

523 CMR: STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

523 CMR 13.00: WEIGHT CLASSES, WEIGH-INS, PRE- AND POST-FIGHT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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13.01: Boxers: Weight Classes; Weight Differences; Weight Loss after Weigh-in

- (1) The weight classes for boxers and the weights for each class are shown in the following schedule:
 - (a) Strawweight up to 105 lbs.
 - (b) Light-Flyweight over 105 to 108 lbs.
 - (c) Flyweight over 108 to 112 lbs.
 - (d) Super Flyweight over 112 to 115 lbs.
 - (e) Bantamweight over 115 to 118 lbs.
 - (f) Super Bantamweight over 118 to 122 lbs.
 - (g) Featherweight over 122 to 126 lbs.
 - (h) Super Featherweight over 126 to 130 lbs.
 - (i) Lightweight over 130 to 135 lbs.
 - (j) Super Lightweight over 135 to 140 lbs.
 - (k) Welterweight over 140 to 147 lbs.
 - (l) Super Welterweight over 147 to 154 lbs.
 - (m) Middleweight over 154 to 160 lbs.
 - (n) Super Middleweight over 160 to 168 lbs.
 - (o) Light-heavyweight over 168 to 175 lbs.
 - (p) Cruiserweight over 175 to 195 lbs.
 - (q) Heavyweight all over 195 lbs.

- (2) No boxing contest or exhibition may be scheduled, and no boxer may engage in a boxing contest or exhibition, without the approval of the Commission if the difference in weight between boxers exceeds the allowance shown in the following schedule:
 - (a) up to 118 lbs not more than 3 lbs.
 - (b) 118 lbs.-126 lbs not more than 5 lbs.
 - (c) 126 lbs.-135 lbs not more than 7 lbs.
 - (d) 135 lbs.-147 lbs not more than 9 lbs.
 - (e) 147 lbs.-160 lbs not more than 11 lbs.
 - (f) 160 lbs.-175 lbs not more than 12 lbs.
 - (g) 175 lbs.-195 lbs not more than 20 lbs.
 - (h) 195 lbs. and over no limit.

13.02: Mixed Martial Arts Weight Classes; Weight Loss after Weigh-in

- (1) The weight classes for mixed martial arts combatants and the weights for each class are shown in the following schedule:
 - (a) Flyweight up to 125 lbs.
 - (b) Bantamweight over 125 to 135 lbs.
 - (c) Featherweight over 135 to 145 lbs.
 - (d) Lightweight over 145 to 155 lbs.
 - (e) Welterweight over 155 to 170 lbs.
 - (f) Middleweight over 170 to 185 lbs.

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- (g) Light Heavyweight over 185 to 205 lbs.
- (h) Heavyweight over 205 to 265 lbs.
- (i) Super Heavyweight all over 265 lbs.

13.03: Unarmed Combatants Required to Submit to Weigh-in and Physical Examinations

An unarmed combatant is subject to an order by the Commission to appear at any time to be:

- (1) Weighed; or
- (2) Examined by any physician whom the Commission may designate.

13.04: Pre-fight Weigh-in and Physical Examination

(1) The Commission must personally weigh-in all unarmed combatants within 36 hours of a scheduled contest. The promoter shall schedule the site, date, and time for the weigh-in and physical examinations which shall be subject to the approval of the Commission. The unarmed combatant must have all weights stripped from their body before they are weighed in, but may wear shorts (and top for females).

(2) An unarmed combatant who fails to make weight shall be given up to one hour after the weigh-in to lose a maximum of two pounds.

(3) The Commission may permit a one pound allowance in the contract weight except in the case of a title fight.

(4) The physician shall examine each unarmed combatant thoroughly before the contest, giving particular attention to the heart, lungs, pulse, blood pressure, eyes, and any indication of hernia. A special in-depth examination shall be made of any symptoms of ill health or physical impairment. The physician shall ask each unarmed combatant about any previous injuries or physical problems and shall note the information obtained on the record. The physician shall certify whether the unarmed combatant's physical condition is sufficient for them to engage in the scheduled match. If the unarmed combatant shows any signs of mental, optical, organic, or other deterioration, the physician shall advise the unarmed combatant of his or her findings and report the same to the Commission. Once so advised by the Commission physician, the unarmed combatant shall not participate in any exhibition until the Commission approves their resumption of unarmed combat.

(5) If an unarmed combatant fails to appear for the required weigh-in and physical examination, the Commission may deem it sufficient cause for suspending the unarmed combatant's license. Further, if an unarmed combatant does not appear on time for a scheduled weigh in, he or she may be disciplined.

(6) The Commission may require unarmed combatants to be weighed more than once for any cause deemed sufficient by the Commission.

(7) A referee assigned to officiate at an event shall undergo a prefight physical examination by a ringside physician assigned to the event prior to the commencement of the first match. The physician shall examine the referee giving particular attention to the heart, lungs, pulse, blood pressure, and eyes. After the examination, the referee will only be allowed to officiate if cleared by the physician.

13.05: Post-fight Examination

After every exhibition, a Commission assigned physician shall examine each unarmed combatant as soon as possible following the fight and before they leave the site of the contest. If it appears that a unarmed combatant is injured, the physician shall attend to the injuries. The physician shall also recommend and arrange for immediate hospitalization whenever deemed necessary. The physician shall report all injuries disclosed in the post-fight examination to the Commission.

13.06: Forfeiture for Failure to Make Weight

- (1) An unarmed combatant who fails to make the weight may, subject to the agreement of his or her opponent, participate in the bout. For professionals, the unarmed combatant who fails to make weight but participates with the opponent's agreement is subject to 25% forfeiture of his or her purse.
- (2) for professionals, failure to make weight by ten pounds or more cancels the bout;
- (3) for amateurs, failure to make weight by five pounds or more cancels the bout.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in 523 CMR, during the one hour following the time of weighing in, if an unarmed combatant is able to make the weight or weighs one pound or less outside the agreed limits, no forfeit may be imposed or fine assessed upon him or her.

13.07: Duties of Promoter Concerning Physical Examination; Fees for Services of Physician; Provision of Temporary or Emergency Treatment to Unarmed Combatant

- (1) The promoter shall provide the physician designated by the Commission with a suitable place to examine each unarmed combatant at the weigh in.
- (2) The physician is entitled to receive a fee for their services at a contest, exhibition and weigh in as determined by the Commission.
- (3) The physician shall give any injured unarmed combatant temporary or emergency treatment in the arena or dressing room, and no additional fee may be charged. Application of sutures is beyond the scope of duties expected of a ringside physician and is not considered temporary or emergency treatment under the provisions of 523 CMR 13.07.

13.08: Unarmed Combatant must Report Certain Injuries and Illnesses; Physical Examination Required; Payment of Physician

- (1) When an unarmed combatant is unable to take part in a contest or exhibition for which he or she has entered into a bout agreement because of his or her injury or illness, they shall immediately report the fact to the Commission and shall submit to an examination by a physician designated by the Commission, if requested.
- (2) The fee for the physician's examination must be paid by the promoter if they requested the examination. Otherwise, the fee must be paid by the unarmed combatant.

13.09 Suspension of Licensee for Medical Reason

- (1) A licensee who is determined by a physician to be unfit to compete or officiate must be suspended until it is shown that they are fit for further competition or officiating.
- (2) An unarmed combatant suspended for their medical protection shall take a medical examination upon the direction of the Commission or the Commission's representative. The examining physician may require any procedures deemed appropriate during the medical examination.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

523 CMR 13.00: M.G.L. c. 147, § 46.