



## **POLICY #12**

### **Edmonton Combative Sports Policy: Professional Wrestling**

#### **Description**

Professional wrestling falls under the classification of sport “entertainment.” Consequently, the role of the Executive Director is only to issue the appropriate contestant licences and event licences, and observe the event rules herein. Neither the City nor the ECSC provides medical coverage or medical service nor do either provide event officials for professional wrestling events as part of the event sanction.

#### **Rationale**

Professional wrestling events are considered sport “entertainment.” Consequently, promoters are responsible to find and employ their own event officials working their events. The Executive Director only approves the promoter’s licence and issues event licences for the promoter who then manages his/her own event.

#### **Procedure**

1. Even though professional wrestling events are considered sport “entertainment” (results are staged following a display of athletic skill), promoters must be licensed by the City before they can hold professional wrestling events in the City of Edmonton.
2. Licenced promoters of professional wrestling events apply for licences for their wrestlers and also apply for a multiple-event licence for events to be held during the calendar year.
3. Promoters of professional wrestling events are required to ensure the fight venue is appropriate for the particular event being held.
4. No wrestler shall make contact with any spectator during a contest.
5. The promoter of a professional wrestling show shall ensure the wrestling ring/competition area is a safe distance from spectators. The ring must be cordoned off separating the ring/competition area from the public. If prearranged contact is to occur between a staged member of the audience and a wrestler, this contact must occur sufficiently removed from

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the other audience members to ensure the safety of the other spectators present.

6. The promoter of a professional wrestling event shall ensure that the event is conducted in a safe and professional manner, with the safety of the viewing public and the safety of the wrestling entertainers as their main priority.
7. The promoter has the responsibility to ensure the wrestlers taking part in his/her events are in the proper physical and mental condition to participate safely in the event.
8. The promoter is responsible to pay to the City , the licensing fee and all combatant licensing fees in advance of their first event.
9. Promoters who take out insurance for their events must include the City of Edmonton and the ECSC in their liability coverage.
10. Promoters are responsible to submit to the Executive Director the dates and locations of their events, event and wrestler licensing fees and the real and stage names of the wrestlers competing in each event as they occur throughout the year.
11. All professional wrestling promoters (or designates) will meet together with the Executive Director a minimum of once per year to decide operational regulations (in terms of wrestler transfers).
12. The City charge for licensing of wrestlers and events is outlined in Bylaw 15594.

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