

## Chapter SPS 112

### EQUIPMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENTS

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**Note:** Chapter RL 112 was renumbered chapter SPS 112 under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671.

**SPS 112.01 Ring.** All contests shall be conducted in a ring which meets the following requirements:

(1) The ring shall be a square of not less than 16 nor more than 20 feet on a side within the ropes. The apron of the ring floor shall extend at least 18 inches beyond the ropes. The ring may not be more than 4 feet above the floor of the building or grounds of an outdoor arena and shall have 3 sets of suitable steps for the use of boxers, coaches, and officials, one in each boxer's corner and one in a neutral corner or area for use by ringside physicians and referees.

(2) The ring shall be circumscribed with at least 4 ropes. Ropes may not be less than one inch in diameter. Ropes may not be made of metal. Ropes shall be wrapped securely with soft material. The lowest rope shall be 18 inches above the ring floor, the second rope 30 inches, the third rope 42 inches, and the fourth rope 54 inches above the ring floor. The ropes shall be secured with 2 spacer ties on each side of the ring. The ring floor shall be padded with a one-inch layer of padding of felt, rubber or other similar material, placed on a one-inch base of building board or similar supporting base. Padding shall be covered with canvas duck, or similar material tightly stretched and laced securely in place, preferably under the apron.

(3) Ring posts shall be at least 3 inches in diameter, extending from the floor to the height of 58 inches above the ring floor. Ropes shall be connected to posts with the extension not shorter than 18 inches. Turn-buckles shall be covered with a protective padding. Full-length vertical corner pads shall be secured in place.

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**SPS 112.02 Emergency equipment.** The professional club holding the permit shall have at least one properly charged oxygen tank with a suitable mask and airways of assorted sizes, and it shall have a stretcher available at ringside.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. Register, September, 1997, No. 501, eff. 10-1-97.

**SPS 112.03 Gloves.** Gloves approved by the inspector shall be worn by boxers in all bouts. Only thumbless or thumb-attached gloves shall be approved.

(1) Boxing gloves for male and female boxers shall weigh no less than 8 ounces each when worn by a boxer weighing under 140 pounds and not less than 10 ounces each when worn by a male or female boxer weighing 140 pounds or more.

(2) Gloves shall be whole, clean and in sanitary condition. Breaking, roughing or twisting of gloves is prohibited. No foreign substances may be applied to gloves except for wrapping around the wrist area to safely secure the laces.

(3) The inspector shall be responsible for rejecting gloves that may pose a safety or health problem to the professional boxer.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. (intro.) and cr. (3), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. (1), Register, September, 1997, No. 501, eff. 10-1-97; am. (1), Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01; EmR1031:

emerg. am. (1), eff. 9-1-10; CR 10-101: am. (1) Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5-1-11.

**SPS 112.04 Handwraps. (1)** Bandages on the hand of a boxer may not exceed one winding of surgeon's adhesive tape, not over one and one-half inches wide, placed directly on the hand to protect the part of the hand near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice, but may not extend within three-fourths of an inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist.

(2) Each boxer shall use soft surgical bandages not over 2 inches wide, held in place by not more than 6 feet of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. Up to one 15 yard roll and not more than one 20 yard roll may be used to complete the wrappings for each hand. Strips of adhesive tape may be used between the fingers to hold down the bandages.

(3) The use of water or any other liquid or material on the tape is strictly prohibited.

(4) Bandages shall be adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of the commissioner or department representative, who shall inspect and initial each legally wrapped hand. Either the boxer or their representative shall witness the bandaging of their opponent's hands or they may waive that privilege, by informing the inspector or department representative.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. (1) (intro.), Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93; r. and recr. (1), cr. (3), Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01; EmR1031: emerg. r. and recr., eff. 9-1-10; CR 10-101: r. and recr. Register April 2011 No. 664, eff. 5-1-11; correction in (4) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 6., Stats., Register April 2011 No. 664.

**SPS 112.05 Dress. (1)** Boxers shall box in proper dress including an approved foul-proof protection cup for a male boxer, a breast protector for a female boxer, trunks with a belt line below or at the waistline, shoes of soft material, without spikes, cleats or heels, and socks which may extend to within one inch below the knee.

(2) Boxers may not wear metal straps, buckles, necklaces, jewelry or other objects.

(3) Boxers may not use any type of grease, cosmetics or other substance on the body, except that a small amount of vaseline may be used.

(4) Boxers shall secure their hair with soft, non-abrasive material if the referee informs them that their hair interferes with their vision.

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**SPS 112.06 Mouthpieces.** Boxers shall wear an individually form-fitted mouthpiece during each round. If a boxer loses his or her mouthpiece during a round, the referee shall have it replaced during the first break in the action. The referee may deduct points from a boxer who demonstrates a continued pattern of losing a mouthpiece during a bout.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; am. Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01.

**SPS 112.07 Headgear.** Boxers, other than those who are participating in a sparring bout, may wear headgear. Boxers who are participating in a sparring bout shall wear headgear. Headgear

shall be approved by the inspector and meet substantially the following specifications:

- (1) Headgear shall be adjustable to different head sizes.
- (2) The total weight may not exceed 12 ounces.
- (3) The outer casing of the headgear shall be constructed of tanned sheepskin of not less than 2, nor more than 3 ounces in weight.
- (4) Padding at back of head, ears, and temple area shall consist of 1/4-inch thickness of closed-cell padding.
- (5) Padding for the area above the eyes shall consist of a combination padding of 1/4-inch closed-cell padding and 3/8-inch latex foam rubber cemented together.
- (6) Padding for the ears shall consist of 1/2-inch flat foam rubber on the outside, fitted in a semi-circle.
- (7) Lace tips or any exposed metal is prohibited. The buckle under the chin shall be thoroughly protected.
- (8) The inner casing of the headgear shall be lined with 2 1/2 ounces of tanned unfinished sheepskin.

(9) All padding shall be cemented to the casing.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85.

**SPS 112.08 Corner equipment.** (1) Every second working in a boxer's corner shall have the following equipment:

- (a) First aid supplies.
- (b) Clean towels.
- (c) Sterile gauze pads, sterile cotton and cotton tipped swabs.
- (d) Ice-filled bag.

(2) Seconds shall submit first aid kits and corner equipment to the ringside physician for inspection and approval before a contest.

(3) In case of a cut, a boxer's seconds may only make topical use of the following:

- (a) A solution of adrenaline 1/1000.
- (b) Avetine.
- (c) Thrombin.

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