



POLICY #10

Edmonton Combative Sports Policy: Ringside Privileges

Description

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (ECSC) controls the Technical Zone around the ring/cage at every combative sports event. The Technical Zone is the working area for event officials. It is also the entrance and exit area for the contestants and their designated seconds to reach the ring/cage. It is an area to which access is a privilege, not a right, for anyone not a working official or a contestant, second or Commission member.

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to regulate access to the Technical Zone at combative sports events licensed by the ECSC.

Procedure

1. The Technical Zone is controlled solely by the ECSC;
2. Admission to the Technical Zone is controlled at events by the Ring General and the Executive Director;
3. The Technical Zone must be clear for contestants and their seconds to access the ring/cage and cannot be encumbered;
4. The Technical Zone varies in width depending on the venue used. It can range from a narrow zone of 7 ft. in diameter to 11 ft. in diameter on all sides of the ring/cage;
5. The medical ringside physicians are normally located in a neutral corner (so a referee can confer with them if need be during an event without corner staff listening in) and these ringside physicians need an uncontested path to ringside when a contestant is down; hence the most important requirement for keeping a minimum of seated individuals in the path of physicians on that side of the ring/cage.
6. Guest Commission members from other jurisdictions may be invited into the Technical Zone or just outside the Technical Zone when visiting an ECSC event.

7. On occasion, the ECSC and/or the Executive Director may invite a special guest to sit in the Technical Zone for a specific event. Such a request has to be discussed and approved by the Ring General assigned that evening and is only possible if there is sufficient space on the one side where contestants or physicians do not pass in accessing the ring/cage.
8. There is no alcohol permitted in the Technical Zone.
9. The Executive Director selects the working officials for each combative event. The Executive Director and Ring General work together on the seating arrangement in the Technical Zone. Requests from promoters or their guests for media to sit ringside will be decided by the Ring General and the Executive Director. Sitting ringside is a privilege, not a right. Approval for anyone, other than event working officials, ECSC members, contestants and their seconds, is left to the discretion of the Executive Director in consultation with the Ring General on an event by event basis.
10. The privilege to sit ringside will be removed should an individual violate the privilege by interfering with the workings of the ECSC or any of its officials. The Executive Director or the Ring General may remove the privilege to sit ringside for an indefinite period. It is left to the discretion of the ECSC to decide when a privilege that has been withdrawn is returned.
11. All Seconds:
 - a) Must remain seated during the fight;
 - b) Must towel off water/sweat/excess Vaseline from their competitor;
 - c) Must keep cheering/yelling/providing verbal instruction respectful and without swearing or addressing the other fighter or his/her corner staff;
 - d) Must obey assigned Inspectors at all times.

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