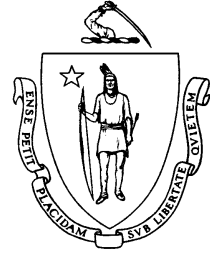


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## **VARIANCE REQUEST FORM**

Per **523 CMR 5.03: Variances**: The Massachusetts State Athletic Commission (MSAC) may, at its sole discretion, grant a variance from any provision of 523 CMR for any cause deemed sufficient by the MSAC. Variances must be requested in writing on a form approved by the MSAC, and each request must specifically cite those provisions of 523 CMR from which the applicant is requesting relief.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1) MSAC's governing statutes may be found at [General Laws Chapter 147, Section 32-51](#); Please note that the MSAC is unable to vary anything that is statutorily required or authorized.
- 2) You must cite each specific provision of [523 CMR](#) from which you are seeking to vary, and for each, provide detail regarding what you propose to do instead. Attach a separate sheet(s) of paper, using the same format as in the form, if you need additional space.
- 3) You must submit this form at least **30 days** prior to the proposed event date, and **7 days** prior to the MSAC meeting at which you would like it to be reviewed.
- 4) You must email your completed form, or any questions you need answered before you can complete the form, to [MSAC@mass.gov](mailto:MSAC@mass.gov).

### **EXAMPLE**

1. When and where do you want to hold your event for which the variance is requested?  
We will be holding an event on December 5 in Springfield at the ABC Building.
2. Have you requested this variance before? When? Was it was granted or denied?  
We previously made the same request on October 10, 2023 and the Commission granted the requested variance.
3. Provide any other details you want the MSAC to consider related to your variance request.  
Muay Thai combatants usually fight in a ring, but the specific contestants for this event prefer the use of a cage or "fenced area," which is the typical enclosure for mixed martial arts, and is no less safe than a ring in this circumstance.
4. Identify the specific provision or provisions of 523 CMR from which you are seeking to vary:
  - a. Regulation Cite(s) and Requirement(s): 523 CMR 23.02 states: Southeast Asian Kickboxing competitions must be conducted in a ring in conformance with 523 CMR 23.02(2).
  - b. Proposed Variance: Permit used of cage compliant with 523 CMR 12.09.

### **Details of Event**

When and where do you want to hold your event for which the variance is requested?

Have you requested this variance before? When? Was it was granted or denied?

Provide any other details you want the MSAC to consider related to your variance request.

Identify the specific provision or provisions of 523 CMR from which you are seeking to vary (in other words, state what the regulation calls for and what you propose to do instead); attach pages if needed:

Regulation Cite(s) and Requirement(s):

Proposed Variance:

Why do you believe the MSAC should grant this variance? Why is it needed and how will it make your event a success?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

MSAC License Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

Date