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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Combat Sports Regulation 2014*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 15 December 2014 and is required to be published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Definitions

(1) In this Regulation—

approved sporting organisation means an international or national sporting organisation or a sporting organisation of another State or Territory that the Authority has determined, by notice published on the Authority's website, is equivalent to an approved amateur body.

equivalent Australian regulatory body means a combat sport body, established by legislation for the purpose of regulating combat sports, of another State or Territory or of the Commonwealth.

equivalent overseas regulatory body means a combat sport body, established by legislation for the purpose of regulating combat sports, of a country other than Australia.

protective material means any clothing or equipment that is worn or used by a combatant in a combat sport contest to protect the combatant and may include, but is not limited to, the following—

- (a) a mouth guard,
- (b) gloves,
- (c) padding,

- (d) taping,
- (e) a chest guard,
- (f) a groin guard.

sports rules, in relation to a combat sport, means rules made or adopted by any organisation, group or other person concerned with the combat sport, being the rules under which the combat sport is held.

the Act means the [Combat Sports Act 2013](#).

- (2) Notes included in this Regulation do not form part of this Regulation.

Part 2 Sports, martial arts and activities that are not combat sports

4 Excluded sports, martial arts and activities

For the purposes of the definition of **combat sport** in section 4 (1) of the Act, any sport, martial art or activity listed in Schedule 1 that is held under the sports rules made or adopted by, and is sanctioned by, any organisation listed in that Schedule in relation to that sport, martial art or activity is prescribed as not being included within the definition.

5 Other sports, martial arts and activities not included in definition of “combat sport”

- (1) For the purposes of the definition of **combat sport** in section 4 (1) of the Act, the following sports, martial arts or activities are prescribed as not being included within the definition—
 - (a) sports, martial arts or activities that involve only light contact or grappling activity and for which scores are not kept or for which there is no outcome or result,
 - (b) sports, martial arts or activities that involve only light contact or grappling activity conducted solely for the purpose of determining the proficiency of a person engaged in the sport, martial art or activity,
 - (c) sports, martial arts or activities for which the relevant sports rules specify that a person engaged in the sport, martial art or activity is penalised if the person strikes, kicks, hits, grapples with, throws or punches in a manner that does not involve light contact with the other person,
 - (d) sports, martial arts or activities the relevant sports rules of which do not allow any contact to be made to the head of a person engaged in the sport, martial art or activity and require that all strike zones on the body of a person are fully protected by use of protective material,
 - (e) sports, martial arts or activities that involve only limited physical contact between persons engaged in the sports, martial arts or activities and that are conducted

only to demonstrate the moves of strikes, kicks, hits, grapples, throws or punches in a predominantly artistic context either with or without a weapon,

(f) wrestling conducted solely for theatrical or humorous entertainment.

(2) In this clause—

light contact means contact resulting from the use of controlled techniques in a manner that involves anything other than substantial force.

Part 3 Registration of combatants

Note—

The Authority has determined (under section 10 of the Act) the following classes of combatants for the purposes of registration (and separate professional and amateur classes have been determined for each style)—

- (a) boxing participants, being persons who engage in boxing (fist fighting) in any of its styles,
- (b) kick boxing participants, being persons who engage in kick boxing in any of its styles, including Muay Thai,
- (c) mixed martial arts participants, being persons who engage in mixed martial arts in any of its styles,
- (d) martial arts participants, being persons who engage in any other form of martial arts that is not one of the forms listed in Schedule 1 and is not held under the sports rules made or adopted by, and is not sanctioned by, any organisation listed in that Schedule.

6 Fees for registration

For the purposes of section 11 (3) of the Act, the prescribed fee payable for an application for registration as a combatant is the fee specified in Schedule 3.

7 Conditions imposed on registration

For the purposes of section 14 (3) of the Act, the following conditions are imposed on the registration of a combatant—

- (a) the combatant must undergo an annual medical check, no later than the anniversary of the combatant's registration,
- (b) the combatant must provide the Authority with an updated certificate of fitness, provided by a medical practitioner in the approved form, no later than 1 month after each annual check,
- (c) the combatant must complete any drug education program required by the Authority,
- (d) the combatant must submit to any drug testing regime required by the Authority,
- (e) the combatant must ensure that the combatant's medical record book is updated by a medical practitioner in attendance following every contest in which the combatant is engaged, including any contest held interstate or overseas,
- (f) the combatant must complete any sport integrity program required by the Authority,

- (g) the combatant must not place a bet on any combat sport contest in which the combatant is engaged,
- (h) the combatant must not cause any bet to be placed on the combatant's behalf on any combat sport contest in which the combatant is engaged,
- (i) the combatant must abide by the Combatants Code of Conduct published by the Authority and given to the combatant by the Authority.

8 Circumstances in which information on the register is to be made available

For the purposes of section 17 (5) of the Act, the following are prescribed as circumstances in which information contained in the register of combatants is to be made available—

- (a) if a combatant seeks to view the combatant's own registration details,
- (b) if a registered promoter, manager or match-maker seeks to view the name, gender and registration status of any registered combatant,
- (c) if a police officer or other member of the NSW Police Force seeks to view any information on the register for the purposes of the exercise of any functions under the Act by any police officer or other member of the NSW Police Force,
- (d) if an equivalent Australian regulatory body seeks to view the name, gender and registration status of any registered combatant,
- (e) if a person authorised in writing by an approved amateur combat sport body seeks to view the name, gender and registration status of any registered combatant.

9 Clearances for registered combatants

- (1) The Authority may, on application made by or on behalf of a registered combatant, give a clearance for the combatant for the purposes of engaging in a proposed combat sport contest to be held outside of New South Wales (whether in Australia or overseas).
- (2) That clearance may be given only to any of the following—
 - (a) an equivalent Australian regulatory body,
 - (b) an equivalent overseas regulatory body,
 - (c) a national sporting organisation,
 - (d) a sporting organisation of a State or Territory,
 - (e) an international sporting organisation,
 - (f) the registered combatant named on the clearance.

- (3) A clearance provided under this clause is to include the following—
- (a) the registration status of the combatant, including the class of registration (if any),
 - (b) confirmation of the serological clearance status of the combatant.

Part 4 Medical record books

10 Issue of medical record books

Each registered combatant is to be issued with a medical record book on first registration as a combatant.

11 Replacement of medical record books that are full

- (1) The Authority must issue a replacement medical record book to each registered combatant who demonstrates to the Authority's satisfaction that the combatant's medical record book is full and no further entries can be made in it.
- (2) A replacement medical book must include the recent registration, medical and suspension information held on the combatant.

12 Replacement of medical record books that are destroyed

- (1) The Authority must issue a replacement medical record book to each registered combatant who—
 - (a) satisfies the Authority that the combatant's medical record book has been spoilt, lost or destroyed, and
 - (b) pays the replacement fee specified in Schedule 3.
- (2) A replacement medical book must include the recent registration, medical and suspension information held on the combatant.

13 Production of medical record books

A registered combatant must produce any medical record book issued to the combatant to the following persons—

- (a) a medical practitioner undertaking a medical assessment of the registered combatant for the purposes of providing a certificate as to the fitness or unfitness of the combatant,
- (b) a medical practitioner or person providing a pathology service to the registered combatant for the purposes of providing a serological clearance,
- (c) the Authority, on request,
- (d) a combat sport inspector, on request,

- (e) a representative of an approved amateur combat sport body at an amateur combat sport contest that was approved by that body, on request.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

Note—

Clause 35 requires a medical record book to be produced to a medical practitioner at a pre-contest or post-contest medical examination at a combat sport contest.

14 Endorsement or alterations must be authorised

A person must not endorse or alter a medical record book unless the person is authorised under the Act, this Regulation or the rules to so endorse or alter the book.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

15 Mistreating medical record book or card

A person must not wilfully damage, deface or tamper with a medical record book.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

16 Surrender of medical record books

- (1) A registered combatant must surrender the combatant's medical book to the Authority when directed to do so by the Authority or by a combat sport inspector.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

- (2) If a registered combatant surrenders a medical record book to the Authority under this clause, the Authority must return the medical record book to the combatant as soon as is practicable after the need for its surrender ceases, unless the combatant's registration is suspended or cancelled.

- (3) If the combatant's registration is suspended, the Authority must return the medical book at the conclusion of the suspension.

Part 5 Registration of industry participants and promoters

17 Fees for registration

For the purposes of section 23 (3) of the Act, the prescribed fee payable for an application for registration as an industry participant or promoter is the fee specified in Schedule 3.

18 Determination of application for registration

For the purposes of section 25 (1) (e) of the Act, the following matters are prescribed as matters that the Authority must be satisfied of before registering an applicant for registration as an industry participant or promoter—

- (a) that the applicant has passed the appropriate examination for the class of registration conducted by or on behalf of the Authority,
- (b) that the applicant has provided the proof of qualifications and endorsements of skills experience that is required by the Authority for the class of registration,
- (c) that the applicant has undertaken first aid training as and where required by the Authority,
- (d) that the applicant has provided proof of identification as determined by, or in the form required by, the Authority,
- (e) in the case of an applicant seeking registration as a judge, referee or timekeeper in a class of professional combat sport contests—that the applicant is not also registered as a promoter in the class of professional combat sport contests,
- (f) in the case of an applicant seeking registration as a promoter in a class of professional combat sport contests—that the applicant is not also registered as a judge, referee or timekeeper in a class of professional combat sport contests.

19 Conditions imposed on registration

For the purposes of section 27 of the Act, the following conditions are imposed on the registration of a person as an industry participant or promoter—

- (a) the registered participant or promoter must complete any education programs required by the Authority for the class or classes of registration that the participant or promoter holds,
- (b) in the case of a match-maker or a promoter—the match-maker or promoter must not bet on, or cause any bets to be placed on, any contest in relation to which the match-maker or promoter is undertaking the role of match-maker or promoter,
- (c) in the case of a manager—the manager must not bet on, or cause any bets to be placed on, any contest in which a combatant managed by the manager is a participant,
- (d) in the case of a trainer or second—the trainer or second must not bet on, or cause any bets to be placed on, any contest in which a combatant whom the trainer trains, or for whom the second acts as a second, is a participant,
- (e) in the case of a judge, referee or timekeeper—the judge, referee or timekeeper must not bet on, or cause any bets to be placed on, any contest in which the judge, referee or timekeeper is undertaking the role of judge, referee or timekeeper,
- (f) in the case of a judge, referee or timekeeper registered in the class of professional combat sport contests—the judge, referee or timekeeper must not undertake the role of trainer or second at a professional contest for which he or she is judge, referee or

timekeeper,

- (g) the registered participant or promoter must abide by the Industry Participants and Promoters Code of Conduct published by the Authority and given to the registered participant or promoter by the Authority.

Note—

A registered participant or promoter will also be required to comply with the requirements of child protection legislation applicable to persons engaged in a combat sport contest or engaged in other activities at the premises used by the registered participant or promoter.

20 Circumstances in which information on the register is to be made available

For the purposes of section 29 (5) of the Act, the following are prescribed as circumstances in which information contained in the register of industry participants and promoters is to be made available—

- (a) if a registered participant or promoter seeks to view the participant's or promoter's own registration details,
- (b) if a registered promoter seeks to view the name and registration status of any registered industry participant or promoter,
- (c) if a police officer or other member of the NSW Police Force seeks to view any information on the register for the purposes of the exercise of any functions under the Act by any police officer or other member of the NSW Police Force,
- (d) if an equivalent Australian regulatory body seeks to view the names and registration status of registered industry participants or promoters,
- (e) if a representative of an approved amateur combat sport body seeks to view the name and registration status of any registered industry participant or promoter.

Part 6 Grounds for disciplinary action

21 Grounds for disciplinary action

For the purposes of section 30 (2) of the Act, the Authority may take disciplinary action against a registered combatant, industry participant or promoter under Division 4 of Part 2 of the Act in the following circumstances—

- (a) the Authority has reasonable grounds to believe that the registered person's conduct has brought combat sport into disrepute,
- (b) a combat sport inspector has made a complaint to the Authority about the registered person's conduct or behaviour at a combat sport contest,
- (c) a formal complaint has been made to the Authority about a registered person's conduct or behaviour at a combat sport contest,

- (d) the registered person has been convicted of an offence relating to using, trafficking or supplying drugs during the period of the person's registration,
- (e) the registered person has been convicted of an offence relating to illegal betting activity or match-fixing during the period of the person's registration,
- (f) the Authority has identified breaches of its requirements in relation to medical suspension periods and standard post-contest rest period requirements in relation to the registered person, a person whom the registered person trains or manages or a combat sport contest that the person promotes.

Part 7 Permits for combat sport contests

22 Fee for permit application

- (1) For the purposes of section 40 (3) of the Act, the prescribed fee payable for an application for a permit to hold a combat sport contest is the fee specified in Schedule 3.
- (2) The permit application fee payable under section 40 of the Act must be paid no less than 21 days before the relevant combat sport contest or within any shorter period that the Authority approves in a particular case.

23 Conditions imposed on all permits

For the purposes of section 42 (2) of the Act the following conditions are imposed on a permit to hold a combat sport contest—

- (a) the promoter of the combat sport contest must finalise the names of combatants and lodge the fight card with the Authority, in the manner and form approved by the Authority, not less than 5 days before the day of the combat sport contest, or within any shorter period that the Authority may approve,
- (b) the promoter of the combat sport contest must ensure that only combatants that are included on the fight card, and approved by the Authority, engage in the combat sport contest,
 - (b1) the promoter of the combat sport contest must provide the Authority with the title of the particular sports rules relating to each combat sport involved in the combat sport contest, in the manner and form approved by the Authority, not less than 5 days before the day of the combat sport contest, or within any shorter period that the Authority may approve,
- (c) the promoter of the combat sport contest must advise the Authority if the combat sport contest is not to be held, as soon as this information becomes available to the promoter,
- (d) the promoter of the combat sport contest must appoint the attending medical

practitioner for the combat sport contest, and provide the name of the practitioner to the Authority, 5 days before the combat sport contest, or within any shorter period that the Authority may approve,

- (d1) the promoter of the combat sport contest must provide to the Authority, in the manner and form approved by the Authority, not less than 5 days before the day of the combat sport contest, a plan for evacuating any injured combatant from the premises where the combat sport contest is held, being a plan prepared in the manner and form approved by the Authority,
- (e) the promoter of the combat sport contest must ensure that the combat sport contest is covered by the insurance policies determined by the Authority and is held in accordance with the requirements of the insurance policies that cover the contest,
- (f) the promoter of the combat sport contest must ensure that each combatant at the combat sport contest complies with any requirements of this Regulation or the rules regarding the wearing of protective clothing or equipment,
- (g) the promoter of the combat sport contest must ensure that the contest area, including the ring or cage, complies with any requirements of this Regulation or the rules,
- (h) the promoter of the combat sport contest must ensure that any announcements required by the Authority are made at the combat sport contest,
- (i) the promoter of the combat sport contest must supply the clean, serviceable and appropriate weight gloves (if any) required in accordance with the rules for each contestant on the fight card at the combat sport contest,
- (j) the promoter of the combat sport contest must provide the weigh-in scales, a bed or plinth in each dressing room for use by the attending medical practitioner and the hammer and bell for use by timekeepers at the combat sport contest,
- (k) the promoter of the combat sport contest must communicate to persons associated with the combat sport contest their responsibility to comply with the Act, this Regulation and the rules,
- (k1) the promoter of the combat sport contest must ensure that any contest does not commence unless the promoter, each referee, and the attending medical practitioner, appointed for each contest have attended a briefing with the combat sport inspector at which the following are communicated to the referee, attending medical practitioner and combat sport inspector—
 - (i) the rules made by the Authority under section 107 of the Act that relate to the particular combat sport (which must be communicated verbally),
 - (ii) a title of the sports rules that relate to the particular combat sport involved in the combat sport contest and an explanation of when the rules made by the Authority

will override those sports rules (which must be communicated verbally),

- (iii) the plan that the promoter provided to the Authority for evacuating any injured combatant from the premises used for the combat sport contest (which must be communicated both verbally and in writing),
- (l) the promoter of the combat sport contest must ensure that the contest does not commence, or continue, unless a referee is present in the ring, cage or mat area in which the contest is to occur,
- (m) the promoter of the combat sport contest must ensure that the first contest does not commence, or continue, unless a combat sport inspector is present and must ensure that a combat sport inspector is present for the whole contest,
- (n) the promoter of the combat sport contest must not be listed as a combatant on the fight card for the contest that he or she promotes,
- (o) the promoter of the combat sport contest must not act as a judge, referee or timekeeper at the contest that he or she promotes.

24 Additional conditions imposed on permits for amateur combat sport contests

For the purposes of section 42 (2) of the Act, the following conditions are imposed on a permit for an amateur combat sport contest (in addition to those imposed by clause 23)—

- (a) the promoter of the amateur combat sport contest must not carry out any of the functions of an approved amateur body that are specified in clause 47 in relation to that contest,
- (b) the promoter of the amateur combat sport contest must ensure that combatants engaged in the contest will not compete for a monetary prize, or other material gain or reward (other than a trophy),
- (c) the promoter of the amateur combat sport contest must ensure that all promotional material for the contest clearly states that the contest is an amateur combat sport contest and does not use images that are inconsistent with the rules made by the Authority under section 107 of the Act that apply to amateur combat sport contests or with the sports rules relating to the specific combat sport involved in the amateur combat sport contest.

Part 8 Weigh-ins before combat sport contests

25 Attendance of combat sport inspectors, other persons and police officers at weigh-in

- (1) The Authority may authorise a combat sport inspector or other person to attend a weigh-in for a professional combat sport contest to view the weigh-in and undertake the following duties—

- (a) checking and recording each combatant's weight,
- (b) entering details of the weigh-in into the medical record book of each combatant,
- (c) entering information in the approved contest form.

(2) Any police officer is authorised to attend a weigh-in.

26 Viewing of weigh-in

The promoter of a professional combat sport contest must ensure that a person authorised by the Authority views the weigh-in.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

27 Provision of weigh-in scales

The promoter of a combat sport contest must provide appropriate weigh-in scales for any weigh-in at the contest.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

28 Weigh-in of all combatants on same set of scales

The promoter of a combat sport contest must ensure that all combatants in the contest are weighed in on the same set of scales.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

29 Weigh-in before combat sport contest

- (1) A combatant must not engage in a combat sport contest unless he or she has submitted himself or herself to the weigh-in for the contest.
- (2) The combatant must present himself or herself for the weigh-in—
 - (a) at the time set by the promoter, in the 24 hours before the scheduled start of the contest, or
 - (b) if the promoter of the contest has made a written application to the Authority for another period to apply, at the time set by the promoter in the period approved by the Authority.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

30 Functions of an approved amateur body at an amateur weigh-in

For the purposes of section 46 (2) (e) of the Act, the functions of an approved amateur body at a weigh-in relating to an amateur combat sport contest are—

- (a) to supervise the weigh-in, and

- (b) to ensure that an official records the combatant's weight.

Part 9 Medical examinations at combat sport contests

31 Appointment of medical practitioner

The promoter of a combat sport contest must appoint the attending medical practitioner for the contest, and provide the name of the practitioner to the Authority, at least 5 days before the contest or within any shorter period that the Authority may approve.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

32 Provision of equipment

The promoter of a combat sport contest must provide a bed or plinth in each dressing room for use by the attending medical practitioner in conducting medical examinations.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

33 Pre-contest medical examinations of combatants

- (1) For the purposes of section 57 (1) (a) of the Act, the prescribed examination is a medical examination sufficient for the completion by the medical practitioner of the approved form for the pre-contest medical examination of a combatant.
- (2) For the purposes of section 57 (1) (b) of the Act, the medical practitioner is to note any medical suspension imposed on a combatant following the pre-contest medical examination, and any other conditions that the medical practitioner recommends be required to be met before that suspension should be lifted, in—
 - (a) the medical record book of the combatant, and
 - (b) the approved form for the pre-contest medical examination of the combatant.
- (3) The approved pre-contest medical examination form for each combatant is to be provided to the combat sport inspector present at the contest by the medical practitioner at the conclusion of the contest.

34 Post-contest medical examinations of combatants

- (1) For the purposes of section 57 (3) (a) of the Act, the prescribed examination is a medical examination sufficient for the completion by the medical practitioner of the approved form for the post-contest medical examination of a combatant.
- (2) For the purposes of section 57 (3) (b) of the Act, the medical practitioner is to note any medical suspension imposed on a combatant following the post-contest medical examination, and any other conditions that the medical practitioner recommends be required to be met before that suspension should be lifted, in—
 - (a) the medical record book of the combatant, and

(b) the approved form for the post-contest medical examination of the combatant.

- (3) The approved post-contest medical examination form for each combatant is to be provided to the combat sport inspector present at the contest by the medical practitioner at the conclusion of the contest.

35 Production of medical record books

A registered combatant must produce any medical record book issued to the combatant to the following persons—

- (a) a medical practitioner undertaking any pre-contest or post-contest examination of the combatant,
- (b) the medical practitioner in attendance at any contest, including those held outside New South Wales or overseas.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

36 Recording of medical suspensions in register of combatants

For the purposes of section 17 (2) (i) of the Act, the following is prescribed as information that must be contained in the register of combatants—

- (a) a certification in a combatant's medical record book that, in the opinion of a medical practitioner, the combatant should not engage in any contest or sparring before a specified date,
- (b) details of any note in any approved form for the pre-contest medical examination of a combatant about a medical suspension imposed following the pre-contest medical examination of that combatant and of any other conditions that the medical practitioner recommended be required to be met before that suspension should be lifted,
- (c) details of any note in any approved form for the post-contest medical examination of a combatant about a medical suspension imposed following the post-contest medical examination of that combatant and of any other conditions that the medical practitioner recommended be required to be met before that suspension should be lifted.

Part 10 Conduct of combat sport contests

37 Supply of weight gloves

The promoter of a combat sport contest must supply any clean, serviceable and appropriate weight gloves that are required in accordance with the rules for each contestant at the combat sport contest who is listed on the fight card.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

38 Inspection of protective clothing and equipment at the contest

A registered combatant must not engage in a combat sport contest unless, before the contest, a combat sport inspector or referee has inspected the combatant's gloves, bandages, protective clothing and equipment.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

39 Clothing must comply

A registered combatant must not during a combat sport contest wear gloves, bandages, protective clothing or equipment that does not comply with the requirements of the Act, this Regulation or the rules for the class of combatant and style of combat sport to be contested.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

40 Combatants and promoters must comply with directions about protective clothing or equipment

A registered combatant and a promoter at a combat sport contest must comply with a direction of a combat sport inspector in relation to the wearing of protective clothing or equipment if the direction has been made in accordance with the rules.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

41 Prohibited clothing and equipment

A registered combatant must not, during a combat sport contest, wear any straps, buckles, metal or other objects, or clothing that may cause injury.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

42 Persons in attendance within contest area must comply with combat sport inspector's directions

A person attending a combat sport contest and who is within the contest area must comply with any instruction issued by a combat sport inspector.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

43 Persons in attendance within the contest area must not act offensively

A person attending a combat sport contest and who is within the contest area must not use offensive, intimidatory, defamatory, racist or inappropriate language.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

44 Obligations of persons working in combatant's corner at a professional or amateur

contest

- (1) A person must not work in a combatant's corner during a professional combat sport contest or an amateur combat sport contest unless the person is registered as a trainer or second for the class applicable to that contest, or is exempt from the requirement to be registered as a trainer or second.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

- (2) A person who works in a combatant's corner during a professional combat sport contest or an amateur combat sport contest must provide evidence of the person's registration or of the person's identity to the combat sport inspector or police officer in attendance on request.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

45 Standard post-contest rest periods

A person registered as a combatant for professional combat sport contests must comply with the rules in relation to standard post-contest rest periods for the class of combatant and styles of combat sport to be contested.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

46 Provision of serology before or at a contest

For the purposes of section 46 (2) (c) of the Act, the Authority must be provided with a combatant's current serological clearance at least 1 hour before the weigh-in unless approval has been granted by the Authority for late provision of the clearance.

47 Functions of an approved amateur body at an amateur combat sport contest

For the purposes of section 46 (2) (e) of the Act, the following are the functions of an approved amateur body at an amateur combat sport contest—

- (a) to appoint, and oversee the performance of, referees, judges and timekeepers officiating at the contest,
- (b) to support the combat sport inspector to ensure that the contest is conducted in accordance with the Act, this Regulation and the rules,
- (c) to implement its risk management policies and procedures, as submitted to the Authority, in relation to the contest,
- (d) to record the contest result in the combatant's medical record book,
- (e) to maintain a record of the results of the contest,
- (f) to report on the contest as required by the Authority,

- (g) to assist the combat sport inspector to supervise and monitor the change room areas being utilised for the contest.

48 Police officers authorised to attend combat sport contests

Any police officer is authorised to attend a combat sport contest.

49 Incapacity of referee

If the referee becomes incapacitated during a combat sport contest, the combat sport inspector is to direct the combatants to cease to engage in the contest.

Part 11 Obligations of promoters regarding combat sport contests

50 Combat sport inspector to attend combat sport contest

The promoter of a combat sport contest must ensure that at least one combat sport inspector attends the combat sport contest and is present for the whole of the contest.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

51 Combatants not on fight card cannot compete

The promoter of a combat sport contest must ensure that only combatants who are included on the fight card, and approved by the Authority, engage in the contest.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

52 Advising Authority that contest not being held

The promoter of a combat sport contest must advise the Authority if the contest is not being held as soon as this information becomes available to the promoter.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

53 Insurance requirements

The promoter of a combat sport contest must ensure that the contest is covered by required insurance policies as determined by the Authority and notified in writing to the promoter before the contest and that the contest is held in accordance with the requirements of the insurance policies that cover the contest.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

54 Contest area must be compliant

The promoter of a combat sport contest must ensure that the contest area, including the ring or cage, complies with any requirements of this Regulation and the rules.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

55 Announcements

The promoter of a combat sport contest must ensure that any announcements required by the Authority and notified in writing to the promoter before the contest are made at the contest.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

56 Provision of equipment

The promoter of a combat sport contest must provide a hammer and bell for the timekeeper at the contest.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

57 Communicating responsibility to comply with law

The promoter of a combat sport contest must, before the commencement of a combat sport event, communicate to persons associated with the contest their responsibility to comply with the Act, this Regulation and the rules, verbally or in writing.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

Part 12 Exemptions

58 Exemptions of styles of combat sports

(1) For the purposes of section 106 (2) (c) of the Act, the Authority may exempt a style of combat sport from the whole of the Act if the Authority is satisfied that the sport does not require regulation under the Act.

(2) An exemption is to be made by order published in the Gazette.

59 Combatants registered interstate exempt from registration requirements

A person who is not ordinarily resident in New South Wales and is registered or licensed to engage in a combat sport contest as a combatant by an equivalent Australian regulatory body is exempt from the requirement to be registered under section 9 of the Act if the equivalent Australian regulatory body with which the person has registered has issued the person a clearance for the purpose of engaging in the combat sport contest, including confirmation of fitness and serological clearance prior to the combatant contesting the contest.

59A Certain amateur combatants registered interstate exempt from registration requirements

(1) A person who is not ordinarily resident in New South Wales and is registered or licensed with an approved sporting organisation or an equivalent Australian regulatory body to engage in an amateur combat sport contest as a combatant is exempt from

the requirement to be registered as a combatant under section 9 of the Act if, before the weigh-in for a combat sport contest, the Authority has been provided with—

- (a) a clearance in the approved form issued by the organisation or body for the purpose of engaging in the amateur combat sport contest, and
 - (b) if the organisation or body does not hold a current certificate of fitness for the combatant—a certificate of fitness provided by a medical practitioner in the approved form, and
 - (c) if the organisation or body does not hold a current serological clearance for the combatant—a current serological clearance in the approved form that was obtained within Australia.
- (2) Without limiting what is contained in any approved form, a clearance issued under this clause must include the following—
- (a) the registration status of the combatant, including the class of registration (if any),
 - (b) confirmation that the combatant is not medically or otherwise suspended,
 - (c) the classes of combat sport that the combatant is cleared to contest,
 - (d) confirmation that the combatant is an amateur combatant and has never competed for a monetary prize or other valuable reward in a professional combat sport contest for the style of combat sport concerned.

60 Combatants registered overseas exempt from registration requirements

A person who is not ordinarily resident in Australia and is registered or licensed to engage in a combat sport contest as a combatant by an equivalent overseas regulatory body or national or international sporting organisation, is exempt from the requirement to be registered under section 9 of the Act if—

- (a) the equivalent overseas regulatory body or national or international sporting organisation, has issued the person a clearance for the purpose of engaging in a combat sport contest of that kind, and
- (b) the combatant has provided the Authority with a certificate of fitness given by a medical practitioner in the approved form and a current serological clearance that was obtained within Australia.

61 Industry participants registered interstate exempt from registration requirements

- (1) A person who is not ordinarily resident in New South Wales and who is registered or licensed to carry out an activity as a trainer, second, judge, referee or timekeeper by an equivalent Australian regulatory body is exempt from the requirement to be registered under section 20 (1) of the Act to carry out that activity.

- (2) Any such person must provide evidence of the other registration or licence to any combat sport inspector on request by the inspector or by the Authority.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

61A Certain other interstate trainers and seconds exempt from registration requirements

- (1) A person who is not ordinarily resident in New South Wales and is registered or affiliated with an approved sporting organisation is exempt from the requirement to be registered as a trainer or second under section 20 (1) of the Act if the person is not required to be registered or licensed to carry out an activity as a trainer or second by an equivalent Australian regulatory body in the State or Territory in which the trainer or second ordinarily resides.
- (2) Any such person must provide evidence of the registration or affiliation to any combat sport inspector on request by the inspector or by the Authority.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

62 Overseas industry participants exempt from registration requirements

- (1) A person who is not ordinarily resident in Australia is exempt from the requirement to be registered as a judge, referee or timekeeper under section 20 (1) of the Act if—
 - (a) the person has been appointed by an international sporting organisation to officiate at a combat sport contest as a judge, referee or timekeeper, and
 - (b) the Authority has determined, by order published on the Authority's website, that the combat sport contest is a significant contest.
- (2) A person who is not ordinarily resident in Australia and is registered or licensed to carry out an activity as a trainer or second by an approved sporting organisation or an equivalent overseas regulatory body is exempt from the requirement to be registered as a trainer or second under section 20 (1) of the Act.
- (3) Any person referred to in this clause must provide evidence of the registration or licence to any combat sport inspector on request by the inspector or by the Authority.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

Part 13 Miscellaneous

63 Serological clearances

For the purposes of section 7 (1) (a) of the Act, the following medical conditions or diseases are specified—

- (a) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV),
- (b) Hepatitis B,

- (c) Hepatitis C.

64 Authorisation of police officers to exercise functions of combat sport inspectors

- (1) For the purposes of section 84 (3) of the Act, the Commissioner of Police may, by instrument in writing, authorise—

- (a) one or more police officers, or
(b) one or more classes of police officers,

to exercise functions conferred or imposed on combat sport inspectors by or under the Act, subject to the limitations (if any) specified in the authorisation and to the limitation specified in subclause (3).

Note—

Section 84 (3) of the Act provides that a police officer so authorised is, subject to any such limitations, taken to be a combat sport inspector.

- (2) The Commissioner of Police may, by instrument in writing, vary or revoke an authorisation.
- (3) The functions that may be exercised by police officers so authorised are those from time to time determined by the Authority.
- (4) A police officer who is authorised under this clause to exercise a function conferred or imposed on a combat sport inspector may exercise the function of the combat sport inspector under this Regulation in relation to a combat sport contest or weigh-in for a combat sport contest.
- (5) Subclause (4) applies whether or not the police officer is the combat sport inspector for the contest or weigh-in.
- (6) This clause has effect subject to any applicable limitations referred to in section 84 of the Act.

65 Waiver of fee

The Authority may waive any fee payable under this Regulation in whole or in part.

66 Penalty notices

For the purposes of section 105 of the Act—

- (a) each offence created by a provision of the Act or this Regulation specified in Column 1 of Schedule 2 is prescribed, and
- (b) the prescribed penalty for the offence is the amount specified in Column 2 of Schedule 2 opposite the relevant provision.

67 Transitional provision—applications for registration of combatants or for permit not finally determined

An application for registration as a combatant or for a permit made under the [Combat Sports Act 2008](#) and not finally determined before the commencement of this Regulation is to be dealt with in accordance with the [Combat Sports Act 2013](#) and this Regulation.

68 Transitional provisions—pending applications for registration as promoter, manager or match-maker

- (1) If an application for registration as a manager is made under the Act by an existing registered manager (but not determined by the Authority) before 31 January 2015, sections 20 and 21 of the Act are taken not to apply in relation to the applicant's carrying out of an activity as a manager or holding oneself out as being a manager until the day on which the Authority notifies the applicant that the registration has been granted or refused or the application has been treated as being withdrawn (as the case requires).
- (2) If an application for registration as a match-maker is made under the Act by an existing registered match-maker (but not determined by the Authority) before 31 January 2015, sections 20 and 21 of the Act are taken not to apply in relation to the applicant's carrying out of an activity as a match-maker or holding oneself out as being a match-maker until the day on which the Authority notifies the applicant that the registration has been granted or refused or the application has been treated as being withdrawn (as the case requires).
- (3) If an application for registration as a promoter is made under the Act by an existing registered promoter (but not determined by the Authority) before 31 January 2015, sections 20, 21 and 41 (1) (b) of the Act are taken not to apply in relation to the applicant's arranging a combat sport contest or holding oneself out as being a promoter until the day on which the Authority notifies the applicant that the registration has been granted or refused or the application has been treated as being withdrawn (as the case requires).

- (4) In this clause—

existing registered manager means a person who was, immediately before the repeal of the [Combat Sports Act 2008](#), registered as a manager.

existing registered match-maker means a person who was, immediately before the repeal of the [Combat Sports Act 2008](#), registered as a match-maker.

existing registered promoter means a person who was, immediately before the repeal of the [Combat Sports Act 2008](#), registered as a promoter.

Schedule 1 Excluded sports, martial arts and activities

(Clause 4)

1 Aikido

Aiki Kai Australia National Aikido Association

Australian Ju Jitsu Federation

International Aikido Federation

2 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Australian Ju Jitsu Federation

International Sport Karate Association (utilising the rules of the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation for both Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and No Gi Grappling)

3 Fencing

Australian Fencing Federation

Federation Internationale D'Escrime

NSW Fencing Association Inc

4 Hapkido

Australian Hapkido Association Inc

Australian Hapkido Federation Inc

Australian Ju Jitsu Federation

International Hapkido Alliance

International Hapkido Federation

5 Jousting

International Jousting Association

6 Judo

Australian Judo Union

Australian Kodokan Judo Association

International Budo Federation

International Judo Federation

Judo Federation of Australia Inc

Judo NSW

7 Ju-Jitsu (also known as Jiu-Jitsu, Ju-Jutsu and Jui-Jitsu)

Australian Ju Jitsu Federation

Ju-Jitsu International Federation

World Council of Ju-Jitsu Organisations

8 Karate

Australian Karate Federation Inc

International Sport Karate Association

Martial Arts Sports Association Inc

NSW Karate Federation

World Karate Federation

9 Kendo

Australian Kendo Renmai Inc

International Kendo Federation

Kendo Australia Pty Ltd

10 Koshiki Karatedo

International Sport Karate Federation

11 Kung Fu (Wu Shu)

International Wushu Federation

Kung Fu Wu Shu Australia Limited

Kung Fu Wushu NSW

12 Paintball

Australasian Paintball Association

Australian Paintball Association

United Paintball Federation

13 (Repealed)

14 Sumo

Australian Sumo Federation

International Sumo Federation

15 Taekwondo

International Taekwondo Federation

Sports Taekwondo Australia

Taekwondo Australia

World Taekwondo Federation

16 Wrestling

Australian Wrestling Union Inc

NSW Wrestling Association

United World Wrestling

Schedule 2 Penalty notice offences

(Clause 66)

Column 1	Column 2
Provision of the Act	Penalty
Section 9 (a)	\$880
Section 9 (b)	\$550
Section 20 (1) (a)	\$880
Section 20 (1) (b)	\$550
Section 21 (1)	\$550
Section 21 (2)	\$3,600
Section 36 (1) (a)	\$550
Section 36 (1) (b)	\$880
Section 36 (2)	\$880
Section 36 (3)	\$1,760
Section 36 (4)	\$5,500

Section 39 (1)	\$3,960
Section 39 (2)	\$5,500
Section 47	\$5,500
Section 48 (1)	\$880
Section 48 (2)	\$880
Section 49 (2)	\$880
Section 50 (1) (a)	\$550
Section 50 (1) (b)	\$550
Section 52	\$1,760
Section 53	\$5,500
Section 54	\$880
Section 55	\$550
Section 58 (1)	\$110
Section 58 (2)	\$5,500
Section 59 (1)	\$110
Section 60	\$5,500
Section 61 (4)	\$550
Section 62 (6) (a)	\$5,500
Section 62 (6) (b)	\$880
Section 69	\$550
Section 71 (6)	\$550
Section 75 (8) (a)	\$1,760
Section 75 (8) (c)	\$880
Section 89	\$550 (in the case of an individual) or \$1,100 (in the case of a corporation)
Section 90	\$1,100 (in the case of an individual) or \$2,200 (in the case of a corporation)
Section 92	\$1,100 (in the case of an individual) or \$2,200 (in the case of a corporation)
Provision of this Regulation	
Clause 13	\$220
Clause 14	\$220

Clause 16 (1)	\$220
Clause 26	\$220
Clause 27	\$220
Clause 28	\$220
Clause 29	\$220
Clause 31	\$220
Clause 32	\$220
Clause 35	\$220
Clause 37	\$220
Clause 38	\$220
Clause 39	\$220
Clause 40	\$220
Clause 41	\$220
Clause 42	\$220
Clause 43	\$220
Clause 44 (1)	\$220
Clause 44 (2)	\$220
Clause 45	\$220
Clause 50	\$220
Clause 51	\$220
Clause 52	\$220
Clause 53	\$220
Clause 54	\$220
Clause 55	\$220
Clause 56	\$220
Clause 57	\$220
Clause 61	\$220

Schedule 3 Fees

- (1) For the purposes of sections 11 (3), 23 (3) and 40 (3) of the Act, the amount of the fee payable under those subsections is the amount specified under the heading “Total” in this Schedule in relation to the application concerned.

(2) If an application for registration or for a permit—

- (a) is refused by the Authority, or
- (b) is withdrawn by the applicant before the registration or permit concerned is issued, or
- (c) is treated by the Authority as having been withdrawn,

the fee that has been paid in connection with the application is to be refunded to the applicant, except for any amount specified under the heading “Processing component” in this Schedule (which is taken to be a fee to cover the costs incurred by the Authority in processing the application concerned).

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
	Type of fee	Fixed component	Processing component	Total
1	Application for registration as a combatant who competes only in amateur combat sport contests	\$0	\$20	\$20
2	Application for registration as a combatant who competes in professional combat sport contests or both amateur combat sport contests and professional combat sport contests	\$0	\$100	\$100
3	Replacement of medical record book	\$0	\$50	\$50
4	Application for registration as a promoter, manager or match-maker	\$30	\$450	\$480
5	Application for registration as a judge, referee, timekeeper, trainer or second	\$0	\$100	\$100
6	Application for a permit to hold an amateur combat sport contest where 50 or fewer tickets are to be sold	\$0	\$100	\$100
7	Application for a permit to hold an amateur combat sport contest where 51–200 tickets are to be sold	\$50	\$200	\$250
8	Application for a permit to hold an amateur combat sport contest where more than 200 tickets are to be sold	\$200	\$200	\$400
9	Application for a permit to hold a professional combat sport contest where 500 or fewer tickets are to be sold	\$650	\$200	\$850
10	Application for a permit to hold a professional combat sport contest where 501–2,000 tickets are to be sold	\$1,800	\$200	\$2,000

11	Application for a permit to hold a professional combat sport contest where more than 2,000 tickets are to be sold	\$4,800	\$200	\$5,000
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