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ORDER OF THE
STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN
ADOPTING RULES

Pursuant to authority vested in the State Athletic Commission of Wisconsin by Chapter 169, Wis. Stats., the State Athletic Commission of Wisconsin hereby adopts rules as follows:

Sections Ath. 1.01 to Ath. 4.14 of the Wisconsin administrative code are adopted to read as set forth in the attached instrument.

The rules contained herein shall take effect as provided in section 227.026, Wis. Stats.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1956.

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
OF WISCONSIN



Fred J. Saddy, Secretary

WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Wisconsin State Athletic Commission

Chapter 1

WISCONSIN STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

ATH 1.01 Offices. The general offices of the Wisconsin State Athletic Commission shall be located in the City of Milwaukee.

ATH 1.02 Office Hours. The offices shall be open between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

ATH 1.03 Papers Filed Property of Commission. All papers filed with the Commission shall be the property of the Commission.

ATH 1.04 Suspension Powers. Any licensee may be suspended by the Commission for cause.

ATH 1.05 Debarred or Suspended Persons. (1)
GENERAL SANCTIONS. Every person debarred or suspended by the Commission will refrain from participating in any way or manner whatsoever in boxing exhibitions or matches during the period stated and must not be allowed to enter the dressing room or press row of any licensed club during his suspension.

(2) SUSPENSION OF MANAGER. Whenever a manager is suspended, this suspension includes his entire stable

of boxers during the time of said manager's suspension. Boxers who go under the care of another manager during suspended period cannot go back to their original manager under any consideration.

(3) SUSPENDED PERSON MAY HAVE LICENSE REVOKED. Any boxer, second, manager or matchmaker that is suspended for any infraction of the law or rules of the Commission may have his license revoked.

ATH 1.06 Questions not Covered by Rules.

As to questions arising not provided for in these rules, the Commission shall decide such questions or interpretation of rules.

Chapter 2

LICENSES, CONTRACTS, FORFEITS AND PURSES

ATH 2.01 Licenses. (1) APPLICATION BLANKS.

(a) Blank application forms for licenses to conduct boxing and sparring matches or exhibitions shall be provided by the Commission.

(b) Application for licenses and accompanying documents required by the provisions of Chapter 169 of the Statutes of Wisconsin and the rules of the Commission shall be written plainly, and all questions appearing on the blank forms of application shall be answered

fully. Said application shall be signed by the president or secretary of the club.

(2) POWER TO EXAMINE ON OATH. Before acting upon the application for a license, the Commission may, in its discretion, examine, on oath, the applicant and other witnesses.

(3) LIMIT ON LICENSES.

(a) No more than 4 clubs holding \$300 license and not more than 2 clubs holding a \$50 license shall be permitted to conduct professional boxing contests or exhibitions in cities of the first class.

(b) No more than one club shall be granted a license to conduct professional boxing contests or exhibitions in cities of second, third or fourth class.

(4) LICENSE REQUIRED FOR MATCHES. No person shall compete in a boxing or sprarring match or exhibition in any club, corporation, association or any other organization not licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 169 of the Statutes.

(5) FORM OF LICENSE. (Form of license--omitted.)

(6) RESPONSIBILITY OF LICENSEE. All clubs holding licenses shall be held absolutely responsible to the Commission for all matches or exhibitions held by said club.

(7) LICENSEE CAN OPERATE ONLY ONE CLUB. No

promoter or club will be permitted or licensed to operate at any one time more than one boxing club.

(8) LICENSES FOR BOXERS, MANAGERS, MATCHMAKERS AND SECONDS.

(a) Every boxer, matchmaker, manager and second must be fully licensed and in possession of his identification card bearing his photo and license number.

(b) Boxers and all other contestants must show their identification cards to the boxing inspector in charge.

ATH 2.02 Contracts. (1) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. This form contract is published by the Commission and is available to all matchmakers of professional clubs. It is used to contract a boxer for a specific bout. The Commission prohibits additional writing or stamping on any part of this memorandum of agreement.

(2) NO HIDDEN PARTIES TO CONTRACT. The manager and fighter must certify and warrant to each other and to the Commission that no other person or party in any way or in any degree shares or participates in the earnings of the fighter or in the manager's or fighter's portion of such earnings, and that no written or oral agreement exists concerning such sharing or participation.

(3) CONTRACTS BETWEEN CONTESTANTS AND CLUBS.

(a) All clubs and contestants must enter into

written contracts, signed by the parties thereto or their authorized agents, which shall state all the terms, conditions or promises agreed to between club and contestant or their representatives.

(b) This contract shall be executed in triplicate. One copy must be filed with the Commission at least 5 days prior to the day of the contest.

(c) In case any such contract shall provide for the payment by the club to any contestant of any stipulated or guaranteed amount exceeding \$500, a certified check, certificate of deposit or accepted draft for said amount, payable to bearer, shall be deposited with the Commission not less than 5 days prior to the day set for said contest. In case of the performance of such contract by and on behalf of such contestant, such check, certificate of deposit or draft will be delivered by the Commission personally or by registered mail to such contestant, or to the person signing such contract as his agent, promptly after the contest, unless written protest or objection by the club against the delivery thereof is first served on the Commission, in which event the same will be held by the Commission until the parties can be heard and their rights in the matter determined by the Commission, unless the parties or either of them shall appeal to a court of law, in which case the Commission will deliver such check,

certificate of deposit or draft in court in such action to be awarded by the court to the party found entitled thereto.

(d) Contract blanks will be furnished by the Commission, which must be used for all contests or exhibitions.

(e) Violation of this rule may subject the club, matchmaker, contestant, manager or other person guilty to suspension.

(4) BREACH BY BOXER OR MANAGER.

(a) Any boxer, or manager for boxer, who has entered into a contract with any club to participate in a boxing or sparring match who shall find that for any reason or cause he will not be able to fully carry out his contract, and does not notify the club and the Commission of his incapability to do so, and the reason or cause therefor, may be penalized by the Commission by a suspension for a period of not less than 30 days nor more than 8 months. Telegrams or letters showing acceptance of terms and weight agreed upon, pending the signing of the contract, if addressed to an officer of the club, will be considered as an agreement between a boxer, his manager and the club.

(b) Whenever a boxer claims any injury or inability to fulfill his contract to box for any club, he must notify the Commission at once and must submit

to an examination or an x-ray examination, if necessary, to sustain his claim. The examining physician must be approved by the Commission.

(5) CONTRACTS BETWEEN MANAGERS AND BOXERS.

(a) Each boxer must make an affidavit of his name and manager of record.

(b) If the boxer is a minor, he shall swear such contract has been approved by his legal guardian.

ATH 2.03 Forfeits. (1) MAY BE REQUIRED FOR WEIGHT OR APPEARANCE GUARANTEE.

(a) The Commission may require that a windup or main attraction contestant or some person authorized on his behalf shall, not less than 5 days prior to the date set for the contest, deposit with the Commission a certified check, certificate of deposit or accepted draft, payable to bearer, for the amount of any forfeit agreed in said contract to be posted by such contestant to secure his making the agreed weight, if any, and also a like check, certificate, or draft for the amount of any forfeit agreed in said contract to be posted by such contestant to secure his appearance and the good faith performance by him of said contract on his part.

(b) If any contract shall fail to provide for the depositing of a suitable weight forfeit, the Commission may also, in its discretion, require and fix the amount of such weight forfeit in its sanction for

the contest or exhibition. If the contestant by or on whose behalf such weight forfeit is deposited with the Commission shall appear but fail to make the weight specified in his contract at the time and place specified and should his services and participation in said contest be agreed to by his opponent and accepted by the club or association, then said weight forfeit deposit shall be forfeited to his opponent, and said check, certificate or draft will be promptly delivered by the Commission personally or by registered mail to such opponent or to his manager, unless the party who has deposited the same with the Commission shall, by written notice first served on the Commission, protest the forfeiting of said weight forfeit, in which event the same will be held by the Commission until the parties can be heard or given an opportunity to be heard and their rights in the matter determined by the Commission, unless the parties, or either of them, shall appeal to a court of law, in which case the Commission will deliver said check, certificate or draft to the court in such action to be awarded by the court to the party entitled thereto.

(c) If the contestant by or on whose behalf such weight forfeit is deposited with the Commission shall fail to appear so that his appearance forfeit deposit is forfeited to the club or association, or if

he shall appear and shall make the weight specified, his weight forfeit deposit will be promptly returned by the Commission to him or to the person who shall have deposited the same in his behalf.

ATH 2.04 Purses. (1) POSTED WITH COMMISSION.

(a) All clubs, corporations or associations conducting professional boxing contests are to post with the Commission certified checks, cash or accepted drafts covering the purses of the contestants as stipulated in the contracts between contestants and clubs.

(b) These deposits must accompany the contracts which must be submitted to the Commission 5 days prior to the date of contest as provided in Sec. ATH 2.02 (3) (b).

(2) CONTRACTS BASED UPON PERCENTAGE OF GATE. Contracts based on percentage of the gate receipts shall require posting of certified check, cash or accepted draft by the club the day prior to the contest. The Commission or its Secretary shall estimate the gate receipts and determine the amount to be deposited.

(3) AFFIDAVIT OF PROMOTER RELEASING COMMISSION FROM LIABILITY. The promoter shall cause to be filed with the Commission an affidavit of agreement.

Ath 2.05 Insurance on boxers.

Copies of insurance policies extending the coverage hereinbefore provided for shall be filed in the office of the Commission, and the failure to pay premiums on such insurance as is required by these rules or by law shall be cause for the suspension or the revocation of the license of such defaulting promoting corporation.

Note: See section 169.24 Wis. Stat.

properly sworn to and signed by the managers and contestants, together with the promoter, club, corporation or association, releasing the Commission from all liability for payment of any such contest where the payment to the principals shall be on a percentage basis. This requirement shall apply only to cases wherein the total guarantee posted with the Commission shall not be sufficient to cover the payment of all purses and ring expense to all contestants and officials.

Boxers' purses
(4) ~~HOLDING UP BOX OFFICE RECEIPTS~~. If any bout is stopped by the referee or inspector for an infraction of the rules of the Commission or for a violation of the provisions of Chapter 169, the club or Commission shall hold the purse of the boxer involved in said match or exhibition for a period of 48 hours, pending the decision of the Commission.

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Chapter 3

MATCHES AND EXHIBITIONS

ATH 3.01 Permit for Boxing Shows. (1) REQUIRED FOR EACH BOXING SHOW. All clubs, organizations or corporations holding a state license must obtain a separate permit or sanction from the State Athletic Commission before holding any boxing show.

(2) MUST APPLY TO COMMISSION. All clubs must apply to the State Athletic Commission in writing for the date of each and every match or exhibition held by said club at least 8 days prior to the holding of such exhibition or match, application to be accompanied by a valid agreement for the use of the building, amphitheater or stadium wherein the contest is to be held.

(3) RESTRICTION ON ISSUANCE. No sanction will be granted to any club for any boxing contest or exhibition in which any boxer is to take part for whom such club or any officer, member, stockholder or employe of such club is manager, trainer, adviser or matchmaker.

ATH 3.02 Connection with Other Amusements Prohibited. All boxing contests or exhibitions (whether admission is charged or not) held or given in connection with any theatrical performance, circus, picnic, side shows at fairs, club smokers, stag parties, benefits or any other amusements are strictly prohibited.

ATH 3.03 Battle Royal Prohibited. All matches or exhibitions in which more than 2 principals appear in the ring at the same time, commonly called a "battle royal" exhibition, are prohibited.

ATH 3.04 Publicity Announcements. (1) CONDITIONS BEFORE THEY CAN BE MADE. No licensee of the Commission shall make any public announcement of a main event match until it has been approved by the Commission.

(2) PENALTY. Such violation ^{of this rule} shall ~~be~~ subject

*the offending
licensee*

to suspension, *by the Commission,*

ATH 3.05 Substitutes. (1) MUST BE QUALIFIED. In case of a substitution, the substituting boxer must satisfy the Commission and examining physician that he qualifies under these rules to engage in such contest or he will not be allowed to box.

(2) MUST BE ANNOUNCED. Any club that does not announce in the press a substitution for any contestant that has been advertised at any boxing show as soon as it is known may be penalized by the Commission by suspension for a period of not less than 30 days nor more than 3 months.

ATH 3.06 Time of Windup. Windup or main attraction shall commence not later than 10:30 P.M. The club must select from the various contests the main exhibition.

ATH 3.07 Restriction on Conductors of Matches. No officer, matchmaker or stockholder of any club, corporation or association shall officiate in any capacity at any boxing or sparring match or exhibition or interfere in any way with the contestants.

ATH 3.08 Tickets. (1) REQUIRED OF EVERYONE. No person shall be admitted to a boxing or sparring match or exhibition without a ticket, including boxers, seconds and managers.

(2) DIFFERENT COLORS. Tickets of different

prices must be printed on cardboard of different and distinctive colors.

(3) ITEMS REQUIRED TO BE ON TICKETS. (a)

All tickets, exclusive of press tickets, shall have the price, the federal tax and combined total on both the ticket and coupon and date of show printed plainly thereon, and shall have a coupon attached which may be held by the purchaser thereof.

(b) The price of the tickets shall be printed in large type and displayed above all ticket sellers' windows, and shall not be varied.

(4) CANNOT ACCEPT CASH. Clubs are prohibited from accepting cash at door for admission to boxing shows.

(5) MUST BE SOLD FOR PRICE ON TICKET. Clubs are prohibited from selling tickets for any price other than the price printed thereon or changing the prices of tickets at any time after tickets for the exhibition have been placed on sale, or selling any tickets at any time during the exhibition at a lower price than tickets for the same seats were sold or offered for the exhibition.

(6) SALE BY BOXER OR MANAGER RESTRICTED. No professional boxer or his manager shall be allowed to sell tickets for any show or exhibition in which he is engaged on a commission basis which serves as a

remuneration for his services as a boxer.

(7) COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS. (a) All complimentary tickets shall be marked "Complimentary" on the fronts and backs of tickets in large letters, and both ends of the tickets shall be punched.

(b) No one shall sit in the press row without the approval of the Commission.

(8) PASSOUT CHECKS. Clubs are prohibited from issuing passout checks or tickets except in cases of absolute necessity, and such cases shall be reported to the Commission Inspector in charge for approval. Passout checks are to be given out by the Inspector.

(9) RETURN OF AGENCY TICKETS. All corporations or clubs shall provide that all tickets in the hands of agencies must be returned to the box office of the club no later than 7 p.m. on the day the exhibition is held. If the contest is held in the afternoon the tickets must be returned 2 hours before the exhibition.

(10) TICKET REDEMPTION. No ticket shall be redeemed after the contest has taken place.

(11) RETURN AND COUNT OF TICKETS. Every admission ticket, pass or complimentary must be deposited immediately by the ticket taker in a securely locked box to be provided for by the club, which box shall be opened only by a state inspector in the presence of

another state inspector, and such inspectors shall carefully count all the tickets, passes or complimentaries, and report to the Commission the price of admission charged in each class of tickets and exchanges, with the gross receipts of all the tickets and exchanges.

ATH 3.09 Inspectors and Inspector Fees.

(1) APPOINTMENTS. All appointments for inspectors shall expire January 1 next, following the date of their appointment.

(2) FEES. Whenever boxing exhibitions are held without any charge for admission, or when an admission fee is charged and the state tax on the gross receipts is insufficient to cover the Commission's expense in connection with the program, the club, when it files its report of the gross receipts of the contest, shall pay a flat sum to be stipulated by the Commission.

ATH 3.10 Financial Reports. (1) TRANSMITTED WITH TAX. The financial report required by Chapter 169 of the Statutes shall be transmitted to the Commission with the statutory tax within 24 hours after the exhibition. Blank forms of reports will be provided by the Commission.

(2) BOX OFFICE REPORT REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO FINANCIAL REPORTS. The corporation or club holding any exhibition shall, in addition to the written reports

required by law, give a box office report in writing to the Commission or one of its inspectors immediately after the close of the box office, showing the number of tickets sold in each class and the gross receipts thereof. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the suspension or revocation of the license of the club.

ATH 3.11 Boxers. (1) ADVANCE PAY PROHIBITED. No contestant shall be paid for services before a contest.

(2) PLACE OF TRAINING. All boxers to appear in the main contest or exhibition must train in the city wherein said contest is to be held, or some other suitable place designated by the Commission, at least 3 days prior to the date of their engagement. Main event boxers are to submit to a physical examination and weight check three days prior to the date of the contest. This rule may be waived by the Commission.

(3) TIME LAPSE BETWEEN PREVIOUS BOUT. No main attraction boxer shall be allowed to take part in any boxing contest or exhibition unless there has been a 6 day lapse between the impending contest and the last contest or exhibition in which he took part. The required lapse for preliminary boxers is 4 days.

(4) WEIGHING IN. (a) The contestants in all contests and exhibitions shall weigh in stripped

not later than one o'clock of the day of the match in the presence of an inspector, club representative and Commission Physician who will make physical examination of contestants at that time. In case the contest is held in the afternoon the contestants shall weight in at 10 a.m. This rule must be observed regardless of private agreements concerning the match.

(b) At weigh in time, instructions shall be given the contestants concerning the Commission rules.

(c) Boxers failing to appear for weighing and examination must be reported to the Commission by inspector in charge of the weighing in, and may be suspended from 3 to 6 months for nonappearance.

(d) Contestants that are overweight at weighing in time will be suspended for such a period as the Commission may determine.

(e) Inspectors must file within 24 hours after a bout has been held a report of the weights of the boxers at the hour of their physical examination.

(5) WEIGHTS AND CLASSES.

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| Flyweight..... | 112 lbs. and under |
| Bantamweight.... | 118 lbs. and under |
| Featherweight... | 126 lbs. and under |
| Lightweight..... | 135 lbs. and under |
| Welterweight.... | 147 lbs. and under |
| Middleweight.... | 160 lbs. and under |

Light Heavyweight 175 lbs. and under
Heavyweight..... over 175 lbs.

The following limitations of weights are placed on all boxing bouts unless special permission is granted by the Commission:

Between Flyweights..... 3 lbs.
Between Bantamweights (118 lbs.)..... 4 lbs.
Between Featherweights (126 lbs.)..... 5 lbs.
Between Lightweights (135 lbs.)..... 6 lbs.
Between Welterweights (147 lbs.)..... 7 lbs.
Between Middleweights (160 lbs.)..... 8 lbs.
Between Light Heavyweights (175 lbs.) 10 lbs.
Heavyweights, all over 175 lbs. No limitation

For example: A flyweight weighing 110 lbs. could not box an opponent weighing over 113 lbs.; if he weighs 112 lbs. his opponent could not exceed 115 lbs., etc.

(6) REPORTING TIMES FOR CONTESTANTS. (a)

All contestants must be in the building or wherever the contest is to be held not later than 7:30 p.m., and 2 p.m. if the contest be held in the afternoon.

(b) Contestants in the main match or windup must be ready to respond for their bout by 8:30 p.m.

(c) Contestants, with the exception of the main event or windup, must be gloved and ready to enter the ring immediately after the finish of the preceding

bout.

(d) Any boxer causing a delay in not being ready to immediately proceed with his bout when called will be subject to a suspension for a period from 2 to 6 months.

(7) EXAMINATION OF CONTESTANTS. (a) Each contestant must be examined at weighing in time, prior to entering the ring, by a Commission Physician. The physician shall certify in writing, over his signature, as to the contestant's physical condition to engage in such contest. Said physician shall be in attendance during the contest, prepared to deal with any emergency which may arise. Said physician shall file said report of examination with the Commission within 24 hours after the contest. Blank forms of physician's reports may be had from the Commission Inspector and all questions must be answered in full.

(b) The examination given boxers must include the following: Temperature, pulse (sitting and standing), lungs, heart, blood pressure, vision and urinalysis (when deemed necessary).

No contestant shall be allowed to engage in any boxing contest if the following conditions be found by the Commission Physician:

1. Any hernia or bubonocoele.
2. Organic heart murmurs.

3. Active pulmonary lesions.
4. Temperature over 98.8.
5. Systolic pressure over 150.
6. Infectious skin lesions, such as boils, infected wounds, etc.
7. Recent wounds, especially on face and ears.
8. Hand injuries and fractures less than 6 weeks old, if, in the doctor's opinion, the injury would be detrimental to his showing.

(8) GLOVES. Gloves of not less than 8 ounces in weight shall be utilized in all professional boxing contests except championship fights when the weight of the gloves shall be prescribed by the Commission.

(9) APPAREL. (a) Contestants must be in proper athletic costume, including a protection cup which must be securely strapped to the body. The contestants in professional bouts agree to equip themselves with an abdominal guard of standard type to be approved by the Commission.

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

(c) Regulation boxing trunks must be worn. White trunks, swimming tights and basketball pants are prohibited.

(d) Contestants will be permitted to wear robes when entering the ring, which must be thrown over their shoulders and fastened by belt. Immediately upon being announced by the announcer, the robe is to be discarded.

(10) BANDAGES. (a) Only soft cotton or linen bandages shall be used and confined to one 2-inch width roll (10 yds.) for the protection of each hand--one thickness of adhesive tape may be used to hold the soft bandages in place. Adhesive tape cannot be lapped over each layer more than 1/8 inch, which is sufficient to clinch same. All bandages and taping shall be adjusted in the dressing room wherein the boxing contest or exhibition is held, in the presence of a state inspector, and are subject to the approval of the Commission.

(b) No tape or bandages of any nature are allowed on the face of any boxer during the contest.

(11) GREASE AND OINTMENTS PROHIBITED. The use of grease, ointment and strong smelling liniments is prohibited.

(12) STIMULANTS PROHIBITED. No manager or second will be permitted to give stimulants of any kind to boxers during the contest. This refers to spirits of ammonia and the like.

(13) LOCATION OF CORNERS CANNOT BE CHANGED. Contestants are prohibited from changing the location

of corners during any of the contests.

(14) BOXER WHO HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT OR STOPPED. A minimum of 4 weeks interval shall be required before a boxer who has been knocked unconscious is allowed to box again, and then only after a thorough physical examination by Commission Physician.

(15) BOXER RECEIVING SERIOUS CONCUSSION. In case a boxer has received a serious concussion he shall not be allowed to box again until he has been examined and passed by a board of at least 3 Commission Physicians.

(16) PARTICIPANT IN UNLICENSED BOUT BARRED. Any boxer who participates in any unlicensed or unsanctioned boxing bout or exhibition in the State of Wisconsin will be barred for an indefinite period from boxing in the state.

(17) Any contestant approached by any person or persons asking him to take part in a "fake" or "sham" contest or to accept a bribe, or who discusses with him participation in a "sham" or "fake" contest, or the acceptance of a bribe, shall immediately report all facts pertaining to such a proposition to the Commission. Failure to so report shall result in disciplinary action.

ATH 3.12 Referees. (1) APPOINTED BY COMMISSION. The Commission will at all times assign and appoint referees for all contests. The referee's ring

attire shall be standard as adopted by the Commission.

(2) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED. All referees must be given a physical examination prior to working a boxing show. This includes amateur as well as professional shows.

(3) MUST BE LICENSED. The referee for such contest shall be a person duly licensed to act as such referee by the State Athletic Commission of the State of Wisconsin, to be selected by the said Commission, and it is agreed that the referee so designated shall act as such referee.

(4) GIVES FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. Final instruction shall be given main event contestants in the ring by the referee prior to the start of the contest.

(5) CAN STOP FIGHT IF BOXER SUSTAINS CUT. If a boxer sustains a cut during the progress of a round and in the opinion of the referee the injury is serious, it shall be within his province to take time out and call the Commission Physician into the ring to determine the seriousness of the cut. He shall abide by the physician's decision.

(6) MUST STOP FIGHT IF BOXER OUTCLASSED. The referee must stop the contest when either contestant shows marked superiority or is apparently outclassed.

(7) ACTING AS MANAGER OR MATCHMAKING PROHIBITED. No licensed referee shall be allowed to make

arrangements for boxing matches for any club or act as manager for any boxer.

ATH 3.13 Judges. (1) APPOINTED BY COMMISSION. The Commission shall appoint the judges officiating at all exhibitions sanctioned by the Commission.

(2) TWO AT EACH CONTEST. Two judges shall be in attendance at each contest or exhibition and may serve as judges for a complete exhibition when appointed for this purpose by the Commission or its authorized representative.

(3) WHERE STATIONED. The 2 judges shall be stationed at opposite sides of the ring.

(4) DUTIES OF. (a) It shall be the duty of the judges to watch the contest closely and to make a decision if the contest lasts the limit of the rounds scheduled.

(b) They shall be ready at all times to assist in deciding whether fouls have been committed, if requested by the referee, and may bring any other points to the attention of the referee at the end of the round.

ATH 3.14 Scoring. (1) MARK SCORE AT END OF EACH ROUND. Judges and referees shall mark their cards at the end of each round.

(2) CRITERIA.

(a) In accordance with the rules, the

decisions of the referee and judges are based on 4 items to be scored in the following order:

1. Clean hits.
2. Effective aggressiveness.
3. Defense.
4. Ring generalship.

(b) Sportsmanship should be taken into consideration by the officials and the condition of the boxer at the end of the bout.

(c) The items listed do not have the same scoring value. Clearly, a man who hits his opponent and is aggressive throughout the contest is entitled to more credit than the one who is merely defensive and shows ring generalship.

(3) METHOD; TEN POINT MUST SYSTEM. The method of scoring by referee and judges for professional boxing matches and exhibitions is as follows:

(a) The winner of each round shall receive 10 points. The loser of each round shall receive a score of 1 to 9 points. If a round is even, each contestant shall receive 10 points. Ten points are scored for the boxer winning the round by a bare shade while 9 points are scored for the loser.

(b) When the round is a clear victory, 10 points shall be credited to the winner, 8 points to the loser.

(c) If a round is one-sided, the winner shall receive 10 points and the loser may receive 7 points or less, depending upon the number of knockdowns and the margin of punishment inflicted upon the loser of the round.

(d) A penalty is imposed upon the boxer who commits a foul. The referee shall be the sole judge when a foul is detected and shall determine the number of points to be deducted. He must give serious consideration as to whether or not the foul was deliberate and to the damaging effect of the foul. He may deduct 1, 2 or 3 points, and he will notify each judge and the Commission of the number of points he has penalized the boxer. It will be the duty of each judge to penalize the boxer this number of points. Deduction of points for fouls shall be made immediately upon the termination of the round in which the foul was committed. For example, if a boxer has won a round he normally would be entitled to 10 points, but if he committed a foul for which the referee has penalized him 2 points, he will receive only 8 points. If a boxer has lost a round where he received 9 points and the referee has penalized him 2 points, he then would receive 7 points. There must be a notation made on the score card at the round in question of the foul penalty.

(e) The boxer receiving the decision of 2

or more officials shall be declared the winner, but the bout is a draw if 2 or more officials call it a draw.

(4) FOULS. The following shall be considered fouls:

- (a) Hitting below the belt.
 - (b) Hitting an opponent who is down or who is getting up after being down.
 - (c) Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other hand.
 - (d) Holding an opponent or deliberately maintaining a clinch.
 - (e) Butting with the head or shoulder or using the knee.
 - (f) Hitting with inside or butt of the hand, the wrist or the elbow.
 - (g) Hitting or "flicking" with the open glove.
 - (h) Wrestling or roughing at the ropes.
 - (i) Purposely going down without being hit.
 - (j) Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
 - (k) Use of the pivot, backhand and rabbit punch.
 - (l) The use of profane or abusive language.
- (5) MAY DISQUALIFY FOR FOULING. Any boxer persistently using foul tactics may be disqualified by

either the referee or the Commission and, in addition, be subject to such punishment as the Commission may impose.

ATH 3.15 Knockdowns. (1) DEFINITION. A contestant shall be deemed "down" when:

(a) Any part of his body other than his feet is on the floor; or

(b) He is hanging helplessly over the ropes; or

(c) He is rising from a "down" position.

(2) TEN SECONDS TO GET UP. If contestant fails through weakness, or is knocked down, he must get up unassisted, 10 seconds being allowed him to do so. Should the contestant who is down arise before the count of 10 is reached and again go down without being hit, the referee shall continue to keep counting where he left off.

(3) OPPONENT TO NEUTRAL CORNER. The other contestant must return to the furthest corner and remain there until his opponent can get up. The referee may stop counting at any time if this is not complied with. The count, however, is to continue where it left off.

(4) MANDATORY 8 COUNT. When a boxer is cleanly knocked down in the opinion of the referee, he shall be required to take a count of "8", whether or

not he has regained his feet before the count of "8" has been reached. This rule shall apply to amateur and professional boxers.

(5) **KNOCKED OUT OF RING.** If a contestant who has been knocked or has fallen out of the ring during a contest, fails to return immediately, the referee shall count him out as if he were "down", allowing 20 seconds.

(6) **KNOCKDOWN TIMEKEEPER.**

(a) The Commission, when it deems it necessary, may assign a knockdown timekeeper.

(b) When a contestant is down or goes down, the knockdown timekeeper shall immediately arise and count off the seconds audibly as they elapse, indicating each count by a downward motion of the hand.

(c) The referee shall see first that the opponent retires to the farthest corner and then, turning to the knockdown timekeeper, pick up the count, announcing the seconds to the boxer on the floor.

(d) Should the boxer on his feet fail to stay in the corner, the referee shall request the knockdown timekeeper to cease counting until he has so retired.

(e) If a round shall terminate during a knockdown, the knockdown timekeeper shall stop counting and announce the count.

(7) **PHYSICIAN MUST ATTEND CONTESTANT KNOCKED**

OUT. When a boxer has been knocked out he shall not be touched or moved except by direction of the ringside physician. He shall personally attend the fallen boxer.

ATH 3.16 Failure to Answer Bell. (1) CONTESTANT LEAVING RING. 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 declare his opponent the winner.

(2) INABILITY TO ANSWER BELL. 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 to answer the bell for the succeeding round, the proper termination of the bout is by a technical knockout in the round for which is failed to answer the bell.

For instance, both contestants have finished round 6. One of them fails to answer the bell for round 7 or indicates to the referee that he will not answer the bell. It is a "TKO-7." Indeed, ~~the man~~ should be regarded as ~~technically counted out while~~ seated in his corner, just as if the bell had sounded for the seventh round.

ATH 3.17 Timekeeper. (1) DUTIES.

(a) He must be seated outside the ring, close to the gong.

(b) He shall indicate the beginning and ending of each round by striking the gong.

(c) Ten seconds before the beginning of each round he shall give warnings to the seconds of contestants by the blowing of a whistle, when seconds must immediately vacate the ring.

(d) Should a glove come off or become untied during a contest, he shall take time out while such adjustments are being made.

(2) EQUIPMENT. He shall provide himself with a whistle and with a stop watch which shall have been properly examined and certified as to its accuracy before the bout.

ATH 3.18 Seconds. (1) NUMBER OF. In all matches or exhibitions not more than 3 seconds shall attend or assist a contestant, and no more than 2 will be permitted to enter the ring, and the official inspector shall enforce this rule.

(2) DUTIES.

(a) Seconds shall leave ring enclosure at the sound of timer's whistle 10 seconds before the beginning of each round. They shall leave ring platform and remove all obstructions, buckets, stools, etc., promptly when the gong sounds for the beginning of each round.

(b) Fans may be used between rounds, the swinging of towels being prohibited.

(c) Violations of the above provisions shall be followed by the ejection of offenders from the ring corner, and may result in the disqualification of their principal by the referee.

(3) RESTRICTIONS.

(a) There shall be no coaching by the seconds or any other person, and the seconds must remain seated and silent during the round and must not rise from their seats until the bell announces the termination of the round.

(b) The seconds shall not throw or splash any water on the boxer during the contest or between the rounds, or throw or cast a towel in the ring as a signal of defeat.

ATH 3.19 Who May Enter Ring during Contest.

No person other than the contestants and the referee shall enter the ring during the progress of the contest.

ATH 3.20 Announcer. (1) MUST GET PERMIT.

No individual will be permitted to act as an announcer at any licensed club until he has obtained a permit to so act from the State Athletic Commission. All licensed clubs shall not employ any announcer until he shall have at first obtained the necessary permit from the Commission.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. No introductions or announcements, except

those pertaining to the contest or exhibition shall be made from the ring, unless authorized by a member of the Commission or its authorized representative at ringside.

(3) ANNOUNCEMENT OF WEIGHTS. The announcer shall receive from the inspector cards of contestants showing weights for all contests and shall make his announcement from the ring.

(4) COLLECTION OF SCORE CARDS. The announcer shall collect the score cards from the referee and judges and then submit them to a member of the Commission, when present, for examination, or to the inspector at ringside, after which the outcome shall be announced.

ATH 3.21 Ring Equipment. (1) BOXING RING. The boxing ring shall not be less than 16 feet nor more than 20 feet square within the ropes, and shall be formed of posts and ropes, the latter extending in triple lines 18 inches, 35 inches and 52 inches from the floor of the ring. The ropes must not be less than one inch in diameter and must be wrapped in soft material. The floor of the ring shall extend beyond the lower ropes for a distance of not less than 2 feet. Hooks must be properly padded and the ring floor padded at least 2 feet outside the ropes, and extend over the edge of the platform with a felt or soft material not less than 1-1/2 inches in thickness, under a canvas covering to be approved by the Commission.

When the floor of the boxing ring is not elevated at least 3-1/2 feet above the floor of the building, there shall be a clear space of 4 feet on all sides of the ring from the posts.

(2) GONG. A gong, not less than 12 inches in diameter, shall be fastened to one of the posts of the ring for the timekeeper; such bell must not be on a post in the corner occupied by a contestant and his seconds.

(3) OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIRED. Clubs holding boxing bouts shall provide for the following articles: 4 water pails, 4 water bottles; fans to be used by seconds; announcer cards from 1 to 10 to be held up during the bouts between rounds; 2 stools with short legs that will slip under the lower ropes of ring for boxers during rest period; good gloves, 5 or 6 oz. and 8 oz., 6 sets; cigar box full of pulverized rosin; 2 small boxes about 1-1/2 feet long, 12 inches wide, 6 inches high, filled with sawdust for the boxers to spit in or suitable receptacle; at least 2 protection cups for boxers and a dozen extra shoe laces for gloves.

ATH 3.22 Miscellaneous Regulations. (1)
SMOKING AND BETTING PROHIBITED.

(a) Smoking will not be permitted any club or corporation licensed by the Commission conducting indoor exhibitions. Betting will not be permitted at any club or corporation. There must be displayed

conspicuously in at least 6 different places throughout the arena signs as follows: "No smoking allowed", "no betting allowed".

(b) Failure to enforce this regulation will result in the revocation of the license and permit.

(2) DRESSING ROOMS RESTRICTED. Only contestants, managers, physician, promoter, Commission inspectors and representatives of the press will be permitted in dressing or examination rooms.

ATH 3.23 Commission Controls all Officials at all Contests. In all boxing or sparring matches or exhibitions, contestants, referee, timekeepers, seconds, managers and examining physician shall at all times be under the control and direction of the Commission.

ATH 3.24 Contest May be Stopped by Commission or Referee in Certain Cases. If the referee or the Commission shall decide, at any time, that either contestant did not enter into a contest in good faith, or if the Commission or said referee discovers at any time that either contestant is not performing his part in good faith or is guilty of persistent foul tactics or of faking or of violating any rule of the Commission, said referee or Commission may stop said contest.

Chapter 4

AMATEURS

ATH 4.01 Commission has Control. The Commission shall have direction, management and control of and jurisdiction over all amateur boxing contests, sparring matches and exhibitions.

ATH 4.02 Requirements for Licenses. No license to conduct amateur boxing shows or exhibitions, whether admission is charged or not, shall be issued except to regular amateur athletic clubs or organizations that occupy permanent club quarters and promote and hold other branches of amateur sports in accordance with standard athletic rules.

ATH 4.03 Must Comply with Rules of Commission. Amateur clubs and boxers are to comply strictly with the laws, rules and regulations of the State Athletic Commission.

ATH 4.04 To Show Amateur Standing. (1)
CLUBS. The Commission requires that all clubs or organizations conducting amateur boxing exhibitions hold membership in a recognized amateur athletic association as evidence of its amateur standing.

(2) CONTESTANTS. All contestants in amateur boxing exhibitions will be required to hold membership in a recognized amateur athletic association as evidence of his amateur standing.

ATH 4.05 Notice to Commission before Bouts.

Clubs holding amateur bouts must notify the Commission at least 5 days before the day of the contest, giving names of the contestants whom they intend to use for their boxing show. Unless this rule is complied with, the sanction will be revoked.

ATH 4.06 Number of Bouts and Time of Rounds.

No more than 8 bouts will be permitted at amateur boxing exhibitions to consist of 3 rounds of 3 minutes duration, with one minute intermission. The two feature bouts, subject to approval of the Commission, may consist of five two-minute rounds with one minute intermissions. Additional bouts, if requested by the club, may be permitted at the discretion of the State Athletic Commission.

ATH 4.07 Weighin and Examination. (1) IN

THE PRESENCE OF AN INSPECTOR. Contestants in all amateur contests and exhibitions shall weigh in stripped in the presence of an inspector and shall be examined by a physician licensed by the Commission on the day of the contest at the place and hour designated by the club. This includes each day of tournament competition.

(2) TIME. The time of weigh in must be sometime between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

(3) NOTICE TO COMMISSION. The Commission must be notified of the weighing-in time when sending

in list of contestants as required in Sec. ATH 4.05.

ATH 4.08 Bandages. Only soft cotton or linen bandages are to be used for the protection of the hand. One roll of 2-inch cotton gauze or linen bandage, not to exceed 10 yards in length, may be used for each hand. The use of one thickness of soft, white, surgeon's adhesive tape, one inch wide, which can be lapped over each other not more than one inch, sufficiently to clinch same, will be permitted ONLY AROUND THE WRIST. No tape, cotton, or any substance other than the bandage herewith prescribed may be used between the fingers or over the knuckles.

ATH 4.09 Weights and Classes. The weights and classes are those referred to in Sec. ATH 3.11 (5). Special regulations will govern tournament bouts.

ATH 4.10 Gloves. Gloves of not less than 10 ounces in weight shall be utilized in all amateur boxing contests.

ATH 4.11 Shaking of Hands. The shaking of hands in an amateur bout shall take place only after the termination of the bout.

ATH 4.12 Scoring; Amateurs. (1) MARKING OF SCORE CARDS. The judges and referee shall mark their cards at the end of each round and must circle the name of the winner on the scoring card before giving it to the announcer.

(2) CRITERIA. The criteria for scoring amateur contests shall be the same as set forth in Sec. ATH 3.14 (2).

(3) METHOD; FOUR-POINT SCORING SYSTEM. This system is to aid the referee and judges in arriving at a correct decision. Numbers from 1 to 4 are employed in this system as listed below. The points, 1 to 4, take into account all elements that go into winning a round; that is, clean hitting, effective aggressiveness, defense, ring generalship and sportsmanship.

(a) One point is scored for the boxer winning the round by a bare shade, zero for the loser. If the official must actually reflect and consider which boxer won the round, he will give one point to the winner.

(b) When the round is a clear victory, 2 points will be credited to the winner and zero for the loser.

(c) If it is a one-sided round, the winner will receive 3 points and the loser none.

(d) If it is a one-sided round plus one or more knockdowns, the winner of the round will receive 4 points and the loser none.

(4) WINNER MUST BE DECLARED. A winner must be declared by the referee and each judge. Draw decisions are not permitted. The boxer receiving the majority of the decisions rendered by the officials shall be

declared the winner.

(5) Collection of score cards. The announcer shall collect the score cards from the referee and judges and then submit them to a member of the commission, when present, for examination, or to the inspector at ringside, after which the outcome shall be announced.

~~contest in accordance therewith.~~

ATH 4.13 Expenses Regulated. (1) EXPENSE FORM MUST BE GIVEN TO INSPECTOR. Clubs will be required to give the inspector in charge a statement showing the amount paid each contestant for expenses. (Use form furnished by Commission when date for show is granted.)

(2) PENALTY FOR EXCESS EXPENSES.

(a) When a club is found guilty of paying expense money or cash in excess to any amateur boxer or indirectly to another person for his services, the club may have its license revoked.

(b) When contestants are found guilty of receiving or demanding, in excess, expense money from any amateur club or indirectly from any person connected with or representing such amateur for his services, such contestants shall forfeit their amateur standing.

ATH 4.14 Prizes Inscribed. Clubs holding amateur boxing exhibitions shall have all the prizes to be awarded to the boxers suitably inscribed on the outside or back of prize, "amateur boxing", with the initials of the club and date of the contest, such prizes

to be inscribed, ready to deliver on the day of the exhibition, and to be submitted to the Commission or inspector for approval.