof.

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

BOARD OF BOXING

CHAIR

SECRETARY

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932; 17 SR 1279*

2200.5400 RULES GOVERNING SAFETY; PROFESSIONAL MATCHES.

Subpart 1. 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 18 years of age. No license will be granted to any boxer over 36 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 18 years of age shall be limited to ten round bouts or less. No bout shall exceed 15 rounds.

Subp. 2. A-1 condition. Each contract between a promoter and a boxer shall include a clause in which the boxer and the boxer's manager certify that the boxer is in A-1 condition and is not concealing an illness or injury.

Subp. 3. Medical examination; attendance of physician; 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 seemingly taking undue punishment or is badly injured.

Subp. 4. Intervals. No boxer shall be permitted to engage in consecutive matches or contests with less than seven days intervening between such contests. Boxers engaging in main events shall not engage in such matches or contests without an intervening period of seven days, and shall not box more than 15 rounds in a two-week period.

A minimum of 60 days' interval shall be required before a boxer who has been knocked unconscious shall be allowed to box again. When a match or contest is stopped after a technical knockout or because it has become one-sided or a serious facial laceration has occurred, an interval of 30 days is required before a boxer shall be allowed to box again. In addition, a boxer who has been knocked unconscious must undergo an electroencephalogram and eye examination as parts of the physical examination preceding the boxer's next match or contest.

Subp. 5. Retirement of boxer. In case of repeated knockouts or severe beatings, a boxer shall be retired for the boxer's own physical welfare. Any boxer who has sustained five consecutive defeats or who has received a serious injury shall be subject to investigation, review, and examination by the board with the advice of its physician.

Subp. 6. Sworn statement. 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, the boxer's manager, and promoter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932; 17 SR 1279*

2200.5500 WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION SUSPENSIONS.

The board shall presume, unless rebutted, that all suspensions issued by the World Boxing Association shall be recognized.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

EQUIPMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS

2200.6000 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.6100 GONG.

The gong must be not less than 18 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.6200 BUCKETS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

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 matches or contests. 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 to cover said expenses should they arise. Said deposit shall be refunded if no expenses arise.

A portable resuscitator with oxygen equipment and a person qualified to use it must be available at ringside.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.6300 GLOVES.

Each glove shall weigh not less than eight ounces for contestants from 112 to 175 pounds, and not less than ten 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.6400 SCALES.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.6500 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.6600 BANDAGES.

Each hand shall be allowed ten 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.6700 SHOES.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.6800 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.6900 SHAVING.

Boxers must be clean shaven 24 hours before participating in any match or contest unless this requirement is waived by the board. The agreement of three members of the board shall be sufficient to grant such a waiver. A meeting of the board is not necessary in order to grant the waiver, and it may be granted by any means, such as by telephone or mail, by which at least three members of the board may reach agreement.

If the requirement is waived, then for purposes of safety, boxers wearing beards or mustaches must have them neatly trimmed at the time a match or contest occurs. Hair must either be trimmed or worn in a fashion that will not impair the safety of the boxer or the boxer's opponent.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.7000 INSPECTIONS.

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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

CONDUCT OF PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS

2200.7100 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 (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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.7200 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.7300 PROFESSIONAL MAIN EVENT BOXERS.

Professional main event boxers must appear in the city in which the exhibition, match, or contest is to be held 24 hours before weigh in time, which is 12:00 noon on the day of the fight, unless excused by the board and a different time for appearance or weigh in is set by the board.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.7400 OFFICIALS.

All boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by a licensed referee and three licensed judges, who shall be appointed by the board. Unless waived by the board, the judges shall be licensed referees. Each judge shall be located apart from the others around the ring so as to be able to observe from as different a location as possible.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932*

2200.7500 OFFICIALS' FEES.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.7600 ANNOUNCER.

The announcer shall announce the names of the contestants, their correct weights, and such other matters as shall be directed or approved by the board or its official representative.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.7700 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 the 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 or herself 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

History: *17 SR 1279*

2200.7800 SCORING.

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. The decisions of the referee and judges shall be final.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.7900 SECONDS.

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.

There shall not be more than three seconds for each contestant. Seconds shall not coach boxers during the progress of rounds. 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 the boxer. Fans may be used between rounds. The swinging of towels is prohibited.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

History: *17 SR 1279*

2200.8000 REFEREE DISCRETION.

The referee shall have the discretion: to stop a bout or contest at any stage and make a decision on whether it is too one-sided or one contestant is apparently outclassed; to stop a bout or contest if the referee considers the competitors are not in earnest, in which case the referee 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 the contestant is seemingly taking undue punishment or is badly injured; to declare 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 the 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

History: *17 SR 1279*

2200.8100 KNOCKDOWNS.

Subpart 1. Clear knockdowns. When clearly knocked down a boxer shall be required to take a mandatory count of eight whether or not the boxer has regained his or her feet before the count of eight has been reached. Should a boxer slip or fall down or be pushed down, the boxer shall be ordered to his or her feet immediately. Failure to rise may subject a boxer to disqualification.

Subp. 2. 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 the boxer fail to do so, both the referee and timekeeper shall stop counting until the boxer returns to the corner.

Subp. 3. 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.

Subp. 4. Deemed knockdowns. A contestant shall be deemed down when any part of the contestant's body other than the feet is on the ring floor, the contestant is hanging helplessly over the ropes, or is rising from a down position, provided that a boxer hanging over the ropes is not officially down until so announced by the referee.

Subp. 5. **Standing eight count rule.** The standing eight count rule shall be in effect unless both contestants shall agree before the start of each match or contest that it shall be waived. Waiver of this requirement must be verified in advance with the board for main event matches or contests.

Subp. 6. **Knockdown rule.** If a three-minute round expires, the referee shall continue to count except in the final round, in which the bell will end the fight. No boxer shall be saved by the bell between rounds.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932; 17 SR 1279*

2200.8200 KNOCKOUTS.

Subpart 1. **Ten count.** If the contestant fails to rise before the count of ten, the referee shall declare that contestant 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 the referee 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 knocked out, a boxer 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 the contestant out the same as if the contestant 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 the contestant out as if the contestant were down.

Subp. 2. **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 the 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

History: *17 SR 1279*

2200.8300 FOULS.

Subpart 1. **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 or her 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.

Subp. 2. **Major fouls and disqualifications.** A boxer may be disqualified by the referee if: the boxer 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.

Subp. 3. **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.

Subp. 4. **Deliberate fouls.** If a bout is terminated by the referee because of a deliberate foul, the offending contestant shall receive only such percentage of 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.

Subp. 5. **Intentional butt.** If a fighter's natural style is to bob and weave with much head movement, a butt will probably be unintentional; if later in the fight, a fighter greatly increases head movement, the fighter may be trying to butt the opponent. If it cannot be decided whether the butt is intentional, it must be ruled unintentional. The butt rule must be dealt with in the same way as rules for other fouls.

The penalty for intentional butting is a one point deduction, unless the butting is deliberate and repeated, in which case the fighter is disqualified.

If a cut from an intentional butt stops a fight within three rounds, and the offender is not disqualified, the result of the fight is a technical draw.

If a cut from an intentional butt stops a fight or becomes enlarged later and stops the fight after three rounds, the scores must be tallied and if the cut fighter is ahead, that fighter wins by decision. If the cut fighter is behind, the result is a technical draw. In no event shall a fighter cut from an intentional butt lose.

If a fighter who intentionally butts cuts himself or herself and the fight is then or subsequently stopped because of the cut, the result is a technical draw if within three rounds. If later than three rounds, the score cards must be tallied, and the other fighter must be awarded the fight if the other fighter is ahead. If not, the result is a technical draw.

Subp. 6. **Unintentional butt.** If an unintentional butt causes a cut to either fighter and the cut stops the fight within three rounds, the fight must be declared a technical draw. If the cut stops the fight after three rounds, the score must be tallied and the fight awarded by decision to the fighter who is ahead on points.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05; 341.10*

History: *13 SR 2932; 17 SR 1279*

2200.8400 REFUSAL TO ENTER RING.

If a boxer refuses to enter the ring unless paid in advance, the boxer's purse shall be turned over to the board or its official representative. If the boxer then refuses to enter the ring the boxer shall be barred from boxing in Minnesota.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

History: *17 SR 1279*

2200.8500 FORFEITURE OF FEES.

In the case of suspension or revocation of a license, the license fee shall be forfeited to the board.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL BOXING

2200.9000 JURISDICTION.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.9100 INCORPORATION OF OTHER RULES.

Parts 2200.0100 to 2200.2100, 2200.5000 to 2200.5500, 2200.6000 to 2200.7000, and 2200.7100 to 2200.8500 shall apply to women's professional boxers, promoters, managers, seconds, and boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests, except to the extent inconsistent with specific provisions of parts 2200.9000 to 2200.9800.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.9200 MALE VERSUS FEMALE.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

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2200.9300 PREBOUT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION; AFFIDAVIT OF NONPREGNANCY.

The prebout 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.9400 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.9500 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.9600 SEPARATE DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.9700 EQUIPMENT.

Subpart 1. **Uniform.** The female boxing uniform shall consist of body shirt, blouse, and shorts.

Subp. 2. **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.

Subp. 3. **Gloves.** Each glove shall weigh not less than ten ounces.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*

2200.9800 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 341.05 subd 1*