

523 CMR 19.00: AMATEUR CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS HELD BY AMATEUR
SANCTIONING ORGANIZATIONS

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19.01: Applicability

The provisions of 523 CMR 19.00 shall apply to matches and exhibitions held by amateur sanctioning organizations approved by the Commission and governed by the provisions of M.G.L. c. 147, § 35A. The Commission or its designee has discretion to require an amateur sanctioning organization to additionally comply with other provisions within 523 CMR as necessary.

19.02: Sanctioning of Amateur Event

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 147, § 35A, no amateur match which is subject to licensure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 147, § 32 shall be held unless it is licensed by the Commission and sanctioned and supervised by an amateur sanctioning organization approved by the Commission. The Commission may itself sanction amateur events in which case 523 CMR 19.00 does not apply.

19.03: Approval of Amateur Sanctioning Organization

(1) An amateur sanctioning organization may become approved by the Commission by submitting an application on a form provided by the Commission. The application shall include information outlining the organization's operational structure, governing rules or regulations, the name of a person responsible for communicating with the Commission, and any other information deemed necessary by the Commission. The Commission may require the applicant to appear before it for a hearing on the application.

(2) At a minimum, all amateur sanctioning organizations approved to supervise an amateur event must follow and enforce the following:

- (a) Compliance with physical and medical examinations and tests requirements of 523 CMR 6.02: *Physical and Medical Examinations and Tests*.
- (b) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 147, § 39B, the organization must require the promoter of an event take out a policy of accident insurance on each participating fighter in the amount of at least \$5000 to compensate him or her for medical or hospital expenses incurred as the result of injuries received in such match and a policy in the amount of at least \$50,000 to be paid to the estate of the deceased fighter in the event of death resulting from participation in a match. The premiums on the policies shall be paid by the promoter. The terms of the insurance coverage must not require the fighter to pay a deductible for the medical, surgical, or hospital care for injuries he sustains while engaged in a contest. In the event that an event is scheduled to contain professional and amateur matches, the organization must accept the insurance policies obtained by the promoter that satisfy M.G.L. c. 147, § 39B and 523 CMR 10.02: *Event License: Submission and Approval of Program and Date; Content; Payment of Fee; Cancellation of Program* provided that it covers all fighters. The organization shall not have any financial interest in the policies.
- (c) The organization shall not require shin guards, but may allow their use if requested by both fighters.
- (d) The organization shall not enter into any exclusivity type agreements with any promoters, fighters, or ringside officials so as to prevent them from working with other organizations.

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(3) Prior to sanctioning any amateur events, an approved amateur sanctioning organization shall file with the Commission a copy of the governing rules and regulations, incorporating those required pursuant to 523 CMR 19.03(2), that they will enforce. The Commission may direct the organization to amend its rules at any time. Failure to enforce the submitted and approved rules shall be grounds for revocation of the organization's approval. The approval of any organization may be revoked or suspended, after hearing, for any reason deemed appropriate by the Commission.

19.04: Licensure of Individuals

All individuals other than unarmed combatants participating in an amateur contest or exhibition held by an amateur sanctioning organization must be licensed by the Commission in accordance with 523 CMR 6.00: *Licensing and Registration*.

19.05: License for Events

(1) Except as otherwise provided in 523 CMR, a promoter shall not hold a program of amateur unarmed combat required to be licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 147, § 32 unless before the program is held:

- (a) The promoter submits to the Commission an application for an event license on a form provided by the Commission; and
- (b) The Commission approves the application and the date for the program.

(2) A written request for an event license must include, without limitation:

- (a) The proposed site for the event;
- (b) The proposed date of the event;
- (c) Documentation evidencing that the event has been sanctioned and will be supervised by an organization approved by the Commission in accordance with 523 CMR 19.03;
- (d) The event license fee.

(3) An application for licensure of an amateur contest or exhibition must be filed with the Commission at least ten days before the date of the program.

19.06: Payment of Fees

Amateur sanctioning organizations must pay to the Commission those fees required by M.G.L. c. 147, §§ 40 and 40A.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

523 CMR 19.00: M.G.L. c. 147, § 46.