

## **VICTORIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**The Terms and Conditions of the Corporation of the City of Victoria Athletic Commission By-Law No. 81-54 and Amendments thereto and all Rules and Regulations of the Victoria Athletic Commission relating to the subject Professional Boxing and Wrestling contests or exhibitions in the City of Victoria.**

# VICTORIA-ESQUIMALT ATHLETIC COMMISSION

## Rules and Regulations

Governing Professional Boxing and Wrestling  
Contests And Exhibitions in The  
City of Victoria and the Municipality of Esquimalt

Whereas it has been deemed expedient to provide rules and regulations to govern Professional Boxing and Wrestling Contests and Exhibitions and persons conducting and participating in such contests and exhibitions in the City of Victoria and the Municipality of Esquimalt. The following rules and regulations are hereby approved and passed by the Athletic Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Section 689 of the Municipal Act and of By-Law No. 81-54 of the City of Victoria.

### 1. GENERAL

1. No contest or exhibition shall be held, given, promoted or permitted in the City of Victoria or the Municipality of Esquimalt by any person or persons or any club or organization unless permission for same shall have first been obtained for such show, from the Commission.
2. Every contest or exhibition held or given in the City, shall be conducted in all respects in conformity with the rules and regulations passed by the Commission August 26, 1981.
3. All applications for permission to hold a contest or exhibition must be made to the Commission in writing.
4. No permit will be granted to stage any contest or exhibition in the City of Victoria or the Municipality of Esquimalt, unless a satisfactory guarantee is provided, by the person applying for the permit, that all financial obligations involved will be liquidated.
- 4b. Although the Commission will not be involved in payment of prize money directly, the full purse and payment of officials must be secured with the Commission prior to the event to be released seven days after the conclusion of the event, unless a dispute is registered with the Commission.
5. Permits to stage a contest or exhibition in the City of Victoria and the Municipality of Esquimalt, will only be granted to a person of good character and repute, who has paid all monies due to the Commission in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, and has not by reason of any previous violation of the said Rules and Regulations, in the opinion of the Commission, forfeited his right to apply for and obtain such permit.
6. A permit hereunder will be granted only to an individual, who is duly registered hereunder, and not to any corporation, association, club, partnership, or other organization or combination of individuals, unless such permit is granted jointly with some individual who will be deemed equally and fully responsible financially and otherwise for the carrying out and observance of these Rules and Regulations .....
7. The Commission shall have power to refuse the issue of a permit for the holding of any contest or exhibition, or to cancel any such permit if the same has been already granted, unless the Commission is satisfied that the equipment used or to be used in the conduct of any such contest or exhibition, or by any person participating therein, complies with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.
8. Every permit granted pursuant to these Rules and Regulations shall be deemed to be for the current year only and shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of the year and date thereof.

9. Every person who receives a permit, pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Victoria-Esquimalt Athletic Commission, or who participates in any manner or in any capacity in a contest or exhibition held pursuant to the said Rules and Regulations shall thereby be deemed to have contracted and agreed with the Commission, and with every other person so participating therein, to abide by and to be at all times subject to the provisions of the said Rules and Regulations, whether with respect to the payment or withholding of monies, conditions of holding or participating in any contest or exhibition or otherwise howsoever. A copy of this rule shall be written or printed upon every permit issued pursuant to the said Rules and Regulations.
10. Fees as set forth in Schedule "A" to these Rules and Regulations shall be payable to and collected by the Commission from the persons mentioned therein, respectively.

### **RULES GOVERNING BOXING**

#### **2. (1) CLASSES AND WEIGHTS**

Only the following classes and weights, respectively, shall be recognized:

Flyweight	.....	112 pounds
Bantamweight	.....	118 pounds
Featherweight	.....	126 pounds
Lightweight	.....	135 pounds
Welterweight	.....	147 pounds
Middleweight	.....	160 pounds
Light Heavyweight	.....	175 pounds
Heavyweight	.....	200 pounds
Super Heavyweight	.....	Over 200 pounds

(2) The following limitations of weights are placed on all Boxing bouts:

Between Flyweight	(112 lbs.) ...	6 pounds
Between Bantamweight	(118 lbs.) ...	8 pounds
Between Featherweight	(126 lbs.) ...	9 pounds
Between Lightweight	(135 lbs.) ...	12 pounds
Between Welterweight	(147 lbs.) ...	13 pounds
Between Middleweight	(160 lbs.)	15 pounds
Between Lt. Heavyweight	(175 lbs.)	15 pounds
Between Heavyweight - everyone over 175 pounds		- no limitation

For example, a Flyweight weighting 110 pounds could not box an opponent weighting over 116 pounds; if he weighed 112 pounds, his opponent could not exceed 118 pounds, etc.

#### **3. WEIGHING TIME**

- 1) Within eight hours previous to entering the ring the two contestants shall be weighed on the club scales in the presence of a member or representative of the Commission and the promoter or his representative who shall submit to the referee over his own signature the weights of the boxers, or by special agreement, the weighing may be carried out in the dressing room of the Arena in the presence of any member of the Commission.

- 2) In case of the overweight of any contestant, he shall be allowed one hour in which to make the required weight. Provided a contestant shall fail to make the weight stipulated under his contract, his opponent shall nevertheless proceed with the contest, unless in the opinion of the Commission, or its representative in the contest, the difference in weight is too great to do justice to both contestants.

Any contestant who fails to make the weight called for in his contract shall forfeit his "weight-forfeit."

### **3a. WEIGHT-FORFEIT**

- 1) The Commission may require the posting of forfeit fees by boxers, either in cash or certified cheque, to guarantee appearance or making of weight. If said person fails to appear or make agreed upon weight, the Commission may impose a fine on all or any part of the forfeit money. Such money withheld shall be deposited with the Commission.
- 2) Where the person under contract to take part in the professional boxing contest or exhibition does not make the weight required under the contract, his opponent shall be entitled to the weight forfeit set out in the contract.

### **4. NUMBER AND DURATION OF ROUNDS**

No Professional Boxing Bout shall be of more than Ten Rounds and each round shall be of not more than Three Minutes duration, with One Minute intermission between each round, without special permission of the Commission, except where National Championships are at stake, when the maximum number of rounds may be Fifteen and each round shall be of not more than Three Minutes duration, with One Minute intermission between each round.

### **5. RING**

To be of not less than 18 feet square or more than 20 feet square within the ropes, the ring floor to extend beyond the ropes to a distance of not less than 18 inches. The ring posts shall be not nearer to the ring ropes than 18 inches. The ring floor shall be padded with felt, corrugated paper, matting or other soft material to the thickness of not less than one inch, extending one foot beyond the ring ropes, with the top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to ring platform. Material then tends to gather in lumps must not be used.

### **6. HEIGHT OF RING**

Shall be of not more than 4 feet above the floor of the building and shall be provided with suitable steps for the use of the contestants. Ring posts shall be made of metal not more than 3 inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to height of 58 inches above ring floor.

### **7. RING ROPES**

Shall be three in number, not less than one inch in diameter, the lower rope 18 inches above the ring floor, the second rope 35 inches above the floor, the third rope 52 inches above the floor. Ropes shall be wrapped in soft material.

## **8. GONG**

A heavily constructed bell of not less than ten inches in diameter, to be adjusted securely on a level with the ring platform, the timer to use a metal hammer in indicating the beginning and the end of rounds, so that the contestants and referee can hear the sound of the bell.

## **9. OBSTRUCTIONS**

The entire ring platform shall be cleared of all obstructions, including buckets, stools, etc., the instant the gong indicates the beginning of the round; and none of these articles shall be placed on the ring floor until the gong has sounded the end of the round.

## **10. GLOVES**

- 1) Gloves are to be examined by referee. If padding is found to be misplaced or lumpy or if found to be imperfect, shall be changed before contest starts.
- 2) No breaking, roughing or twisting of gloves shall be permitted. Gloves for all main events shall be new, to be furnished by the promoter.
- 3) Each contestant shall wear gloves weighing not less than eight ounces.

## **11. WATER BUCKETS, ETC.**

There shall be provided by the promoter, a sufficient number of buckets for the use of all contestants. Promoter also shall provide fans, powdered resin for canvas, stools for seconds and such other articles as are required in the conduct of the contest.

## **12. OFFICIALS**

- 1) Shall consist of a Referee, at least two Judges, a Timekeeper, Announcer and a Physician. At the discretion of the Commission, the Referee may be appointed as a third Judge.
- 2) Every official taking part in any contest or exhibition shall, in its discretion, be approved by the Commission.
- 3) No Promoter, Manager or Trainer may act as an official at any Show and no official shall have any personal financial interest in any such show, either directly or indirectly.

## **13. REFEREE**

1. The chief official of every Show shall be the referee, who shall have general supervision thereof and shall take his position in the ring.
2. The Referee shall not permit any contestant to take part in any contest until he has received a certificate from the physician that such contestant is in fit physical condition to engage in such contest.
3. The referee shall, before starting a contest, ascertain from each contestant the name of his chief second and shall hold said chief second responsible for the conduct of his assistant seconds during the progress of the contest.
4. The referee shall, before starting a contest, call contestants together for final instructions, at which time each contestant shall be accompanied by his chief second only. The principals, after receiving instructions, shall shake hands and retire to their corners. They shall not again shake hands until the beginning of the last round.

5. No persons, other than the referees and the contestants, may enter the ring during the progress of the round.
6. The referee shall inspect the bandages and gloves and make sure that no foreign substances have been applied to either the gloves or the bodies of boxers to the detriment of an opponent.
7. The referee shall have the power:
  - a) To stop a bout or contest at any stage and make a decision if he considers it too one-sided;
  - b) To stop a bout or contest if he considers the competitors are not earnest. In this case, he may disqualify one or both contestants.
  - c) To disqualify a contestant who commits a foul and to award decision to opponent.
8. The referee shall not touch the contestants except on the failure of one or both contestants to obey the break command.
9. When a contestant is “down”, the referee shall wave his opponent to the furthest corner of the ring, pointing to the corner and immediately begin the count over the boxer who is down, taking the time from the timekeeper and indicating the count by a motion of his arm. If the contestant fails to rise before the count of ten, the referee shall declare him a loser. A compulsory count of eight must be taken by every boxer who is floored by a punch and he must take the count, whether reclining or standing.
10. Should the contestant who is “down” arise before the count of ten is reached and again go down intentionally, without being struck, the referee shall resume the count where it left off.
11. Should a contestant leave the ring during the one-minute period between rounds and fail to be in the ring when the gong rings to resume boxing, the Referee shall count him out, the same as if he were “down”.
12. If a contestant who has been knocked or has fallen out of the ring during a contest, fails to be on his feet in the ring before the expiration of twenty seconds, the Referee shall count him out as if he were “down”. A contestant who has fallen or been knocked out of the ring must return to the ring unassisted.
13. When a contestant is “down”, his opponent shall retire to the farthest corner and remain there until the count is completed. Should he fail to do so, the Referee shall cease counting until he has so retired.
14. The Referee shall decide all questions arising during a contest which are not specifically covered by these rules.
15. The Referee shall have power in his discretion to declare forfeited any prize, remuneration or purse, or any part thereof belonging to the contestants or one of them, or any part of the gate receipts for which said contestants are competing if, in his judgement, such contestant or contestants are not honestly or fairly competing.
16. It is the desire of the Commission to strictly enforce the above and every Referee is hereby requested to inform each contestant of his power and authority to hold up their purse should he, in his judgement, believe that either or both were stalling or a party to a fake show of their ability as a boxer or wrestler.
17. The Referee shall notify Promoter of all fines, and the amount of same, imposed by him or any contestant directly after the contest during which such fine was imposed and shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after such contest, report all such fines to the Commission.
18. Any Referee failing to familiarize himself with the rules is liable to permanent suspension.

#### **14. JUDGES**

1. Two Judges shall be stationed at opposite sides of the ring.

2. It shall be the duty of the Judges to watch every phase of the bout and to make a decision, if the contest lasts the limit of the rounds scheduled.
3. They shall be ready at all times, if requested by Referee, to assist in deciding whether fouls have been committed and may bring any other points to the attention of the Referee at the end of the round.
4. Decisions shall be based primarily on effectiveness, taking into account the following points:
  - a) A clean forceful hit, landed on any vulnerable part of the body above the belt should be credited in proportion to its damaging effect.
  - b) Aggressiveness is next in importance and points should be awarded to the contestant who sustains the action of a round by the greatest number of skillful attacks.
  - c) Defensive work is relatively important and points should be given for cleverly avoiding or blocking a blow.
  - d) Points should be awarded where ring generalship is conspicuous. This comprises such points as the ability to quickly grasp and take advantage of every opportunity offered, the capacity to cope with all kinds of situations which may arise, to foresee and neutralize any opponent's method of attack, to force an opponent to adopt a style of boxing at which he is not particularly skillful.
  - e) It is advisable to deduct points when the contestant persistently delays the action of a contest by clinching and lack of aggressiveness.
  - f) Points should be deducted for a foul even though it is unintentional and not of a serious enough nature to warrant disqualification.
  - g) A contestant should be given credit for sportsmanlike actions in the ring, close adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules and for refraining from taking technical advantage of situations unfair to an opponent.
  - h) In order to arrive at a true conclusion, every point should be carefully observed and noted as the contest progresses, the decision going to the contestant who scores the greatest number of effective points regardless of the number of rounds won or lost.
5. Ten points shall be the Maximum number awarded to a boxer in any one round.
6. When neither contestant has a decided margin in effectiveness, the winner shall be determined on points scored and the amount of aggressiveness shown.

#### **15. THE TIMEKEEPER**

1. Must be seated outside the ring close to the gong.
2. He shall indicate the beginning and ending of each round by striking the gong with a hammer.
3. He shall provide himself with a whistle and a stopwatch, which shall have been examined and certified as being accurate before the bout.
4. Ten seconds before the beginning of each round, the Timekeeper shall give warnings to the seconds and contestants, by the blowing of his whistle.
5. In the event of the contest terminating before the scheduled limit of rounds, the Timekeeper shall inform the Announcer of the exact duration of the contest.
6. No person shall be allowed to be seated at the ringside where the judges are located, at a distance of less than six feet from the judges. When a knockdown occurs, the Timekeeper shall immediately arise and

announce the seconds as they elapse. The Referee shall first see that the opponent retires to the furthest corner of the ring and then, turning to the Timekeeper, shall pack up the count in unison with the Timekeeper, announcing the seconds to the boxer who is “down”. Should the boxer who is on his feet fail to stay in the corner, the Referee and the Timekeeper shall cease counting until he has so retired. At the tenth second of the count, the Referee shall shout the word “Out”.

7. In all Bouts, the count will continue over a fallen boxer after the bell to terminate the end of a round, except in the final round of a contest.

## **16. “DOWN”**

1. A CONTESTANT SHALL BE DEEMED “DOWN” WHEN:
  - a) Any part of his body other than his feet is on the ring floor.
  - b) He is hanging helplessly over the ropes.
  - c) Rising from “down” position.
  - d) A boxer, hanging over the ropes, is not officially “down” until so pronounced by the referee, who can count the boxer out either on the ropes or on the floor.
  - e) If a fighter is knocked through the ropes into the laps of the spectators at ringside, the boxer shall be allowed 20 seconds, instead of 10 seconds, to clamber back into the ring. If he is not on his feet, ready to resume the fight, he shall be declared out.
  - f) A contestant may go down through accident or weakness, but must rise instantly. If he is sent down by a blow, he may remain down until the count of “nine” without being disqualified.
  - g) Referees in boxing and sparring matches or exhibitions shall, in rendering their decisions, consider and declare a contestant to be ‘KNOCKED OUT’ when a man is unable, after being knocked down, to arise unaided inside of ten seconds and a boxer, who is in distress but still on his feet and the referee intercedes to save him or, if while in his corner his manager and seconds throw in the sponge, the decision shall be ‘STOPPED IN SO MANY ROUNDS.’
2. When a contestant’s CHIEF SECOND considers the chance of winning hopeless, he may signify his willingness to have the bout stopped by tossing a towel into the ring.

## **17. FOULS**

The following shall be deemed fouls within the meaning of these rules:

1. Hitting below the belt.
2. Hitting an opponent who is down or who is getting up after being down.
3. Holding an opponent or deliberately maintaining a clinch.
4. Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other hand.
5. Butting with the head or shoulder or using the knee.
6. Hitting with inside or butt of the hand, the wrist or the elbow.
7. Hitting or “flicking” with the open glove.
8. Wrestling or roughing at the ropes.
9. Purposely going down without being hit.
10. Striking deliberately on that part of the body over the kidneys.
11. The use of the pivot blow and rabbit punch.

12. Jabbing opponent's eyes with the thumb of the glove.
13. All back-hand blows.
14. The use of abusive or profane language.
15. The failure to obey the Referee and any unsportsmanlike trick or action likely to cause injury to an opponent.

#### **18. NOTES TO REFEREES AND JUDGES**

1. It is the intention of the Commission to enforce clean and sportsmanlike Boxing and Wrestling and to prevent injuries to contestants through the use of unfair methods. Foul practices indulged in are a distinct injury to all sports. Referees must not permit unfair tactics, which may cause injury to a contestant, or be detrimental to sport and they are to be held strictly responsible for the enforcement of these Rules.

**NOTE:** In the awarding of points, Referees and Judges must take cognizance of, and be guided by, the manner in which contestants conform to the Rules.

2. The Referee must immediately disqualify a contestant who is guilty of committing a deliberate foul, or an unintentional foul, which injures his opponent in a manner which impairs his ability to continue unhandicapped and award the decision to the man who has been fouled.
3. In cases where a bout has been halted on account of a foul having been committed, but it is decided that the bout may be continued, the boxer who committed the foul shall be penalized with the loss of the round.
4. In cases where a low blow has been struck, (a blow below the belt) the boxer who is guilty of the offence shall be penalized with the loss of the round, regardless of whether the bout has to be halted or not.
5. When minor fouls are committed, such as hitting or flicking with the open glove, clinching or prolonging clinching after warning has been given, the Referee will punish persistent disregard of the Rules at his discretion, by deducting points, fining or disqualifying the offending boxer.

THE ONLY "FAIR BLOW" IS A BLOW DELIVERED WITH THE PADDED KNUCKLES OF THE CLOSED GLOVE AND IT MUST LAND ABOVE THE BELT (WHICH IS WAIST HIGH AT THE NAVEL).

6. a) A rabbit punch is any blow struck at the back of the neck, near the base of the skull and is positively barred as being a dangerous blow. A blow landed on the head behind the ear or on the side of the head as an opponent turns his head to avoid the blow, is not a rabbit punch. Any deliberate attempt to use the rabbit punch must be penalized.
  - b) The kidney punch is any blow delivered on that part of the back near the spine and over the kidneys and is strictly barred because it may produce permanent injury. Any deliberate attempt to use a kidney punch must be penalized.
  - c) The pivot blow is a blow delivered by whirling around and striking an opponent with the side or back of the hand or the wrist. The pivot blow is a dangerous blow and a boxer making use of it must be penalized.
  - d) Holding with one hand and striking with the other is classed as a major foul as the contestant struck is unable to avoid, or move with the blow to break its force. Referees must warn contestants that holding with one hand and hitting with the other will not be tolerated and will be strictly penalized.
  - e) Butting with the top of the head or the side of the head is likely to cause cuts over an opponent's eyebrows and other injuries affecting the outcome of the contest and must not be permitted. A boxer who goes in head down and leans his head against an opponent when in-fighting, is butting.
  - f) Thumbing or jabbing at an opponent's eyes with the thumb of the glove has frequently caused serious injuries to the eyes. Referees shall be on the alert for offenses of this nature and penalize a contestant who resorts to such tactics.
7. If a contestant is helpless on the ropes, the Referee must instantly intervene and declare the helpless boxer "Down" and proceed with the count as in the case of a knock-down.

ALL BOUTS MUST BE HELD UNDER CLEAN BREAK RULES AND REFEREES MUST STRICTLY ENFORCE THIS RULE.

#### **19. SECONDS**

1. a) Seconds shall not be more than two in number. They shall not coach principals either by word or gesture during the progress of rounds.
  - b) Seconds must remain seated and silent during rounds and shall not, during the progress of rounds, throw water on a principal or in any other way assist him.
  - c) Hand fans shall be used between rounds, the swinging of towels being prohibited.
  - d) Seconds shall not enter the ring until the timer indicates the termination of a round and are prohibited from spraying or forcefully throwing water on a contestant. Seconds shall leave ring enclosure at the sound of timer's whistle ten seconds before the beginning of each round. They shall leave the ring platform and remove all obstructions, buckets, stools, etc. promptly when the gong sounds for the beginning of each round.
2. Violation of the above provisions shall be followed by the ejection of offenders from the ring corner and may result in the disqualification of their principal by the Referee.

#### **20. ANNOUNCER**

Shall announce the names of contestants, their correct weights, collect decision slips and announce decisions of the Referee and Judges and other matters as directed by the Commission or Promoter. All decision slips collected by him in each contest shall be delivered by him to the Commission. Facilities for announcing each round by number shall be provided by the Promoter.

## **21. CLUB PHYSICIAN**

1. Within eight hours of entering the ring, each contestant must be given a thorough medical examination by a physician who has been licensed to practice in the Province of British Columbia.
2. He shall certify to the Referee, in writing, over his signature that the contestants are in fit physical condition to engage in such contest.
3. Said physician or other qualified physician shall be in attendance during the contest prepared to deal with any emergency which may arise. B.C. Ambulance Service, with 2 attendants, is mandatory at the facility. Resuscitation equipment is mandatory at ringside.
4. The use of any Solution, Drug or Compound, for the purpose of stopping hemorrhage during the boxing bout, shall be at the sole discretion of the physician in attendance.
5. The Commission desires that particular attention be paid to the condition of the heart, also both hands. The eyes must not be overlooked.
6. If a boxer has been knocked out or if a technical knockout decision has been rendered against him by a referee, such person shall be automatically suspended for 30 days. Such person shall make written application for reinstatement and submit medical proof of his physical wellbeing.
7. In the case of an actual knockout, the period of suspension may be extended upon the advice of the Commission's Medical Examiner.
8. Any boxer who sustains two successive knockouts within a period of 90 days shall be automatically suspended for 60 days and the period of suspension may be extended at the discretion of the Commission.

## **22. CONTESTANTS**

1. Shall report to the promoter at the place of contest at least one-half hour before entering the ring. Shall box in proper ring costume including "FOUL-PROOF CUP" (CAST ALUMINUM CUPS PROHIBITED), all of which shall be firmly adjusted before entering the ring. Contestants must wear trunks, which must reach at least half way down the knee and thigh. Tights will not be permitted. The belt of the trunks shall not extend above the waist line. Shoes shall be of soft material and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles or hard heels. No other apparel than above specified shall be worn in the ring, except a bathrobe.
2.
  - a) No contestant under the age of 19 years, shall be permitted to participate in any Professional Boxing Bout.
  - b) No contestant under the age of 21 years shall be permitted to engage in a Professional Boxing Bout of more than six three-minute rounds' duration.
3. Gloves shall be adjusted in the dressing room or ring under the supervision of a representative of the Commission, the laces to be knotted on the back of the wrist or as Referee dictates.
4. The use of grease or other substances, which might handicap an opponent, is prohibited. Contestants must present a tidy appearance and must be cleanly shaved.

5. Any contestant absenting himself from a contest for which he has signed or been signed by his manager to appear, without a good and proper excuse or furnishing a doctor's certificate in case of illness, may be suspended for such length of time as the Commission may determine.
6. Any boxer suspended by a Commission in any other jurisdiction will not be granted a license by the Victoria-Esquamalt Athletic Commission until the said suspension is lifted, nor will he be allowed to participate in any show while the said suspension remains in effect.

### **23. BANDAGES**

Shall be restricted to soft surgical bandage not more than six (6) feet in length and 2 inches in width, held in place by not more than two feet of surgeon's tape, for each hand. These bandages shall be adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of both contestants or as a representative of the Boxing Commission shall dictate.

### **24. PROMOTERS**

1.
  - a) Promoters of Boxing or Wrestling Shows shall be responsible for the payment of all contestants, officials and help, for the payment of the rent of halls or buildings engaged or employed by them and all other expenses contracted by them in connection with any and all shows promoted or conducted.
  - b) Promoters shall be responsible for all the details necessary to keep boxing and wrestling on a level that will give the sport a clean and healthy environment.
  - c) Promoters shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining good order in and about the premises used by them for any boxing or wrestling exhibition and for the proper conduct for all such exhibitions and shall keep and maintain a sufficient staff of servants for that purpose.
  - d) Promoters shall see that all exhibitions commence on time and that there are no unnecessary delays between bouts.
2.
  - a) Promoters shall not pay to any contestant, the remuneration or any part thereof, due to him for taking part in any contest before such contest has taken place.
  - b) A promoter, before paying any contestant the remuneration due to him or any part thereof, shall first apply such remuneration toward payment of any fines imposed by the Commission upon and payable by such contestant, and a promoter shall be liable to pay the balance only (if any) to such contestant.
3. Promoters of all Professional Boxing and Professional Wrestling Shows shall be required to provide free access for the members of the Commission and/or their representatives, to all such shows, which come under the jurisdiction of the Commission with a minimum of 12 ringside seats.
4. The Promoter hereby indemnifies and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Commission in respect of any and all claims, demands, actions, suits and costs arising out of any act or omission of the Promoter or of any servant, agent or officer of the Promoter arising out of or resulting from the use of the Facility by the Promoter.
5. The Promoter shall, at least 96 hours before the first date mentioned on his license, deliver to the Commission a policy of insurance issued by an insurer, licensed to carry on the business of insurance in the Province of British Columbia whereby the insurer agrees to indemnify the Promoter, his servants and agents, in an amount of not less than \$3,000,000.00 in respect of any claims that may be made by the Commission or by any other person as a result of negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Promoter, his servants or agents, in respect of anything done or omitted to be done in the premises described in the License on the days mentioned in the License.

6. IN THE EVENT OF A CONTESTANT WHO HAS BEEN ADVERTISED TO APPEAR IN THE “MAIN EVENT” OF EITHER A PROFESSIONAL BOXING SHOW OR A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING SHOW, NOT BEING ABLE TO FULFIL HIS ENGAGEMENT AND IT IS PROPOSED TO USE A SUBSTITUTE IN HIS PLACE, EVERY REASONABLE MEANS MUST BE TAKEN BY THE PROMOTER THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE PRESS AND THE RADIO TO INFORM THE PATRONS OF THE SUBSTITUTION AND THE ANNOUNCER MUST BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUBSTITUTION (BEFORE THE SHOW COMMENCES) IN ORDER ANY PATRONS WHO SO DESIRE MAY HAVE THEIR ADMISSION CHARGE REFUNDED.
7. Whenever the Referee or Commission stops a contest for any infraction of the rules of the Commission, the Promoter shall not pay the contestants in such contest any monies due them – until authorized to do so by the Commission.
8. The Promoter shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$100.00 if the boxing card does not commence at the designated time.
9. Promoters shall sign and have signed by themselves and any contestant whom they propose to engage, or the duly authorized manager of such contestant, a contract in triplicate (one of which shall be retained by the promoter, one by the contestant or his manager and the other shall be given to the Secretary of the Commission before the contestant shall engage in the bout) as follows:

**25. CONTRACT**

1. The contract referred to in the preceding clause shall be in the following form or to the like effect:

The promoter engages the contestant and the contestant agrees to box \_\_\_\_\_ rounds at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_, subject to the rules and regulations of the Victoria-Esquimalt Athletic Commission.

The promoter shall pay to the contestant \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the gross gate receipts, after license fees are deducted.

It is agreed that the contestants shall each weigh not more than \_\_\_\_\_ pounds 8 hours before entering the ring.

The contestant further agrees to appear not later than \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. on the day of the contest and submit to a physical examination by an authorized physician.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Promoter

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant

2. Signed contracts of the principals for the MAIN EVENT and preliminaries must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission (7) days before the date set for the contests, provided however, that the Commission may allow a substitute to be engaged on shorter notice.
3. If, for any reason, a contestant is unable to compete according to the terms of his contract, his original opponent shall take on as opponent a substitute, upon such terms as the Commission shall deem suitable

and the terms of the original contract shall be amended accordingly and shall otherwise remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

4. Any contestant who shall enter into any contest prior to the one he had contracted to take part in, or who is defeated, or who shall in any way do anything calculated to lessen his value or efficiency for performance on the occasion for which he signed the said original contract, shall be liable at the option of the promoter to have his contract rescinded without any compensation.
5. The Commission, however, shall be the sole judges as to whether or not the contestant has, by his conduct, lessened his value or efficiency for the contracted performance.

## **26. LICENSES**

1. No person shall carry on within the City of Victoria or the Municipality of Esquimalt any of the following businesses, callings, trades or occupations namely:
2. Manager, Promoter, Boxer, Wrestler, Competitor, Second, Timekeeper, Judge, Referee or other person carrying on duties in connection with boxing, wrestling or full contract karate:

Unless and until he has obtained from the Victoria-Esquimalt Athletic Commission, a license so to do in form prescribed by the Commission and has paid to the Commission the required license fee as set out in Schedule "A".

No License Fee shall be charged Judges, Timekeepers or Announcers.

3. A license as professional boxer or karate competitor shall not be issued to any individual 36 years or older without the express approval of the Commission.
4. Referees, Boxers, Managers and Seconds shall produce their current license issued by the Commission at the weigh-in.
5. Licenses for Boxers, Managers, Seconds and all Officials are issued for the calendar year and expire December 31 each year.

### **NOTE**

THE FOREGOING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ALL OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL, WHENEVER AND WHEREVER APPLICABLE, BE BINDING UPON ALL PROMOTERS AND CONTESTANTS AND SHALL GOVERN THE PROMOTION OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS AS WELL AS BOXING CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS AND ALL PROMOTERS AND CONTESTANTS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR TAKING PART IN ANY BOXING OR WRESTLING CONTEST OR EXHIBITION.

**“SO YOU THINK YOU’RE TOUGH” MATCHES**

City Council, at its meeting of January 16, 1995, approved these matches taking place in City of Victoria facilities subject to the City's liability being covered at the promoter's expense as follows:

- A legal waiver from any participant, signed prior to participating in the event, which has the effect of waiving any and all possible legal claims against the City or the Commission.
- An indemnification provided by the organizer in favour of the City against any claims if they arise.
- Sufficient liability insurance in the amount of \$3,000,000 to insure that the indemnification be enforced.

**Additional Requirements**

1. Matches will consist of maximum of three rounds consisting of 1 ½ Minutes each.
2. Head gear is mandatory.
3. B.C. Ambulance Service, with 2 attendants, is mandatory at the facility.
4. Resuscitation equipment is mandatory at ringside.
5. Commission must be provided with complete details of fighters’ history, experience, age and names.
6. Officials are to be licensed.
7. Novices are only allowed to be matched with Novices.
8. Contestants fighting in a fight off must have had previous experience to a level satisfactory to the Commission.

**VICTORIA-ESQUIMALT ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**F E E S**

**BOXING**

**PROMOTERS**

An Annual License Fee of	\$ 100.00
Permit Fee per event	100.00

**CONTESTANTS (Boxers & Managers)**

An Annual License Fee of	\$ 10.00
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**REFEREES AND CONTESTANT'S SECONDS**

An Annual License Fee of	\$ 10.00
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**EVERY PROMOTER** OF ANY Boxing Contest and/or Exhibition shall pay, in addition to the above license fees, a fee for each and every seat provided for the public at such contest and/or exhibition of .02

**WRESTLING**

**PROMOTERS**

An Annual License Fee of	\$ 100.00
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**EVERY PROMOTER** of any Wrestling Contest and/or Exhibition shall pay, in addition to the above license fees, a fee for each and every seat provided for the public at such contest and/or exhibition of .02

This Schedule "A" shall be effective as of August 17, 1981.

Passed and approved by the Victoria Athletic Commission of the City of Victoria this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1981 to take effect on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1981.

Chairman



**SAMPLE ONLY**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, B.C.

**VICTORIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION LICENSE**

(This notice becomes a license when officially numbered, signed and stamped Paid by the Victoria Athletic Commission)

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE UNDERMENTIONED ATHLETIC LICENSE FEE IS DUE AND PAYABLE BY YOU ON THE DUE DATE AS SHOWN AND IS VALID FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 20 \_\_\_\_**

**PARTICULARS**

AMOUNT

Both copies of this notice must accompany payment.

If payment is made by cheque, make payable to Victoria Athletic Commission c/o 633 Pandora Ave. Victoria, B.C. V8W 1N8

**This license is subject to the terms and conditions of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, Victoria Athletic Commission By-Law No. 81-54 and Amendments thereto and all Rules and Regulations of the Victoria Athletic Commission relating to the subject Professional Boxing and Wrestling contests or exhibitions in the City of Victoria.**



**SAMPLE ONLY**

CITY OF VICTORIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

**PERMIT**

**TO HOLD BOXING OR WRESTLING CONTEST OR EXHIBITION**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

having satisfied the requirements of the Victoria Athletic Commission in that respect is hereby authorized to stage a

\_\_\_\_\_ contest or exhibition at  
(Boxing) (Wrestling)  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the City of Victoria

This permit is issued subject to the above undertaking to comply with the rules and regulations of the Victoria Athletic Commission

Every person who receives a permit, pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Victoria Athletic Commission, or who participates in any manner or in any capacity in a contest or exhibition held pursuant to the said Rules and Regulations shall thereby be deemed to have contracted and agreed with the Commission, and with every other person so participating therein, to abide by and to be at all times subject to the provisions of the said Rules and Regulations, whether with respect to payment or withholding of monies, conditions of holding or participating in any contest or exhibition or otherwise howsoever

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Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Dated at the City of Victoria this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 20 \_\_\_\_\_