



## **MALTA BOXING COMMISSION**

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### **Guidelines for Professional Boxing Events**

This memorandum is to again define your responsibilities before, during and after a professional boxing event, which is governed by Title 3A of the Malta Boxing Commission Statutes.

Hopefully, this will assist you in the promotion of your events in accordance with the Malta Boxing Commission, (office) statutes and regulations.

#### **I. PERMITS**

An original copy of the permit for an event must be in the office five (5) business days prior to the event. Faxed copies are not acceptable as an executed copy, because no fee is received at the time of submission.

No advertising shall be done before a permit is approved by the office.

#### **II. MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Pursuant to the Professional Boxing Safety Act 1996

As the Malta Boxing Commission have a fully comprehensive insurance policy for boxers and officials participating at events sanctioned by the MBC, which is in excess of the minimum requirements under the Professional Boxing Safety Act 1996.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF BOUTS**

It is necessary for the Office to have the line-up for your event at least three (3) business days in advance, in order to allow sufficient time to clear contestants and to ensure they are eligible to participate in the event.

Any substitutes after the line-up has been submitted to our office will also need to be approved and cleared accordingly, before they can participate.

If time does not permit a proper clearance, we cannot allow a contestant to participate in the event.

You may verify if a boxer is on suspension by going to [www.fightfax.com](http://www.fightfax.com) click on the "suspension list" to view suspended boxers for a nominal fee.

Listed below are the criteria for approval of a contestant.

Fighters must meet these criteria to be eligible to participate in boxing in a Malta Boxing Commission sanctioned event

- (A) A fighter who has lost their last ten (10) bouts by decision, technical knockout, or knockout shall not be approved to box in a bout unless special requirements have been met;
- (B) Any fighter who has lost their last five (5) bouts by technical knockout or knockout, not to include TKO or KO by a body shot, shall not be approved to fight in a bout; unless special medical tests have been completed.
- (C) Any boxer with less than three (3) professional bouts may not box in a bout scheduled for more than four (4) rounds,
- (D) All boxers' records must be verified (BoxRec or FightFax)

#### IV. EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE PROMOTER

The promoter must provide equipment needed for the event as outlined in the regulations, which includes, but is not limited to: ring, stools, towels, water, buckets, gloves, gauze and tape for hand wraps.

The office or venue will provide a certified scale.

The promoter must verify that their gloves are in good physical condition or they will not be used.

The promoter should have a set of gloves for each fight.

A different set of gloves must be used for each bout.

High stools must be provided for the judges at ringside for each event.

#### V. ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS

The office will select the medical officers, timekeeper, judges, and referees for each event.

The promoter is responsible for paying the compensation set by the office for the professional services of these officials.

The office has the final determination on the selection for all officials, as well as the selection of the physician for each event.

## VI. COMPENSATION FOR OFFICIALS

The base rates for officials assigned to club shows are listed below.

These amounts may be adjusted based upon, attendance, gate receipts, length of show, title fights and distance travelled by the official.

The office may also require the promoter to provide hotel rooms and travel expenses including mileage, when necessary for officials.

A travel allowance may also be assessed in addition to the base fee.

Supervisor:	€400 (UK £300)
Inspector:	€200 (UK £150)
Referees	€400 (UK £300)
Judges	€200 (UK £150)
Timekeeper	€350 (UK £250)
Doctors	€475 (UK £350)*

\*Doctors fee may vary either up or down dependent on location of event.

For events with more than five (5) professional bouts two doctors are mandatory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A bout cannot begin without at least one doctor being seated at ringside.

The pay rates for officials for television shows shall be higher.

The pay structure for the officials involved in title fights will follow the sanctioning body's published fee schedule for the payment of officials.

If the sanctioning body does not have a published fee schedule, the office will make the final determination on the amount of compensation for officials.

The Office may also require the promoter to provide hotel rooms for officials and travel expenses, including mileage, when necessary for all title fight officials.

## VII. EXCESS TIME ALLOWANCE FEES FOR OFFICIALS

In the past, we have experienced late start times, long periods of delays, as well as events lasting past what is realistic.

An average event should last approximately 4 hours.

We take pride in acquiring experienced and certified officials for our events to ensure the outcome of each fight is accurate.

Therefore, to prevent abuses of our office and/or officials regarding long events, the following additional fees may be assessed to the promoter's expenses for officials:

If the event starts 30 minutes past the official starting time listed on the approved permit application, you may be required to pay each official an additional €35 (UK £25) per hour or partial hour.

Any shows which last over four and one half hours may require the promoter to pay each official an additional €35 (UK £25) per hour or partial hour over that amount of time.

## VIII. MBC NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT SANCTIONING FEES

The MBC non- Championship Event Sanctioning fees are as follows

1-5 Bouts	€350 (UK £250)
6-10 Bouts	€550 (UK £400)
10 Plus Bouts	€700 (UK £500)

All non-championship sanctioning fees are to be paid in full prior to commencement of event.

## IX. TICKETS COLLATION & CHAMPIONSHIP/TELEVISED EVENT SANCTIONING FEES

There are several changes impacting this rule that will require the promoter to provide more information to the MBC (Office) to calculate the MBC sanctioning fees based upon the gate receipts.

The right of admission to a contest of professional boxing shall not be sold to a person unless that person is provided with a ticket.

An inventory of all the tickets must be submitted to the Office with the permit application.

The inventory must include all of the tickets that are printed for the event.

Each ticket must have the price, name of the promoter as licensed with the Office and the date of the event.

A promoter shall not issue complimentary tickets for more than four percent (4%) of the seats in the house without the office's written authorization.

If the office approves the issuance of complimentary tickets over and above the four percent (4%) cap, the complimentary tickets are exempt from the MBC Sanctioning fee.

All complimentary tickets must indicate on the ticket that it's a complimentary ticket and its value had the ticket actually been purchased.

All fee payments must be made within 72 hours of the conclusion of the event.

#### X. COLLECTION OF TICKETS AND CALCULATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP/TELEVISED EVENT SANCTIONING FEES

The promoter must set forth the proper procedures for their employees and/or designated staff to place each ticket stub in a lock box, in order for the tickets to be available for the Commission inspector to count.

The promoter, or the designee, may be present when the tickets are counted to verify the 5% MBC sanctioning fee.

The promoter should be prepared to pay the 5% MBC sanctioning fee as soon as the tickets are counted and fees are calculated, if at all possible.

Within 72 hours after a contest the promoter shall pay the MBC sanctioning fee to the office.

#### XI. PAYMENT OF LICENSE FEES

The promoter must notify the office representative if the license fees for the contestants and seconds will be deducted from the fighter's purse.

If so, the promoter must be prepared to pay for the license fees prior to the start of the event.

The promoter will also be responsible for the licenses of the participants who have made application, but have not made payment for their license.

## XII. CREDENTIALS

Credentials shall only be issued to: Contestants, promoters, officials, members of the media, Officials of Malta Boxing Commission, designated representatives of the office and to those actual and necessary persons working at the exhibition, arena or facility.

## XIII. LICENSE ON PERSON

Each participant is to have their license with them.

If he/she cannot provide their license, they may be required to purchase one.

## XIII. WEIGHINS

The promoter and office should agree upon a weigh-in time and date.

It is the promoter's responsibility to ensure all contestants are present at the designated time and place.

The boxers who are late, or fail to show up at the designated time, may be denied the ability to participate in the event, be fined, be suspended or all three.

## XV. PHYSICALS

Physicals must be completed at least one half hour prior to the event.

Fights that involve television shall complete physicals the day before the fight at a time designated by the office.

Physicals should be completed as early as possible because some boxers may not pass the pre-fight physical, therefore, the boxer will not be allowed to participate in the event.

If the doctor determines a boxer cannot participate, the boxer will not be allowed to participate under any circumstances. This is for the health and safety of the boxer.

- A. As of January 1st 2012 before a fighter can be licensed he must provide the office with a copy of a negative HIV, HEP B, and HEP C test. No fighter will be allowed to compete without accomplishing this.

## XVI. AMBULANCE AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL

The promoter must provide two paramedics and an ambulance before an event will commence.

Boxing events will not begin, or continue, without an ambulance on site during the entire event.

Also, the MBC assigned doctor(s) must be present at ringside during the event.

## EVENT MEDICAL COVERAGE

The **MINIMUM** medical coverage required for events sanctioned by the Malta Boxing Commission and the MBC International sanctioned events are:

### **Events featuring up to five (5) bouts**

Equipped Medical Room including defibrillator

One Doctor

Two Paramedics

One Emergency Equipped Ambulance

**Please note:** though the above is the minimum standard, we do recommend that a second doctor to be on standby at the venue at all times.

### **Events featuring more than five (5) bouts but no more than ten bouts (10)**

Equipped Medical Room including defibrillator

Two Doctors

Two Paramedics

One Emergency Equipped Ambulance

**Please note:** though the above is the minimum standard, we do advise that a third doctor and a second ambulance and paramedic team to be on standby at the venue at all times.

### **Events featuring more than ten (10) bouts, or Championship events**

Equipped Medical Room including defibrillator

Two Doctors

Four Paramedics

Two Emergency Equipped Ambulances

**Please note:** That the doctors are provided through the official MBC General Medical Officer – in each case one of whom is either an Emergency Response Trauma Specialist, Neurologist or anaesthetist.

## XVII. RINGSIDE SEATING

There must be seats available at ringside for the following: physician(s), medical staff, timekeeper, referee(s), announcer, officials and inspectors of the office.

If the event is televised or includes a Championship contest, there must be seating for the additional officials that are assigned to event.

## XVIII. SECURITY

Please be aware that the promoter is responsible for security.

It has been noted that in some situations, where the spectators have become unruly and extremely disrespectful to officials and inspectors, security has not always been available for these situations.

Please note, that providing sufficient security is your responsibility.

## XVIII. EXHIBITION BOUTS

Exhibition bouts are legal and can occur on a fight card, however, to qualify for an exhibition bout, both boxers must agree in writing that the bout will be a no decision.

The results of the bout will not be turned in to the official boxing registry.

However, all suspensions will be turned into the boxing registry.

## XX. WAITING PERIODS

All fighters who complete the scheduled number of rounds must wait seven days from the date of the fight before participating in any further contest.

## XXI. BOUT AGREEMENTS

All boxers who compete must have a written bout agreement between the boxer and the promoter as required by Law.

The agreement will be signed by both the boxer & promoter. The agreement will establish as a minimum the date of the event, the boxer & promoter information, the number of rounds, the opponent, the approximate weight, and the total amount to be paid the boxer.

Copies of these agreements must be given to the Commission a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the start of an event.