

## CHAPTER 341

### BOXING COMMISSION

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#### **341.21 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Boxing.** "Boxing" means the act of attack and defense with the fists, using padded gloves, that is practiced as a sport under the rules of the Association of Boxing Commissions, or equivalent. Where applicable, boxing includes tough person contests.

Subd. 3. **Commission.** "Commission" means the Minnesota Boxing Commission.

Subd. 4. **Contest.** "Contest" means any boxing contest, match, or exhibition.

Subd. 5. **Professional.** "Professional" means any person who competes for any money prize or a prize that exceeds the value of \$50 or teaches, pursues, or assists in the practice of boxing as a means of obtaining a livelihood or pecuniary gain.

Subd. 6. **Director.** "Director" means the executive director of the commission.

Subd. 7. **Tough person contest.** "Tough person contest," including contests marketed as tough man and tough woman contests, means any boxing match consisting of one-minute rounds between two or more persons who use their hands, or their feet, or both, in any manner. Tough person contest does not include kick boxing or any recognized martial arts competition.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 13

**341.22 BOXING COMMISSION.**

There is hereby created the Minnesota Boxing Commission consisting of five members who are citizens of this state. The members must be appointed by the governor. One member of the commission must be a retired judge of the Minnesota district court, Minnesota Court of Appeals, Minnesota Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, or the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and at least three members must have knowledge of the boxing industry. The governor shall make serious efforts to appoint qualified women to serve on the commission. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements must be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services, and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of fees; and other provisions relating to commission operations must be as provided in chapter 214. The purpose of the commission is to protect health, promote safety, and ensure fair events.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 14

**341.23 LIMITATIONS.**

No member of the Boxing Commission may directly or indirectly promote a boxing contest, directly or indirectly engage in the managing of a boxer, or have an interest in any manner in the proceeds from a boxing contest.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 15

**341.24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

The governor may appoint, and at pleasure remove, an executive director and prescribe the powers and duties of the office. The executive director shall not be a member of the commission. The commission may employ personnel necessary to the performance of its duties.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 16

**341.25 RULES.**

(a) The commission may adopt rules that include standards for the physical examination and condition of boxers and referees.

(b) The commission may adopt other rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including, but not limited to, the conduct of boxing exhibitions, bouts, and fights, and their manner, supervision, time, and place.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 17

**341.26 MEETINGS.**

The commission shall hold a regular meeting quarterly and may hold special meetings. Except as otherwise provided in law, all meetings of the commission must be open to the public and reasonable notice of the meetings must be given under chapter 13D.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 18

**341.27 COMMISSION DUTIES.**

The commission shall:

- (1) issue, deny, renew, suspend, or revoke licenses;
  - (2) make and maintain records of its acts and proceedings including the issuance, denial, renewal, suspension, or revocation of licenses;
  - (3) keep public records of the commission open to inspection at all reasonable times;
  - (4) assist the director in the development of rules to be implemented under this chapter;
- and
- (5) conform to the rules adopted under this chapter.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 19

**341.28 REGULATION OF BOXING CONTESTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Regulatory authority; boxing.** All professional boxing contests are subject to this chapter. Every contestant in a boxing contest shall wear padded gloves that weigh at least eight ounces. The commission shall, for every boxing contest:

- (1) direct a commission member to be present; and
- (2) direct the attending commission member to make a written report of the contest.

All boxing contests within this state must be conducted according to the requirements of this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Regulatory authority; tough person contests.** All tough person contests, including amateur tough person contests, are subject to this chapter. Every contestant in a tough person contest shall wear padded gloves that weigh at least 12 ounces.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 20

**341.29 JURISDICTION OF COMMISSION.**

The commission shall:

(1) have sole direction, supervision, regulation, control, and jurisdiction over all boxing contests and tough person contests held within this state unless a contest is exempt from the application of this chapter under federal law;

(2) have sole control, authority, and jurisdiction over all licenses required by this chapter; and

(3) grant a license to an applicant if, in the judgment of the commission, the financial responsibility, experience, character, and general fitness of the applicant are consistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity and the best interests of boxing and conforms with this chapter and the commission's rules.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 21

**341.30 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Licensure; individuals.** All referees, judges, matchmakers, promoters, trainers, ring announcers, timekeepers, ringside physicians, boxers, boxers' managers, and boxers' seconds are required to be licensed by the commission. The commission shall not permit any of these persons to participate in the holding or conduct of any boxing contest unless the commission has first issued the person a license.

Subd. 2. **Entity licensure.** Before participating in the holding or conduct of any boxing contest, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other business entity organized and existing under law, its officers and directors, and any person holding 25 percent or more of the ownership of the corporation shall obtain a license from the commission and must be authorized to do business under the laws of this state.

Subd. 3. **Background investigation.** The commission may require referees, judges, matchmakers, promoters, and boxers to furnish fingerprints and background information under commission rules before licensure. The commission shall charge a fee for receiving fingerprints and background information in an amount determined by the commission. The commission may require referees, judges, matchmakers, promoters, and boxers to furnish fingerprints and background information before license renewal. The fee may include a reasonable charge for expenses incurred by the commission or the Department of Public Safety. For this purpose, the commission and the Department of Public Safety may enter into an inter-agency agreement.

Subd. 4. **Prelicensure requirements.** (a) Before the commission issues a license to a promoter, matchmaker, corporation, or other business entity, the applicant shall:

(1) provide the commission with a copy of any agreement between a contestant and the applicant that binds the applicant to pay the contestant a certain fixed fee or percentage of the gate receipts;

(2) show on the application the owner or owners of the applicant entity and the percentage of interest held by each owner holding a 25 percent or more interest in the applicant;

(3) provide the commission with a copy of the latest financial statement of the entity; and

(4) provide the commission with a copy or other proof acceptable to the commission of the insurance contract or policy required by this chapter.

(b) Before the commission issues a license to a promoter, the applicant shall deposit with the commission a cash bond or surety bond in an amount set by the commission. The bond shall be executed in favor of this state and shall be conditioned on the faithful performance by the promoter of the promoter's obligations under this chapter and the rules adopted under it.

(c) Before the commission issues a license to a boxer, the applicant shall submit to the commission the results of a current medical examination on forms furnished or approved by the commission. The medical examination must include an ophthalmological and neurological examination. The ophthalmological examination must be designed to detect any retinal defects or other damage or condition of the eye that could be aggravated by boxing. The neurological examination must include an electroencephalogram or medically superior test if the boxer has been knocked unconscious in a previous boxing or other athletic competition. The commission may also order an electroencephalogram or other appropriate neurological or physical examination before any contest, match, or exhibition if it determines that the examination is desirable to protect the health of the boxer.

*History:* 2006 c 282 art 11 s 22

### 341.31 SIMULCAST LICENSES.

The commission shall issue a license to a person or organization holding, showing, or exhibiting a simultaneous telecast of any live, current, or spontaneous boxing or sparring match on a closed circuit telecast or subscription television program viewed within the state, whether originating in this state or elsewhere, and for which a charge is made. Each person or organization shall apply for such a license in advance of each showing. No showing may be licensed unless the person or organization applying for the license:

(1) certifies that the match is subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of a boxing or athletic regulatory authority in another state or country;

(2) certifies the match is in compliance with the requirements of the authority;

(3) identifies the authority; and

(4) provides any information the commission may require.

*History:* 2006 c 282 art 11 s 23

### 341.32 LICENSE FEES; EXPIRATION; RENEWAL.

Subdivision 1. **Annual licensure.** The commission may establish and issue annual licenses subject to the collection of advance fees by the commission for promoters, matchmakers, managers, judges, referees, ring announcers, ringside physicians, timekeepers, boxers, boxers' trainers, boxers' seconds, business entities filing for a license to participate in the holding of any boxing contest, and officers, directors, or other persons affiliated with the business entity.

Subd. 2. **Expiration and renewal.** A license expires December 31 at midnight in the year of its issuance and may be renewed by filing an application for renewal with the commission and payment of the license fee. An application for a license and renewal of a license must be on a form provided by the commission. There is a 30-day grace period during which a license may be renewed if a late filing penalty fee equal to the license fee is submitted with the regular license fee. A licensee that files late shall not conduct any activity regulated by this chapter until the commission has renewed the license. If the licensee fails to apply to the commission within the 30-day grace period, the licensee must apply for a new license under subdivision 1.

*History:* 2006 c 282 art 11 s 24

**341.321 FEE SCHEDULE.**

The fee schedule for licenses issued by the Minnesota Boxing Commission is as follows:

- (1) referees, \$35 for each initial license and each renewal;
- (2) promoters, \$400 for each initial license and each renewal;
- (3) judges, \$25 for each initial license and each renewal;
- (4) trainers, \$35 for each initial license and each renewal;
- (5) ring announcers, \$25 for each initial license and each renewal;
- (6) boxers' seconds, \$25 for each initial license and each renewal;
- (7) timekeepers, \$25 for each initial license and each renewal; and
- (8) boxers, \$35 for each initial license and each renewal.

All fees collected by the Minnesota Boxing Commission must be deposited in the Boxing Commission account in the special revenue fund.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 25

**341.33 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED; FEES.**

Subdivision 1. **Examination by physician.** All boxers and referees must be examined by a physician licensed by this state within three hours before entering the ring, and the examining physician shall immediately file with the commission a written report of the examination. The physician's examination shall report on the condition of the boxer's heart and general physical and neurological condition. The physician's report may record the condition of the boxer's nervous system and brain as required by the commission. The physician may prohibit the boxer from entering the ring if, in the physician's professional opinion, it is in the best interest of the boxer's health. The cost of the examination is payable by the person or entity conducting the contest or exhibition.

Subd. 2. **Attendance of physician.** A person holding or sponsoring a boxing contest shall have in attendance a physician licensed by this state. The commission may establish a schedule of fees to be paid to each attending physician by the person holding or sponsoring the contest.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 26

**341.34 INSURANCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Required insurance.** The commission shall:

(1) require insurance coverage for a boxer to provide for medical, surgical, and hospital care for injuries sustained in the ring in an amount of at least \$20,000 and payable to the boxer as beneficiary; and

(2) require life insurance for a boxer in the amount of at least \$20,000 payable in case of accidental death resulting from injuries sustained in the ring.

Subd. 2. **Payment for insurance.** The cost of the insurance required by this section is payable by the promoter.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 11 s 27

**341.35 PENALTIES FOR NONLICENSED EXHIBITIONS.**

Any person or persons who send or cause to be sent, published, or otherwise made known, any challenge to fight what is commonly known as a prize fight, or engage in any public boxing or sparring match or contest, with or without gloves, for any prize, reward, or compensation, or for which any admission fee is charged directly or indirectly, or go into training preparatory for the fight, exhibition, or contest, or act as a trainer, aider, abettor, backer, umpire, referee, second, surgeon, assistant, or attendant at the fight, exhibition, or contest, or in any preparation for same, and any owner or lessee of any ground, building, or structure of any kind permitting the same to be used for any fight, exhibition, or contest, is

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guilty of a misdemeanor unless a license for the holding of the fight, exhibition, or contest has been issued by the commission in compliance with the rules adopted by it.

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## **341.37 APPROPRIATION.**

A Boxing Commission account is created in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the Boxing Commission for the purposes of conducting its statutory responsibilities and obligations.

**History:** *2006 c 282 art 11 s 29*