



## **POLICY #7**

### **Edmonton Combative Sports Policy: Fighter Pro Debut Criteria**

#### **Description**

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (ECSC) is always concerned about contestant safety. The ECSC has a stringent pre-fight medical evaluation of all contestants intended, in part, to reduce the risk of serious injury to combative sport contestants competing in Edmonton. In addition to the pre-fight medical requirements, part of the ECSC's due diligence in the prevention of serious injuries to fight contestants is a review and approval of contestants wishing to make their pro fight debut in Edmonton. The promoter must first receive approval from the ECSC that the contestant wishing to make his pro debut is qualified to do so.

#### **Rationale**

Serious injury and even death is a concern of the ECSC in any combative sport licensed in Edmonton. The ECSC, in doing its due diligence in screening contestants, requires promoters to supply information supporting the selection of an MMA, Boxing or Muaythai contestant wishing to make his/her pro debut. Contestants must be in sufficient physical shape, with proven experience in training of their discipline (MMA, Boxing, Muaythai) in offensive and defensive skills, to reduce the risk in fighting in professional combative sports.

#### **Procedure**

Contestants wishing to make their pro debut in professional combative sport in Edmonton will not be licensed to fight, without prior approval from the ECSC.

The promoter must submit the following information to the ECSC for approval of a contestant wishing to make his/her pro debut in a combative sport in Edmonton:

1. The fighter's official birth name and any aliases, age, home town and amateur fight record (if one exists, including dates, locations, opponents and outcomes for the most recent five (5) amateur fights).
2. For contestants (MMA, Boxing, Muaythai) who do not have an amateur record in their discipline, the promoter must also include proof that the contestant has been training regularly for a minimum of six (6) months (minimum three (3) days a week) with a

qualified trainer/coach in the discipline in which they wish to compete (MMA, Boxing, Muaythai). This proof must include:

- a) the name and address of the gym where the contestant has been training,
  - b) a statement from the qualified trainer/coach stating his/her own coach/trainer qualifications,
  - c) a statement from the qualified trainer/coach stating that he/she considers the contestant to be in sufficiently good cardiovascular shape, with both offensive and defensive skills in their fight discipline (MMA, Boxing, Muaythai), to fight professionally in that discipline, and
  - d) the contact information (phone, fax, e-mail address) of the coach/trainer.
3. The coach/trainer must be recognized as a qualified coach/trainer by the ECSC before the recommendation of the coach/trainer will be considered.
  4. Promoters who provide inaccurate fight records for contestants/fighters on their fight cards may lose their licenses and they will be assessed a financial penalty against their performance bond.

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