**Clearinghouse Rule 97-025** 

# CERTIFICATE

# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

# TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Marlene A. Cummings, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and custodian of the official records of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, hereby certify that the annexed rules were duly approved and adopted by the Department of Regulation and Licensing on the 11th day of July, 1997.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this office and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the department at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin this 11th day of July, 1997.

Marlene A. Cummings, Secretary Department of Regulation and Licensing

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# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION	DEPARTMENT	EDER OF THE F OF REGULATION AND G ADOPTING RULES	
AND LICENSING	(CLEARING	HOUSE RULE 97-025)	

#### **ORDER**

An order of the Department of Regulation and Licensing to repeal RL 100.06, 110.03 (2) (a) 2., 110.06, 115.01 (1) (c) and 115.02 (6); to renumber and amend RL 100.02 (1) and 113.04 (1); to amend chapter RL 100 (title), 100.02 (3) and (6), 100.03 (title), 100.04 (title), 100.05 (title) and (1), 100.07 (title) and (3), chapter RL 101 (title), 101.04, chapter RL 102 (title), 102.01 (2), 102.02, 102.03 (1), 102.05 (1), 102.07 (8), 102.08 (2), chapter RL 103 (title), 103.01 (1), 103.07, chapter RL 104 (title), 104.02 (9), 104.04 (2) and (5), 104.05 (5), 104.06 (2) (d), chapter RL 105 (title), 105.01 (1) (d) and (2), chapter RL 110 (title), 110.01, 110.02 (5) and (6), 110.03 (title) and (1), 110.04 (title), (1) (e) and (h), 110.05 (title), (1) and (1m), 110.07 (title) and (3), chapter RL 111 (title), chapter RL 112 (title), 112.01 (2), 112.02, 112.03 (1), 112.05 (1), 112.08 (2), chapter RL 113 (title), chapter RL 114 (title), 114.04 (2) and (5), 114.05 (5), 114.06 (2) (d), 115.01 (1) (b), chapter RL 116 (title), 116.01 (1) (d), (2) and (3) (g); to repeal and recreate RL 100.01, 104.03 and 114.03; and to create RL 100.02 (1), (6m), (8) and (9), 101.005, 102.005, 103.005, 104.005, 104.06 (2) (e), 105.005, 110.02 (5m), (6m), (8) and (9), 110.035, 110.04 (3), 111.005, 112.005, 113.005, 113.002 (5), 114.005, 115.005, 116.005 and 116.01 (4), relating to amateur and professional boxing.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

## ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.05, Stats.

Statutes interpreted: Chapter 444, Stats.

This rule proposal contains many amendments which relate to the titles of the chapters of the current rules, the statutory authority for each chapter, and to the form, style, placement, clarity, grammar, punctuation and plain language of the current rules.

The following sections, however, contain changes of a more substantive nature:

SECTIONS 4, 6 and 42 create new definitions in Chapters RL 100 and 110. Definitions for the following words are proposed: "amateur," "second," "sparring" and "professional."

SECTIONS 21 and 58 require female boxers to wear a breast protector. SECTION 62 requires a female boxer in a professional show to give the ringside physician written certification that, to her knowledge, she is not pregnant at the time of the pre-bout physical examination.

SECTIONS 31 and 66 amend and clarify the procedures which must be followed by the referee when a boxer receives a low blow.

SECTIONS 34 and 69 amend the current rules relating to the types of special examinations available to a physician to determine whether a boxer who was knocked out or received hard blows to the head has suffered serious brain damage. The current rules state that the special examination must be either an electroencephalogram (EEG) or a computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan. The proposed rules provide two other choices: a magnetic resonance imaging scan (MRI), or any other scan which a physician believes is as reliable or more reliable than an EEG or a CAT scan for determining the presence of brain damage.

SECTION 45 creates provisions relating to the licensure of seconds at professional shows.

SECTION 47 creates a new provision which gives the department authority to require a professional club to pay a permit application fee in an amount which does not exceed the costs incurred by the department for paying the salary and travel expenses of the ringside physician and referee assigned to work at a professional show. Currently, professional clubs pay a fee directly to the physician and the referee; however, Public Law 104-272 of the 104th Congress will prohibit professional clubs to pay state boxing officials any compensation, effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 71 repeals part of the requirement that an applicant for a professional boxer license must have previously competed in at least 5 bouts or must hold a current license as a professional boxer issued by another jurisdiction with substantially equivalent regulations. The requirement relating to 5 previous bouts is repealed. Chapter RL 115 continues to contain other requirements for licensure which enable the department to determine whether a boxer is eligible for a license and fit to box in Wisconsin.

SECTION 77 lists reasons for which the license of a professional second may be revoked, limited or suspended and reasons for denial of an application for a license.

## **TEXT OF RULE**

SECTION 1. Chapter RL 100 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 100 (title)

#### DEFINITIONS, LICENSES, PERMITS FOR AMATEUR BOXING

SECTION 2. RL 100.01 is repealed and recreated to read:

RL 100.01 <u>SCOPE AND AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.05, Stats.

SECTION 3. RL 100.02 (1) is renumbered RL 100.02 (1m) and amended to read:

RL 100.02 (1m) "Amateur club" means an amateur <u>a</u> club licensed under ch. 444, Stats., to conduct amateur boxing and sparring shows.

SECTION 4. RL 100.02 (1) is created to read:

RL 100.02 (1) "Amateur" means a boxer who receives no money, compensation, or reward for participation, other than watches, medals, articles of jewelry, silverware, trophies or ornaments which are suitably inscribed to show that they are given for participation in a show and which do not exceed the sum of \$35.

SECTION 5. RL 100.02 (3) and (6) are amended to read:

RL 100.02 (3) "Boxer" means any person seeking or designated to participate in a boxing or sparring an amateur show.

(6) "Permit" means a license <u>credential</u> issued to an amateur club to conduct a specific amateur <del>boxing or sparring</del> show.

SECTION 6. RL 100.02 (6m), (8) and (9) are created to read:

RL 100.02 (6m) "Second" means a person who is present during a bout to provide assistance to a boxer.

(8) "Sparring" means a show or bout in which the boxers participate for exhibition purposes and the results of the show or bout do not become part of the boxer's boxing record which shows wins or losses. "Sparring" does not include a bout held at a training facility for training purposes, even though people frequently refer to such bouts as "sparring."

(9) "Stimulant" means amphetamines, cocaine, phenylpropanolamine and ephedrine.

SECTION 7. RL 100.03 (title) is amended to read:

RL 100.03 (title) AMATEUR CLUB LICENSE; APPLICATION.

SECTION 8. RL 100.04 (title) is amended to read:

RL 100.04 (title) AMATEUR SHOW PERMITS; APPLICATION.

SECTION 9. RL 100.05 (title) and (1) are amended to read:

<u>RL 100.05</u> (title) <u>PERMITS: ISSUANCE AND EFFECT.</u> (1) An application for any <u>a</u> permit <del>or license</del> shall be granted or denied within 15 business days after receipt of the application.

SECTION 10. RL 100.06 is repealed.

SECTION 11. RL 100.07 (title) is amended to read:

RL 100.07 (title) CANCELLING AN AMATEUR SHOW.

SECTION 12. RL 100.07 (3) is amended to read:

RL 100.07 (3) An amateur club may cancel a show by notifying the department <u>and</u> those members of the media whom the club initially notified about the show at least 24 hours before the show is scheduled to begin.

SECTION 13. Chapter RL 101 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 101 (title)

#### STATE OFFICIALS FOR AMATEUR BOXING

SECTION 14. RL 101.005 is created to read:

RL 101.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02, 444.06 and 444.10, Stats.

SECTION 15. RL 101.04 is amended to read:

RL 101.04 <u>JUDGES AND JUDGING</u>. An amateur boxing club applying for a permit shall describe in the application the procedure to be used for selecting judges and in judging and scoring bouts. If current rules of the United States of America amateur boxing federation, inc., are to be used in judging and scoring bouts, it is sufficient to state in the application "Scoring and judging according to USA ABF USA boxing rules."

Note: A copy of the USA Boxing Official Rules may be obtained from the United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., 1750 East Boulder Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909-5776.

## SECTION 16. Chapter RL 102 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 102 (title)

#### EQUIPMENT FOR AMATEUR BOXING

#### SECTION 17. RL 102.005 is created to read:

RL 102.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.09, Stats.

SECTION 18. RL 102.01 (2) is amended to read:

RL 102.01 (2) The ring shall be circumscribed with at least <u>3 4</u> 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. If <u>3 ropes are used</u>, they shall extend in parallel <u>2</u>, <u>3 and 4 feet above the ring floor</u>. If <u>4 ropes are used</u>, the <u>The</u> 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 <u>2 spacer ties on each side of the ring</u>. 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.

SECTION 19. RL 102.02 is amended to read:

RL 102.02 <u>EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT</u>. The amateur club holding the permit shall have <u>at least one properly charged</u> oxygen <del>equipment</del>, <u>tank with a suitable mask and</u> airways of assorted sizes, and <u>it shall have</u> a stretcher available at ringside.

SECTION 20. RL 102.03 (1) is amended to read:

RL 102.03 (1) Boxing gloves may be not less than 105 oz. each in weight except that in international competition gloves weighing not less than 8 oz. may be used when worn by a boxer under 140 pounds, and not less than 6 oz. when worn by other boxers.

SECTION 21. RL 102.05 (1) is amended to read:

RL 102.05 (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.

SECTION 22. RL 102.07 (8) is amended to read:

RL 102.07 (8) The inner casing of the headgear shall be lined with  $\frac{2 \cdot 1}{2}$  two and onehalf ounces of tanned unfinished sheepskin.

SECTION 23. RL 102.08 (2) is amended to read:

RL 102.08 (2) Seconds shall submit first aid kits and corner equipment to the ringside physician for inspection and approval before an exhibition <u>a show</u>. Kits and equipment may not include stimulants.

SECTION 24. Chapter RL 103 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 103 (title)

#### CONDUCTING A AN AMATEUR SHOW

SECTION 25. RL 103.005 is created to read:

RL 103.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 277.11 (2), 444.02, 444.09 and 444.10, Stats.

SECTION 26. RL 103.01 (1) is amended to read:

RL 103.01 (1) To participate in a show a boxer shall be at least 14 years of age and be examined on the day of the bout by the ringside physician and certified to be fit. Boxers between 14 and 18 years of age shall present to the inspector a statement <u>signed by a parent or guardian</u> permitting participation in the show signed by a parent or guardian.

SECTION 27. RL 103.07 is amended to read:

RL 103.07 <u>BATTLE ROYAL PROHIBITED</u>. All shows in which more than 2 principals boxers appear in the ring at the same time, commonly called "battle royal" shows, are prohibited.

SECTION 28. Chapter RL 104 (title) is amended to read:

CHAPTER RL 104 (title)

## CONDUCTING A AN AMATEUR BOUT

SECTION 29. RL 104.005 is created to read:

RL 104.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.12, Stats.

SECTION 30. RL 104.02 (9) is amended to read:

RL 104.02 (9) Interrupt a bout and call time if a mouthpiece is knocked out of a competitor's boxer's mouth. The mouthpiece shall be taken to the boxer's corner where is it shall be washed. A second shall replace the mouthpiece in the boxer's mouth after washing. Boxers may not box without wearing a mouthpiece. If a boxer deliberately spits out his or her mouthpiece, the referee shall warn the offending boxer. A repetition of the same offense shall cause a second warning. After the third offense, the referee shall disqualify the boxer.

SECTION 31. RL 104.03 is repealed and recreated to read:

RL 104.03 LOW BLOWS. A referee may penalize any boxer who delivers a low blow to another boxer during a contest with a loss of points, round or bout. The referee shall determine whether the boxer who has been fouled is able to continue. If the referee determines that the boxer who has been fouled is not able to continue, the boxer responsible for the low blow shall be disqualified and the boxer who was fouled shall be the winner of the bout. If the referee determines that the boxer to continue. If the boxer refuses to continue, the referee may order the boxer to continue. If the boxer refuses to continue, the referee shall declare the boxer who refuses to continue as the loser of the bout.

SECTION 32. RL 104.04 (2) and (5) are amended to read:

RL 104.04 (2) Hits or blows with the head, shoulder, forearm, elbow, knee or foot; throttling of the opponent; pressing with arm or elbow in opponent's face <u>or neck</u>, or pressing the head of the opponent back over the ropes.

(5) <del>360 degree</del> <u>A blow which is delivered during or at the end of a 360-degree</u> pivot <del>blows</del>.

SECTION 33. RL 104.05 (5) is amended to read:

RL 104.05 (5) <u>CONTINUED COUNT</u>. If a boxer is down as the result of a blow and the bout is continued after the count of 8 has been reached, but the boxer <u>immediately</u> falls again without having received a fresh blow, the referee shall continue the counting from the count of 8.

SECTION 34. RL 104.06 (2) (d) is amended to read:

RL 104.06 (2) (d) Before resuming boxing after any of the periods of rest prescribed in pars. (a) to (c), a boxer shall be given a special examination by a qualified physician which includes an electroencephalogram (EEG) or, a computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan and cortified by the examining physician as , a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), or any other scan which a physician believes is as reliable or more reliable than an EEG or a CAT scan for determining the presence of brain damage. The special examination shall include a certification by the examining physician that the boxer is fit to take part in competitive boxing.

SECTION 35. RL 104.06 (2) (e) is created to read:

RL 104.06 (2) (e) The requirements and conditions enumerated in this subsection apply to knockouts and hard blows to the head regardless of whether the bouts occurred in Wisconsin or another jurisdiction.

SECTION 36. Chapter RL 105 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 105 (title)

## CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE <u>OF AMATEUR CLUBS</u> <u>AND OTHER PERSONS</u>

SECTION 37. RL 105.005 is created to read:

RL 105.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.14, Stats.

SECTION 38. RL 105.01 (1) (d) and (2) are amended to read:

RL 105.01 (1) (d) Misrepresents material facts relating to a show such as including, but not limited to, the identity or record of a contestant boxer.

(2) No employe, officer or member of a club person whose license has been suspended or revoked may participate in any boxing show or enter the dressing room or press row of any licensed club during any show.

SECTION 39. Chapter RL 110 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 110 (title)

# DEFINITIONS, LICENSES, PERMITS FOR PROFESSIONAL BOXING

SECTION 40. RL 110.01 is amended to read:

RL 110.01 <u>SCOPE AND AUTHORITY</u>. <del>Rules</del> The rules in chs. RL 110 to 116 this chapter are adopted under the authority of ch. 444, pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.03, Stats. These rules govern all professional boxing or sparring shows conducted within the state of Wisconsin.

SECTION 41. RL 110.02 (5) and (6) are amended to read:

RL 110.02 (5) "Permit" means a license credential issued to a professional club to conduct a specific professional boxing or sparring show.

(6) "Professional club" means a professional club licensed under ch. 444, Stats., to conduct professional boxing and sparring shows.

SECTION 42. RL 110.02 (5m), (6m), (8) and (9) are created to read:

RL 110.02 (5m) "Professional" means a boxer who receives money or reward, except that "professional" does not mean receiving watches, medals, articles of jewelry, silverware, trophies or ornaments which are suitably inscribed to show that they are given for participating in a show and which do not exceed the sum of \$35.

(6m) "Second" means a person who is present during a bout to provide assistance to a boxer.

(8) "Sparring" means a show or bout in which the boxers participate for exhibition purposes and the results of the show or bout do not become part of the boxer's boxing record which shows wins or losses. "Sparring" does not include a bout held at a training facility for training purposes, even though people frequently refer to such bouts as "sparring."

(9) "Stimulant" means amphetamines, cocaine, phenylpropanolamine and ephedrine.

SECTION 43. RL 110.03 (title) and (1) are amended to read:

RL 110.03 (title) <u>PROFESSIONAL CLUB RECORD.</u> (1) APPLICATION. An applicant for a professional club license shall, before conducting <del>any sparring or boxing a</del> show in this state, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the fee specified in s. 444.03, Stats., and be licensed by the department.

Note: Application forms are available on request to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Bureau of Direct Licensing and Real Estate, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

SECTION 44. RL 110.03 (2) (a) 2. is repealed.

SECTION 45. RL 110.035 is created to read:

RL 110.035 <u>LICENSURE OF SECONDS.</u> (1) APPLICATION. A person shall, before acting as a second at any professional show, submit an application on forms provided by the department together with the fee specified in s. 444.03, Stats., and be licensed by the department.

Note: Application forms are available on request to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Bureau of Direct Licensing and Real Estate, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(2) ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be eligible for a license as a second an applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.

(b) The department may deny a license to a person who has committed any act which would, if committed by a licensee, subject the licensee to discipline under s. RL 116.01 (4).

(3) TERM OF LICENSE. A license as a second shall be valid for one year, unless suspended or revoked for cause.

(4) RENEWAL OF LICENSE. A second who chooses to continue licensure after the date of expiration of a license shall file an application for renewal. The criteria and conditions for an original license apply equally to applications for renewal.

SECTION 46. RL 110.04 (title), (1) (e) and (h) are amended to read:

RL 110.04 (title) <u>PROFESSIONAL SHOW PERMITS; APPLICATION.</u> (1) (e) A list of the <u>participants boxers</u> in each bout, and if licensed, the <u>participant's boxer's</u> current license number. An applicant shall also provide the department with information concerning a boxer's boxing history, if requested by the department. If a <u>participant boxer</u> is not licensed, the <u>participant boxer</u> shall file an application for a license as a professional boxer. The club may substitute a boxer for any <u>participant boxer</u> listed on the permit application, provided a request to substitute is submitted to the department no later than 4:30 p.m. of the 4th business day preceding the date of the show and the department approves the substitute boxer pursuant to this section and s. RL 110.05. The club may substitute up to and including 2 additional boxers at any time before a scheduled bout, provided that the boxer or boxers are licensed in Wisconsin, the boxer or boxers provide an affidavit that the boxer or boxers are not under suspension in Wisconsin or any other jurisdiction and both the inspector and the referee agree that permitting the boxer or boxers to fight in a specific scheduled bout would pose no unreasonable risk of harm to the boxers in that bout.

(h) Evidence satisfactory to the department that the <u>professional</u> club has entered into a valid agreement with the owner or manager of the facility where the boxing show will be conducted.

SECTION 47. RL 110.04 (3) is created to read:

RL 110.04 (3) The department may require a professional club to pay a permit application fee in an amount which does not exceed the costs incurred by the department for paying the salary and travel expenses of the ringside physician and referee assigned to the professional show. SECTION 48. RL 110.05 (title), (1) and (1m) are amended to read:

RL 110.05 (title) <u>PERMITS: ISSUANCE AND EFFECT.</u> (1) An application for any <u>a</u> permit <del>or license</del> shall be granted or denied within 15 business days after receipt of the application.

(1m) If the department denies an application for a permit or refuses to approve a participant whose name has been submitted to the department by the applicant, it shall provide the applicant with the right to an opportunity for a hearing. If the department does not approve a boxer to fight in a show, the department shall provide the boxer with the right to a hearing. In either case, the department is not required to hold the hearing before the date submitted to the department pursuant to s. RL 110.04 (1) (b).

SECTION 49. RL 110.06 is repealed.

SECTION 50. RL 110.07 (title) and (3) are amended to read:

RL 110.07 (title) <u>CANCELLING A PROFESSIONAL SHOW</u>. (3) A professional club may cancel a show by notifying the department <u>and those members of the media whom the club</u> <u>initially notified about the show</u> at least 24 hours before the show is scheduled to begin.

SECTION 51. Chapter RL 111 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 111 (title)

#### STATE OFFICIALS FOR PROFESSIONAL BOXING

SECTION 52. RL 111.005 is created to read:

RL 111.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.09, Stats.

SECTION 53. Chapter RL 112 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 112 (title)

## EQUIPMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOXING SHOWS

SECTION 54. RL 112.005 is created to read:

RL 112.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.09, Stats.

## SECTION 55. RL 112.01 (2) is amended to read:

RL 112.01 (2) The ring shall be circumscribed with at least <u>3 4</u> 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. If <u>3 ropes are used</u>, they shall extend in parallel <u>2</u>, <u>3</u>, and <u>4 feet</u> above the ring floor. If <u>4 ropes are used</u>, the <u>The</u> 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 <u>2 spacer ties on each side of the ring</u>. 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.

SECTION 56. RL 112.02 is amended to read:

RL 112.02 <u>EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT</u>. The professional club holding the permit shall have <u>at least one properly charged</u> oxygen <del>equipment</del>, <u>tank with a suitable mask and</u> airways of assorted sizes, and <u>it shall have</u> a stretcher available at ringside.

SECTION 57. RL 112.03 (1) is amended to read:

RL 112.03 (1) Boxing gloves may be not less than \$ 5 oz. each in weight when worn by a boxer under 140 pounds, and not less than 6 oz. when worn by other boxers.

SECTION 58. RL 112.05 (1) is amended to read:

RL 112.05 (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.

SECTION 59. RL 112.08 (2) is amended to read:

RL 112.08 (2) Seconds shall submit first aid kits and corner equipment to the ringside physician for inspection and approval before a show. <u>Kits and equipment may not include stimulants.</u>

SECTION 60. Chapter RL 113 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 113 (title)

## CONDUCTING A PROFESSIONAL SHOW

SECTION 61. RL 113.005 is created to read:

RL 113.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02, 444.09 and 444.10, Stats.

SECTION 62. RL 113.02 (5) is created to read:

RL 113.02 (5) A female boxer shall give the ringside physician written certification that, to her knowledge, she is not pregnant at the time of the pre-bout physical examination.

SECTION 63. RL 113.04 (1) is renumbered RL 113.04 and amended to read:

RL 113.04 <u>WEIGHT LIMITATIONS</u>. No boxer may participate in a show where the weigh-in weight difference of the boxers exceeds the allowance shown in the schedule below. When approving pairings between boxers and applying these allowances, the department shall first determine which boxer weighs less than the other. The maximum allowable weight difference shall be that which relates to the category in which the lower weight boxer falls.

Allowance
not more than 6 lbs.
not more than 10 lbs.
not more than 15 lbs.
no limit

SECTION 64. Chapter RL 114 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 114 (title)

## CONDUCTING A PROFESSIONAL BOUT

SECTION 65. RL 114.005 is created to read:

RL 114.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02, 444.09 and 444.12, Stats.

SECTION 66. RL 114.03 is repealed and recreated to read:

RL 114.03 <u>LOW BLOWS.</u> (1) A referee may penalize any boxer who deliberately fouls an opponent during a contest with a loss of points and round. If the referee determines that a low blow foul was deliberate and that it severely impairs the boxer who was fouled, the referee may award a bout to a boxer who received a low blow foul. The boxer responsible for the low blow foul shall be disqualified.

(2) In the case of a low blow foul when the referee determines that the low blow was not intentional, the referee shall determine whether the boxer who has been fouled is able to continue. If the referee determines that the boxer is able to continue, the referee may order the bout to continue after an interval of not more than 5 minutes. If the boxer who was fouled refuses to box, the referee shall declare that boxer to be the loser of the bout. If the referee determines that the boxer is not able to continue, the referee shall review the judges' cards and award the bout to the boxer who was ahead at the time of the low blow.

SECTION 67. RL 114.04 (2) and (5) are amended to read:

RL 114.04 (2) Hits or blows with the head, shoulder, forearm, elbow, knee, or foot; throttling of the opponent; pressing with arm or elbow in an opponent's face <u>or neck</u>; or pressing the head of the opponent back over the ropes.

(5) <del>360 degree</del> <u>A blow which is delivered during or at the end of a 360-degree</u> pivot blows.

SECTION 68. RL 114.05 (5) is amended to read:

RL 114.05 (5) <u>CONTINUED COUNT</u>. If a boxer is down as the result of a blow and the bout is continued after the count of 8 has been reached, but the boxer <u>immediately</u> falls again without having received a fresh blow, the referee shall continue the counting from the count of 8.

SECTION 69. RL 114.06 (2) (d) is amended to read:

RL 114.06 (2) (d) Before resuming boxing after any of the periods of rest prescribed in the pars. (a) to (c), a boxer shall be given a special examination including by a qualified physician which includes an electroencephalogram (EEG) or, a computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan by a qualified physician and certified, a magnetic resonance imaging scan (MRI), or any other scan which a physician believes is as reliable or more reliable than an EEG or a CAT scan for determining the presence of brain damage. The special examination shall include a certification by the examining physician as that the boxer is fit to take part in competitive boxing.

SECTION 70 RL 115.005 is created to read:

RL 115.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.11, Stats.

SECTION 71. RL 115.01 (1) (b) is amended to read:

RL 115.01 (1) (b) Be physically and mentally fit to engage capable of engaging in professional boxing competition based on the information included in the application and other reliable information; and,

SECTION 72. RL 115.01 (1) (c) is repealed.

SECTION 73. RL 115.02 (6) is repealed.

SECTION 74. Chapter RL 116 (title) is amended to read:

## CHAPTER RL 116 (title)

# CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE OF A PROFESSIONAL CLUB AND OTHER PERSONS

SECTION 75. RL 116.005 is created to read:

RL 116.005 <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to ss. 227.11 (2), 444.02 and 444.14, Stats.

SECTION 76. RL 116.01 (1) (d), (2) and (3) (g) are amended to read:

RL 116.01 (1) (d) Misrepresents material facts relating to a show such as including, but not limited to, the identity or record of a contestant boxer.

(2) No employe, officer or member of a club person whose license has been suspended or revoked may participate in any boxing show or enter the dressing room or press row of any licensed club during any show.

(3) (g) Is impaired by mental or emotional disorder, not capable of performing under his or her license due to the use of drugs or alcohol.

SECTION 77. RL 116.01 (4) is created to read:

RL 116.01 (4) The department may revoke, limit or suspend the license of a second or deny the application for a license as a second for the reasons enumerated in sub. (3) (a) to (g).

## (END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Ŋ Agency \_ Dated al Marlene A. Cummings, Secretary

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# **CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 11, 1997

- TO: Gary Poulson Assistant Revisor of Statutes
- **FROM:** Pamela A. Haack, Rules Center Coordinator Department of Regulation and Licensing Office of Administrative Rules
- **SUBJECT:** Final Order Adopting Rules

# Agency: DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

## **Clearinghouse Rule 97-025**

Attached is a copy and a certified copy of a final order adopting rules. Would you please publish these rules in the register.

Please stamp or sign a copy of this letter to acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.

