



## **POLICY #4**

### **Edmonton Combative Sports Policy: Event Permits**

#### **Description**

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (ECSC) has the authority to approve combative sports event licensing and permit issuance, should the event application meet all the requirements set forth by the ECSC.

#### **Rationale**

To ensure combative sports events are staged in accordance with ECSC Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures and City of Edmonton Bylaw 15594.

#### **Procedure**

1. An Event Permit/sanction follows approval of the specific DATE, TYPE of combative sports event and VENUE where the event is to be held. An Event Permit/sanction is then granted by the ECSC following the Promoter's agreement that he/she will follow the Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.
2. As part of that agreement, the Promoter agrees to post a financial Performance Bond/ Event Deposit (Performance Bond) as a guarantee against the failure of the promoter, the promoter's associates, his/her designated staff, match maker, contractors, workers, assistants, affiliates, contestants, event representatives and any other individuals the promoter has involved with the event, to comply with the Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC or City of Edmonton Bylaws while staging their combative sports event. (Bylaw 15594).
3. Should non-compliance occur, financial deductions will be subtracted from the Promoter's Performance Bond by the ECSC, at its sole discretion (Bylaw 15594, s. 14).
4. The event Performance Bond fee is determined by the ECSC and may vary on an event

- by event basis, even with the same promoter.
5. All conditions set out in section 13 of Bylaw 15594 must be complied with.
  6. Each event licensed is numbered and contains the following key conditions:
    - a. the requirement to purchase personal and public liability insurance for their combative sports event, and include the City of Edmonton and the ECSC as being covered by that insurance plan;
    - b. at least five (5) days prior to the event date, the provision of:
      - i. a Security Plan which shall detail venue security, the cost of which is the responsibility of the Promoter. The exact number of security is to be finalized by the venue general manager and must be acceptable to the ECSC. The Security Plan may also require a contract with the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) to ensure their presence (in numbers arrived at by the EPS once they know the details of the event, the location, expected audience, degree of perceived risk, etc.) and this service is paid for by the Promoter who will make payment through the ECSC. The venue and/or the Promoter will arrange the contract with the EPS; however, if the EPS makes request, the ECSC can be involved as the go-between the Promoter/Event and the EPS, in terms of contracting the EPS to work the event; and
      - ii. a Medical Emergency Plan which shall include ringside physicians contracted by the ECSC and paid for by the Promoter through the ECSC. The second part of the Medical Emergency Plan involves the Edmonton Medical Service (EMS) who must be contracted to attend the event with sufficient staff, up-to-date medical equipment and ambulance. This service is to be paid for by the Promoter through the ECSC. The contract will be between the ECSC and the EMS.
    - c. the requirement to post a Performance Bond of a specified amount as determined by the ECSC, and an acknowledgement of typical violations that will result in specified financial deductions from that Performance Bond, should violations occur; and
    - d. agreement to follow all Rules, Regulations and Operating Procedures of the ECSC and all City of Edmonton Bylaws.
  7. A Promoter shall not to announce or sell tickets to a proposed event until he/she has been issued an Event Permit or has ECSC approval in writing in advance of such advertising or ticket sales.
  8. Promoters must get the proposed fight card approved by the ECSC.
  9. Changes or substitutions of Contestants are not permitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the event.
  10. Promoter's (or their announcers) are required to announce to the attending public that their event is sanctioned by the ECSC under the direction of the Chair and the Executive Director.

11. Applications for Event Permits must include:
  - a. A copy of the Promoter's licence;
  - b. An application or event form;
  - c. Proof of compliance and necessary permits for the event in accordance with City of Edmonton Zoning Bylaw 12800;
  - d. The Date Booking Fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) payable by certified cheque, bank draft or money order;
    - i. If the event is held on the date identified by the Event Permit, one half of the Date Booking Fee shall be returned to the Promoter
  - e. Liability insurance; and
  - f. Any additional information or documentation as required by the Executive Director.
12. The Event Permit requires that the Promoter meet with the Executive Director within thirty (30) days following the Event to settle outstanding fees (i.e. suture kits used, five percent (5%) of gross ticket revenue, etc.).
13. The ECSC may refuse to issue an Event Permit, and may suspend or revoke an Event Permit that it has issued if, in the sole opinion of the ECSC the Promoter has failed to comply with the conditions of the Event Permit, any Bylaws of the City of Edmonton or any Policies or rules of the ECSC.

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