



Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation • State of Illinois Athletic Commission

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AMATEUR SANCTIONING BODY APPROVAL APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Type or print legibly in black ink only.

All questions must be answered. If you require additional space use a separate piece of paper and attach

Submit statement and accompanying documents to the:

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Athletic Unit
555 W. Monroe St., Suite 800S
Chicago, Illinois 60661

In seeking approval the sanctioning body shall submit required information, and other information the sanctioning body believes relevant, to the Department. The Department may request additional information, including an appearance before the Board, to clarify information or clear up any discrepancies.

The Department may withdraw its approval of a sanctioning body if the sanctioning body fails to enforce those representations made to the Department in obtaining approval.

Incomplete forms and lack of supporting documentation will delay the review of your request.

*Please note: if you are applying to the Department to review a prior approval, you may complete this form by answering only those questions or sections for which the organization's answer has changed since the organization last applied and by providing the corresponding updated documentation and/or information. If there has been no change to the organization's responses, please initial here _____, sign the affidavit on the last page of this application and have the affidavit notarized. Return the application to the Department with the application review fee of \$250.

Amateur sanctioning body approval expires on September 30th of every odd numbered year.

The application review fee is \$250 payable by check or money order to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

SECTION 1. BUSINESS INFORMATION

Date: _____

The amateur sanctioning body seeking approval is a (check **all** that apply):

☐ Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Limited Liability Corporation

☐ Not-for-Profit

☐ Profit

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Website Address: _____ Email Address: _____

If CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR LLC was checked above, provide the name of each officer of the corporation, partner of the partnership or member of the LLC:

State in which Incorporated: _____ Date of Incorporation: _____

Name of Resident Agent: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address of Resident Agent: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Is the amateur sanctioning body incorporated or otherwise legally recognized under the laws of its domicile? (Attach supporting documentation

from the applicable state/territory i.e. certificate of corporate standing.)

☐ YES ☐ NO State: _____

If not domiciled in Illinois, is the amateur sanctioning body authorized to conduct business in Illinois?

☐ YES ☐ NO

SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE, TRAINING

How long has the amateur sanctioning body been involved in the sanctioning and supervision of amateur martial arts and/or mixed martial arts events? _____

Have you had prior experience overseeing amateur martial arts and/or mixed martial arts events in Illinois? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, list the dates and locations of the last 5 events? _____

List any other states, territories or countries where the organization has performed the role of amateur sanctioning body for an amateur martial arts and/or mixed martial arts event or state NONE

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NONE

States, Territories or Countries: _____

Does the amateur sanctioning body have written rules, policies or procedures which govern the conduct of events, participants and members of the amateur sanctioning body? (If YES, a copy of the rules, policies or procedures must be attached.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

Attach a statement of the organization's background, training and experience in sanctioning and supervising amateur martial arts and/or mixed martial arts events.

SECTION 3. QUESTIONNAIRE

At minimum, does the sanctioning body:

Limit participation in its events to Illinois registered contestants and/or licensees? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Sanction events independent of the promoters of the contest? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Exclusively or primarily dedicate itself to advancing amateur contested contests only? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Have a record of enforcing its own rules governing a contest? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Have a record of safety for the events it sanctions? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Maintain a historical record of whether or not it enforces and abides the rules governing a contest? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Have rules for a contest that provide substantially similar protections for the health, safety, and welfare of the contestants and spectators as the Illinois Boxing and Full Contact Martial Arts Act and its Rules? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Provide for the exclusion of professional contestants from its sanctioned events? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SECTION 3. QUESTIONNAIRE CONTINUED

Have rules & procedures that provide for the medical safety and care of its participants? ☐ YES ☐ NO

- Ensure all amateur contestants fighting in a match sanctioned and supervised by the amateur sanctioning organization undergo a pre-event physical examination by a physician (MD or DO)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Exclude the medically unfit from the event? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Require, at minimum, the attendance of at least one physician** at ringside? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 **any physician approved by an amateur sanctioning organization for an event in Illinois must be licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 [225 ILCS 60](MPA) to practice medicine in all of its branches.
- Require that the physician not leave the premises until after the final bout has been conducted and all amateurs competing have been cleared to leave by the physician(s) and the chief official or supervisor-in-charge of the amateur sanctioning body? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Require the presence of 2 emergency medical technicians (emt)* on site, at all times, at each bout with a stretcher, supply of oxygen and proper resuscitation equipment? *one of whom must be an EMT paramedic ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Require at least one ambulance to be on-site, at all times, at each contest? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Require that all officials assigned to perform official duties during a bout be trained and/or certified to perform such duties? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Restrict the types of blows that can be delivered? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Limit the time and frequency of bouts? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Provide payment(s) for necessary emergency care for injuries sustained by contestants in competition in sanctioned events or require proof that competitors are medically insured? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Require prompt investigation and resolution of complaints for contestants, interested persons and/or the amateur sanctioning body itself? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Have rules that set an appropriate fee schedule for ring officials? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Have a system of review to ensure the amateur sanctioning body fairly applies its rules? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Have rules that require the identification of the amateur sanctioning body on all advertisements, programs and/or handbills issued, used or distributed for the event? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Have a policy of cooperation with the Department, which at the least includes or provides for:
- at minimum, 20 days' advance notification to the Department of sanctioned events occurring in Illinois? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - admission of Department staff or officials without charge to any amateur sanctioned event and any portion of the venue? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - self-reporting to the Department of any violations of the amateur sanctioning organization's rules during or arising out of an event in Illinois? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - a policy requiring representative(s) of the amateur sanctioning body to appear at reasonable times before the Department to truthfully answer any lawful inquiry of the amateur sanctioning body? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - sharing the disposition of complaints with the Department upon request? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - notifying the Department in writing of any changes, revisions or updates to the amateur sanctioning body's rules, policies and/or procedures? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SECTION 4. – STATEMENTS OF AGREEMENT

If approved, the applicant for state of Illinois approval as an amateur sanctioning body hereby agrees, in conjunction with the Illinois Boxing and Full Contact Martial Arts Act (Act) and the rules promulgated under the Act, to the following:

Appropriately staff amateur full contact martial arts events with the following minimum personnel:

-two sanctioning body officials and other approved officials (including referees, judges, timekeeper(s), inspectors)

Have no direct or indirect financial interest in: a) an amateur contestant and/or b) the promotion of an amateur contestant.

If requested, provide evidence of a Department approved training and/or certification program for the sanctioning organization's officials.

Notify the Department of other jurisdictions in which the organization supervises, or has supervised, amateur events, if any; including a list of any disciplinary actions brought against the organization by any other jurisdiction; and

Written assurances that: a) all amateur contests will be conducted in strict accordance with all State of Illinois Rules and Regulations regarding amateur contests, b) none of the amateur contestants will receive any type of purse or other form of compensation, and c) there will be no exhibition bouts.

Notify the Department in writing (via email, facsimile or US mail) the date, time and location of both the weigh in and the event and the name of the promoter being supervised by the sanctioning organization at least 20 days prior to the scheduled event; and

All requisite paperwork such as registration forms and required medical documentation are submitted to the Department no more than 48 hours after the conclusion of the event; and

All amateurs participating in a match sanctioned and supervised by the amateur sanctioning organization will undergo a pre-fight physical examination by a physician; and

An ambulance with a minimum of two emergency medical technicians (emt's) (one of whom must be a paramedic), will be on the premises for the duration of the event; and

No match shall begin or continue unless the appropriate medical personnel and equipment are on the premises, a state of readiness, and in a pre-designated and readily accessible location known to the physician(s), referee(s) and chief supervisor/official of the sanctioning body; and

Any physician shall be licensed under the MPA of Illinois and shall be capable of initiating life saving procedures and may be required to demonstrate experience in sports medicine, trauma, neurology, or as a ringside physician; and

A minimum of one physician shall be seated ringside during any active bout. In situations where more than one fighting area is assembled and utilized for simultaneous bouts, a minimum of one physician shall be seated between and adjacent to the fighting areas; and

In the event of injury or illness of any contestant registered with the state of Illinois and/or the sanctioning organization, a physician shall have complete charge of such person, shall provide medical assistance, and shall be accorded the full cooperation of the sanctioning organization's officials present; and

Physician(s) shall not leave the premises until after the final match has been conducted and all contestants participating have been cleared to leave by the physician(s) and the chief supervisor/official in charge of the sanctioning organization; and

Medical equipment on site for the duration of the event which shall include but not be limited to:

- Stretcher
- Portable resuscitator or Ambubag with supply of functioning oxygen equipment
- Hard cervical collar
- Endotracheal tubes with laryngoscope
- Portable defibrillator
- Advanced life support medications
- A clean stretcher and clean blanket (located in readily accessible location)

Ensure that each amateur contestant has a:

Comprehensive, annual physical examination dated no more than 6 months from the date of the event which states the contestant is physically fit to compete; and

Pre fight physical conducted within 24 hours prior to the event by the event physician; and

Post fight physical conducted immediately after the conclusion of the contestant's bout by the event physician; and

Conduct a weigh in, and weigh in all amateur contestants, within twenty four hours of the start time of the contest stated on the permit; and

Conduct a pre-contest rules meeting, which shall be attended by each amateur contestant scheduled to compete in the contest and disqualify any contestant that does not attend; and

Disqualify the medically unfit (determined by the event physician) from the contest; and

Supervise the hand-wrapping and gloving for each amateur contestant; and

Inspect the fighting area before the event begins and periodically during the course of the event; and

Provide sanitation and cleaning products to be used between rounds (as necessary) and between each bout to clean the fighting area; and

Report all bout results, including suspensions, and provide all required registration and other requested documentation to the Department within 48 hours of the conclusion of the contest; and

Satisfy all indebtedness resulting from the supervision of an amateur event in a timely manner; and

Be subject to immediate rescission of the Department of Professional Regulation's approval to supervisor amateur contests in the state of Illinois upon a determination that the organization was in non-compliance or flagrant violation with these criteria and other criteria without limitation; and

Enable a Department representative to visit, attend, investigate and audit, as the Department deems necessary, any amateur contest supervised by the amateur sanctioning organization, and any activity related hereto without limitation.

If approved, the sanctioning organization will not sanction events where:

Financial ties exist between the promoter and the sanctioning organization. For example, where anyone serves as an officer, principal or manager in both the sanctioning organization and the promotion company, or where such persons have an ownership interest in both the sanctioning organization and the promotion company; and

Any ring official, employee or agent works for both the promoter and the sanctioning organization; and

The sanctioning organization or any of its officers, principals, managers, owners or employees manage or train any of the contestants competing in the sanctioned event.

SECTION 5. AFFADAVIT

I, _____, _____, of the above named
(NAME) (TITLE/POSITION)

amateur sanctioning body being first duly sworn upon my oath, state as follows:

I am an officer or other person legally authorized to make and sign this application and/or on the applicant's behalf;

That I have reviewed and verified the answers to each of the section of this statement and hereby submit this statement for consideration to the Department;

That the information and answers contained in the foregoing statement and any attachments thereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief;

That I have made this affidavit knowingly, and understand that if the Department determines that I have knowingly made or inferred any false statements, this statement for approval will be disapproved or if issues, the approval will be revoked. Further, the Department may prosecute me and the amateur sanctioning body to the full extent of the law;

I understand that if approved, this approval is subject to periodic compliance checks to ensure enforcement of approved health and safety standards and supervision of contests by the approved amateur sanctioning body. In addition, the amateur sanctioning body shall be subject to the Department's review of its approval at least biannually, or sooner if determined necessary based upon periodic compliance checks or complaints to the Department to determine continuation of approval;

The applicant hereby authorized and directs any person or entity to release to the Department or its authorized representative, any information or documents the Department requests that may bear on the applicant's eligibility or continuing eligibility to obtain or retain Department approval as an amateur sanctioning body; and

The applicant hereby authorizes and directs the Department to release to any other regulatory entity in any jurisdiction any information requested by such entity about the applicant or the undersigned, which information or documents may otherwise be protected or confidential, and which information may bear on the applicant's or undersigned's eligibility or continuing eligibility for any license, registration, approval or authority issued by the jurisdiction to or on behalf of the applicant or the undersigned.

MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY

Signature

Date

Print Name

USE RUBBER STAMP IN CLEAR AREA BELOW

STATE

COUNTY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, THIS

DAY OF

YEAR

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE

NOTARY PUBLIC NAME (TYPED OR PRINTED)