

**CHAPTER 46**

**RULES GOVERNING BOXING, WRESTLING  
AND SPARRING EXHIBITIONS AND  
PERFORMANCES**

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“Program” means the total of all boxing and wrestling matches presented on a particular occasion.

“Promoter” means any person, club, corporation, organization or association licensed under the act to conduct, hold or give programs or exhibitions.

“Purse” means the compensation, percentage or other remuneration for which the contestants are competing.

“Recognized boxing association” means an organization recognized by the Commissioner with the concurrence of the Board whose voting membership is composed of representatives of governmental agencies regulating boxing, including, but not limited to, the World Boxing Association, the World Boxing Council, the International Boxing Federation, the North American Boxing Federation, and the United States Boxing Association. The Commissioner may, with the concurrence of the Board, designate any regional, national, or international boxing organization pursuant to this definition.

“Special event” means a boxing card, boxing show, or any other combative sports event which has among its contests a championship elimination match, a pay-per-view or subscription television match, a nationally televised match, or any other match of significance to combative sports in this State as designated by the Commissioner with the concurrence of the Board.

As amended, R.1970 d.35, effective April 8, 1970.

See: 2 N.J.R. 27(a), 2 N.J.R. 44(a).

As amended, R.1982 d.389, effective November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

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Added definitions “club contract” and “program.”

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See: 27 N.J.R. 1138(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2697(a).

SUBCHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS

13:46-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Board” means the State Athletic Control Board.

“Championship boxing match” means any boxing match in which the championship of a recognized boxing association is at stake.

“Club” means any person, club, corporation, organization or association licensed under the act to conduct, hold or give professional boxing matches or exhibitions.

“Club contract” is an agreement between a boxer with a promoter that provides that the boxer shall participate in a bout with another named boxer.

“Commissioner” means the person appointed by the Attorney General with the concurrence of the Board to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Board.

“Licensee” means any person, club, corporation, organization or association licensed by the Board.

“Manager” means any person who:

1. By contract, agreement, or other arrangement with any person undertakes or has undertaken to represent in any way the interest in any professional boxing contest in which such boxer is to participate as a contestant; and is entitled under that contract, agreement or other arrangement to receive monetary or other compensation for his services without regard to the sources of such compensation; except that the term “manager” shall not be construed to mean any attorney licensed to practice in this State, whose participation in such activities is restricted solely to his representing the interests of a professional boxer as his client.

2. Directs or controls the professional boxing activities of any professional boxer.

3. Receives or is entitled to receive ten percent or more of the gross purse, or gross income of any professional boxing contest.

SUBCHAPTER 1A. BOXING WEIGHTS AND CLASSES

13:46-1A.1 Classes of boxers

(a) Boxers shall be divided into the following classes:

- 1. Flyweight . . . . . up to 112 pounds
- 2. Bantamweight . . . . . up to 118 pounds
- 3. Featherweight . . . . . up to 126 pounds
- 4. Junior Lightweight . . . . . up to 130 pounds
- 5. Lightweight . . . . . up to 135 pounds
- 6. Junior Welterweight . . . . . up to 140 pounds
- 7. Welterweight . . . . . up to 147 pounds
- 8. Junior Middleweight . . . . . up to 154 pounds
- 9. Middleweight . . . . . up to 160 pounds
- 10. Lighthouseweight . . . . . up to 175 pounds

- 11. Cruiserweight .....up to 195 pounds
- 12. Heavyweight .....all over 195 pounds

As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.  
See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

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See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
Deleted original (a)8 and inserted new (a)8 and 9.  
Amended by R.1987 d.53, effective January 20, 1987.  
See: 18 N.J.R. 1789(a), 19 N.J.R. 233(a).



(b) One winding of surgeon's adhesive tape, not over one and one-half inches wide, shall be placed directly on each hand for protection near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice but shall not extend to within one inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist.

(c) The bandages shall be evenly distributed across the hand, without zigzagging, lumping or curling.

(d) Bandages and tape shall be placed on the boxer's hands in the dressing room in the presence of the Commissioner's inspector and in the presence of the manager or chief second of his opponent.

(e) Under no circumstances are gloves to be placed on the hands of a contestant until the approval of the Commissioner's inspector is received.

Amended by R.1987 d.53, effective January 20, 1987.  
See: 18 N.J.R. 1789(a), 19 N.J.R. 233(a).

Subsection (a) amended; (b) deleted old (c)-(f) renumbered (b)-(e).

### 13:46-3.2 Condition and size of gloves

(a) The gloves shall be new for all main events and also for all bouts scheduled for 10 rounds or more. All gloves shall be in good condition or they must be replaced.

(b) All gloves are to be furnished by the licensed club or promoter.

(c) All gloves must weigh at least eight ounces, except that in the Commissioner's discretion, six ounce gloves may be used in the flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight classes.

### 13:46-3.3 Placement of gloves on boxer's hands

(a) In all bouts, the gloves shall be inspected by the Commissioner's inspector and the ringside physician prior to the fight. The gloves shall be placed on the boxer's hands in the dressing room under the supervision of the Commissioner's inspector, and the laces of each glove shall be knotted on the back of the wrists and there shall be placed on the wrists of the gloves, over the laces, a strip of one-inch surgeon's adhesive tape. The gloves must be removed in the ring after the bout.

(b) If a glove bursts or is otherwise damaged during the progress of a bout, the referee shall interrupt the bout and require that such glove be replaced before the resumption of the bout.

### 13:46-3.4 Abdominal guard

(a) All boxers must equip themselves with a foul-proof abdominal guard of the boxer's own selection, type to be approved by the Commissioner.

(b) Abdominal guards shall be examined before all bouts by the Commissioner's inspector.

### 13:46-3.5 Mouth pieces

No boxer shall be permitted to perform in any contest without equipping himself with a well-fitting mouthpiece, which shall be subject to examination and approval by the attending physician.

### 13:46-3.6 Boxer's trunks

Each boxer on a program must provide himself with trunks of a type approved by the Commissioner.

### 13:46-3.7 Types of shoes barred from ring

No shoes with spikes, cleats, hard soles or hard heels are permitted in the ring.

### 13:46-3.8 Cleanly shaven

(a) All boxers must be cleanly shaven when they participate in a ring contest, except that a boxer may wear a closely cropped mustache.

(b) Hair must be trimmed or tied back in such a way (subject to the approval of the ringside physician) as to not interfere with the vision of either boxer or cover any part of a boxer's face. Hair grooming creams, lotions or sprays shall not be worn on a boxer's hair during a fight.

(c) No jewelry or earrings shall be worn by a boxer during a bout.

### 13:46-3.9 Other boxing equipment

(a) For each bout there shall be a clean water bucket and a clean plastic bottle in each boxer's corner. These articles shall be provided by the licensed club or promoter.

(b) The licensed club or promoter shall also provide powdered resin for canvas and such other articles as may be required by the Commissioner for conducting the boxing contests.

## SUBCHAPTER 4. LICENSING AND PERMITS

### 13:46-4.1 General licensing requirement

No person, club, corporation or association shall hold, conduct or participate in boxing bouts, wrestling exhibitions, sparring exhibitions, or any other combative sports competition or exhibition in the State of New Jersey without first having obtained a license from the Board.

Amended by R.1970 d.35, effective April 8, 1970.  
See: 2 N.J.R. 27(a), 2 N.J.R. 44(a).

Amendments concerned indoor and outdoor clubs and fees for contests that combined professional and amateur events.  
As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.  
See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

Added Commissioner's discretion to grant or deny license based on standards and recommendations of a nationally recognized boxing association.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Added text "Nevertheless the Commissioner ... such as association".

Amended by R.1995 d.398, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1138(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2697(a).

#### 13:46-4.2 Application

Any application for a promoter license shall be submitted to the Commissioner for consideration.

As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

Changed "club" to "promoter".

#### 13:46-4.3 Examination

Before acting upon any application for a license, the Commissioner may examine, under oath, applicants or other witnesses.

#### 13:46-4.4 List of associated persons

Every application for a license shall have attached to it a complete list of these persons associated with the applicant. If the applicant is a partnership, the list shall state the name of all partners, and if the applicant is a corporation, the list shall state all officers and directors and all shareholders owning or controlling 10 percent or more of the stock. Failure to file such a complete list of associated persons with the application shall be considered sufficient reason to refuse issuance of the license. If the list of associated persons or any other information required by the act or by these rules is falsified and a license is issued, the license shall be revoked.

As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

Deleted old text of "list of partners" and added new text of "list of associated persons".

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Added the word "all" before officers and directors.

#### 13:46-4.5 Building inspector's certificate

Every application for license shall have attached to the same the certification from the building inspector of the municipality in which the license-holder intends to operate.

As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

Changed "club" to "license-holder".

#### 13:46-4.6 (Reserved)

As amended, R.1971 d.135, eff. August 11, 1971.

See: 3 N.J.R. 183(a).

As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

Changed "boxing club" to "promoter".

Repealed by R.1995 d.399, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1139(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2697(b).

Section was "Fees".

#### 13:46-4.7 Term of licenses

(a) All new and renewal licenses issued to boxers by the State Athletic Control Board after the effective date of this regulation shall be valid for a period of one year from the date the license is issued, unless revoked or suspended for cause.

(b) All other licenses issued by the State Athletic Control Board shall be on a fiscal year basis (July 1 through the following June 30) and shall be valid from the date the license is issued until the expiration of the fiscal year, no matter when the license was originally obtained, unless revoked or suspended for cause.

As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

Grammatical change.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Deleted old text and substituted new.

New Rule, R.1987 d.51, effective January 20, 1987.

See: 18 N.J.R. 1924(c), 19 N.J.R. 233(b).

Repealed period of validity; Renewal of license.

#### 13:46-4.8 Bond procedure

(a) Each applicant shall execute and file with the Commissioner a bond to the State of New Jersey in the sum of at least \$5,000 in a form and with sureties thereon satisfactory to the Commission, which bond shall be conditioned for the payment of the State tax.

(b) No license shall be granted under this Chapter unless such bond in connection therewith has been so filed and approved.

#### 13:46-4.9 Documents

All papers and documents filed with the Commissioner shall be the property of the Commissioner.

#### 13:46-4.10 Matchmaker

Each licensed promoter shall designate a matchmaker who must be licensed by the Board.

As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

Changed "boxing club" to "promoter". Grammatical changes.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Deleted text "whose fee shall be ... license and bond" and substituted "who must be ... shall be \$25.00".

Amended by R.1995 d.399, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1139(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2697(b).

#### 13:46-4.11 Payment with application

All applications for promoter licenses shall be accompanied by a certified check to cover the entire fee, including the matchmaker's license.

As amended, R.1982 d.389, eff. November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 751(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(a).

Changed "boxing club" to "promoter".

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Section was originally "Physical fitness card".

Amended by R.1995 d.399, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1139(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2697(b).

### 13:46-9.7 Check of substitute boxers

All substitutions must occur no later than two hours after the weigh-in and all substitutes must be approved by the Commissioner or his representative and have previously obtained licenses from the State Athletic Commission.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Old text deleted and new text substituted.

### 13:46-9.8 (Reserved)

Repealed by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Section originally "Collection of tax payment".

### 13:46-9.9 (Reserved)

AGENCY NOTE: Since these sections were first proposed, L.1984, c.248 has been enacted and effective January 7, 1985. Therefore, these regulations are unnecessary and are being deleted in their entirety.

Repealed by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Section originally "Computing tax payment".

### 13:46-9.10 Check of lock boxes

Inspectors must check lock boxes to make certain no counterfeit tickets are deposited and as a double check on the box office count.

### 13:46-9.11 Special reports on performances

Inspectors shall, when the occasion requires, submit special reports on performances of the boxers, recommendations for suspensions or unusual incidents.

### 13:46-9.12 Special reports on injuries

If any participant in any combative sport is injured and requires hospital attention, the inspectors must notify the Commissioner's office at once and then shall submit a special report on a form supplied by the Commissioner. The same shall include all details and subsequent follow-up reports on the condition of the injured contestant.

Amended by R.1995 d.398, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1138(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2697(a).

### 13:46-9.13 Check of seconds' compliance with rules

Inspectors shall see that all seconds present a neat appearance according to the rules of this Chapter.

### 13:46-9.14 Assure enforcement of regulations

Inspectors shall see that all necessary equipment is provided, that the contestants are ready on time, that the seconds are properly instructed in their duties and that all regulations pertaining to the proper conduct of the bout are enforced.

### 13:46-9.15 Report of injuries covered by insurance

Inspectors shall make an inquiry of all boxers after their bouts, in cooperation with the physicians, and shall report any injuries covered by the accident insurance plan on a special form to the Commissioner within 24 hours.

### 13:46-9.16 Forwarding of receipts

Inspectors must forward voided receipts as well as all other receipts from receipt books in their custody promptly after the conduct of any show to which they are assigned.

### 13:46-9.17 Compensation for inspectors

(a) Four inspectors shall be assigned by the Commissioner to each boxing show.

(b) The compensation to the inspectors shall be paid by the promoter and the fee for each of the inspectors shall be \$70.00.

(c) Promoters shall not make any payments of compensation directly to inspectors. The promoter shall write a check to the State of New Jersey in an amount authorized and determined by the Commissioner or his authorized representative. The check shall be given to the Commissioner or his authorized representative. The funds will be disbursed by the Board to the inspectors.

(d) Notwithstanding (a) above, the Commissioner shall have the discretion to appoint up to a maximum of 12 inspectors to any boxing show which has among its matches a championship match or a special event.

(e) The number of inspectors assigned to any combative sports event other than a boxing match shall be determined by the Commissioner; however, in no event shall more than six inspectors be assigned to any event other than a boxing show as permitted in (d) above.

New Rule, R.1992 d.511, effective December 21, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3492(a), 24 N.J.R. 4557(b).

Amended by R.1995 d.399, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1139(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2697(b).

## SUBCHAPTER 10. ANNOUNCERS

### 13:46-10.1 Designation; approval; license

Announcers for combative sports in New Jersey may be designated by the promoters with the approval of the Commissioner and must be licensed by the Board.

Amended by R.1995, d.398, effective July 17, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 1138(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2697(a).

### 13:46-10.2 Authorization to announce

Announcers are forbidden to make any announcement whatsoever except as authorized to do so by the promoter with the consent of the Commission representative at the ringside.

### 13:46-10.3 Announcement of contestants' names and weights

After contestants and their chief seconds are in the ring, the boxing announcer shall announce the names of the contestants, their correct weights and other matters as may be directed by the Commissioner's representative.

### 13:46-10.4 Announcement of contest rules

Boxing announcers shall announce the referee's decisions at the end of contests and in the event of knockouts, the time of same and the round of occurrence.

### 13:46-10.5 Neutrality

(a) Announcers must not in any way by word or action attempt to show any partisanship inside or outside the ring.

(b) They must remain seated in place and be silent except when making official announcements.

### 13:46-10.6 Introducing suspended person

Boxing announcers must not at any time introduce from any ring any boxer or other person who is under suspension.

### 13:46-10.7 Announcement of the decision

At the conclusion of a boxing bout, the announcer shall obtain the decision from the Commissioner or his representative and shall announce the decision from the ring. The manner of the announcement shall be directed by the Commissioner.

Amended by R.1985 d.21, effective February 4, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 1956(a), 17 N.J.R. 314(a).  
Old text deleted and new text substituted.

## SUBCHAPTER 11. TIMEKEEPERS

### 13:46-11.1 Appointment and license

Timekeepers for combative sports in New Jersey shall be appointed and licensed by the Commissioner. Timekeepers are at-will employees of the Board and, notwithstanding the procedure enumerated at N.J.A.C. 13:46-4.14, may have their licenses revoked or their renewal applications denied without the benefit of a hearing before the Board.

Amended by R.1995 d.400, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1141(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2698(a).

### 13:46-11.2 Stop-watch

A timekeeper shall have an accurate stop-watch that shall have been properly examined and certified by a competent watchmaker.

### 13:46-11.3 Time of round; rest period

(a) A timekeeper shall limit each round of boxing to three minutes.

(b) Each rest period between rounds shall last 60 seconds. This period may be extended by the ringside physician in order to allow the physician sufficient time to examine a boxer's physical condition between rounds.

Amended by R.1984 d.611, effective January 7, 1984.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2241(a), 17 N.J.R. 103(a).  
Section substantially amended.

### 13:46-11.4 Warning signal

Ten seconds before the beginning of each round the timekeeper shall give to the seconds of the contestants by sounding a signal.

### 13:46-11.5 Termination before scheduled limit

In the event a boxing contest terminates before the scheduled limit of rounds, the timekeeper shall inform the announcer of the exact duration of the contest.

### 13:46-11.6 Location near bell

A timekeeper shall be equipped with a metal hammer or mallet and shall be seated close to the bell at ringside. Adequate space must be provided to allow the timekeeper complete freedom of motion.

### 13:46-11.7 Signals during rounds

Except for the official ten-second signal, a timekeeper at a boxing match must not give any signal or information on the duration of any round in progress in any contest.

### 13:46-11.8 Termination between rounds

If a boxing bout shall terminate between rounds by decision of the referee and the bell has not sounded for the next round, the boxer will be considered knocked out in the round just concluded; if the bell has sounded the fighter will be considered knocked out in the next round.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
(a) substantially amended; (b) deleted.

### 13:46-11.9 Wrestling

(a) A timekeeper at wrestling exhibitions shall take his cue to commence time from the nod of the referee and shall sound the gong simultaneously with the referee's call of "time".

(b) At the termination of each five-minute period of any wrestling exhibition, the timekeeper shall call out the time that the participants have been wrestling, sufficiently loud for the referee to hear, such as "five minutes" or "ten minutes".

(c) In time limit exhibitions the timekeeper shall sound the gong at the end of the designated time limit to indicate the end of the exhibition.

(d) When an exhibition is terminated in less than the scheduled time limit, the timekeeper shall give the referee the elapsed time.

#### 13:46-11.10 Compensation for combative sports timekeepers

(a) The compensation to boxing timekeepers shall be paid by the promoter conducting the show and shall be on the following basis:

1. When the gross gate receipts of the show do not exceed \$25,000, the fee for the timekeeper shall be \$200.00.
2. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$25,000 and \$50,000, the fee for the timekeeper shall be \$250.00.
3. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$50,000 and \$100,000, the fee for the timekeeper shall be \$300.00.
4. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$100,000 and \$200,000, the fee for the timekeeper shall be \$350.00.
5. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$200,000 and \$300,000, the fee for the timekeeper shall be \$400.00.
6. When the gross gate receipts of the show are in excess of \$300,000, the fee for the timekeeper shall be set by the Commissioner.

(b) The compensation set forth in (a) above shall not apply in a sanctioned championship boxing bout or special event. The Commissioner shall set the compensation to be paid to timekeepers officiating at sanctioned championship boxing bouts and special events. In making this determination, the Commissioner may consider any determinations, standards or recommendations made by a recognized boxing association. Nevertheless, the Commissioner shall retain full authority to set the compensation schedule for timekeepers in championship boxing bouts and special events irrespective of a determination or a recommendation by such an association.

New Rule, R.1987 d.50, effective January 20, 1987.  
See: 18 N.J.R. 1925(a), 19 N.J.R. 234(a).  
Amended by R.1995, d.400, effective July 17, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 1141(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2698(a).

## SUBCHAPTER 12. RULES TO SAFEGUARD HEALTH

### 13:46-12.1 Pre-licensure medical examinations

(a) A boxer, as a condition to licensure or to the renewal of licensure by the State Athletic Control Board shall undergo a thorough medical examination by a physician or physicians appointed by the State Athletic Control Board, one of whom is certified in neurology or neurosurgery, to establish his physical and mental fitness for competition.

(b) An examination within the meaning of (a) above shall include a complete history of the applicant (medical and ring record) and any or all of the following laboratory procedures at the discretion of the Commissioner and the physician: chest X-ray, skull X-ray, flat abdominal X-ray, complete blood count for bleeding and coagulation time, serological examination for syphilis and any other test which might be indicated by the past record or present condition of the applicant. In all cases, the examination shall include the administration of an electrocardiogram and electroencephalogram, a urinalysis, a test for the detection of the HIV virus conducted no earlier than 14 days prior to licensure, and the conduct of a thorough ophthalmological examination. In appropriate cases upon the recommendation of the examining neurologist, a computerized tomography or any other test shall be administered and the results thereof and the recommendation of the examining neurologist forwarded to the Commissioner.

(c) An examination shall be made no earlier than 30 days but no later than one day prior to licensure or the renewal thereof except for the HIV test referred to in (b) above, which must be conducted no earlier than 14 days prior to licensure.

(d) In addition to the examination required by (a) above, the Commissioner at his discretion may order such additional examinations of a boxer at any time for the purpose of determining his continued fitness and qualification to engage in a boxing contest.

(e) No applicant shall be granted a license unless the physician appointed by the State Athletic Control Board has certified his fitness to engage in a boxing contest.

Amended by R.1986 d.302, effective July 21, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 617(a), 18 N.J.R. 1484(a).

Substituted "State Athletic Board" for "Commissioner".

Amended by R.1996 d.373, effective August 5, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2325(a), 28 N.J.R. 3806(b).

In (b) and (c) provided for HIV tests.

### 13:46-12.2 Pre-fight medical examinations

(a) All boxers in all bouts must be given a medical examination by a physician appointed by the Commissioner on the day of the bout, both at the weighing-in and in the evening, a short while before the boxing program commences. All such examinations shall be conducted privately

with no other persons present besides the physician and the boxer. This physical examination shall include as many of the procedures outlined in N.J.A.C. 13:46-12.1(b) as the examining physician may decide are necessary. In all cases, the examination shall include the administration of a thorough ophthalmological and neurological examination and a urinalysis. In all cases, the boxer shall present to the physician the results of a test for the HIV virus. Such HIV test shall be administered no earlier than 14 days prior to the boxing match. Any boxer who fails to produce the results of such a test, or who produces a test result showing that the boxer is infected with the HIV virus, shall not be permitted to box in this State.

(b) No boxer shall be permitted to enter the ring unless the physician appointed by the Commissioner has certified his fitness to engage in a boxing contest. The physician's decision that a boxer is not fit to engage in a boxing contest shall not be subject to change by any other official. A boxer may be disqualified for any medical reason.

Amended by R.1996 d.373, effective August 5, 1996.  
See: 28 N.J.R. 2325(a), 28 N.J.R. 3806(b).  
In (a) provided for HIV tests.

#### Case Notes

Medical examinations of boxers cited in support of finding that breathalyzer and urine tests, as required by regulation, are not unique to jockeys. *Shoemaker v. Handel*, 608 F.Supp. 1151 (D.N.J.1985).

### 13:46-12.3 All drugs prohibited; drug testing

(a) The use of any drug, narcotic, stimulant, depressant, or analgesic of any description, or alcohol substance, by a boxer either before or during a match, shall result in the immediate disqualification of the boxer from the match and indefinite suspension from boxing.

(b) The boxer must submit to any prefight or postfight urinalysis or other laboratory procedure ordered by the physician appointed by the Commissioner to detect the presence of any drug. Refusal to submit to such testing shall result in the immediate disqualification of the boxer from the match and an indefinite suspension from boxing.

(c) The application of Monsel's solution or any of its derivatives or any similar drug or compound, on the body of a boxer before a fight is prohibited.

#### Case Notes

Defeated boxer entitled to preliminary injunction ordering private organization sponsoring fight to disqualify other boxer for having tested positive for steroids. *Schulz v. U.S. Boxing Ass'n*, C.A.3 (N.J.) 1997, 105 F.3d 127.

Medical examinations of boxers cited in support of finding that breathalyzer and urine tests, as required by regulation, are not unique to jockeys. *Shoemaker v. Handel*, 608 F.Supp. 1151 (D.N.J.1985).

### 13:46-12.4 Duties of ringside physician

(a) Ringside physicians shall be appointed by the Commissioner. No boxing bout or wrestling exhibition may commence or proceed unless the ringside physician is present and seated at ringside.

(b) The ringside physician must terminate any boxing bout if in the opinion of such physician any contestant has received severe punishment or is in danger of serious physical injury. In the event of any serious injury, such physician shall immediately render any emergency treatment necessary, order further treatment or hospitalization if required, and fully report the entire matter to the Commissioner within 24 hours and subsequently thereafter, if necessary. Such physician may also require that the injured boxer and his manager remain in the ring or on the premises or report to a hospital after the contest for such period of time as such physician deems advisable. Any boxer, manager or second refusing to comply with the physician's orders regarding hospitalization may be suspended by the Commissioner in the absence of good cause shown to the contrary.

(c) The ringside physician may not enter the ring during the progress of a bout unless expressly requested to do so by the referee, after the referee has ordered punching to stop and has separated the contestants. The ringside physician may enter the ring between the rounds of a boxing match. The ringside physician shall have the authority, after examining a boxer, to terminate any boxing bout to prevent severe punishment or serious physical injury to a contestant.

(d) The Commissioner shall assign a minimum of two physicians to each boxing program.

Amended by R.1987 d.53, effective January 20, 1987.  
See: 18 N.J.R. 1789(a), 19 N.J.R. 233(a).

Subsection (d) added.  
Amended by R.1997 d.121, effective March 17, 1997.  
See: 28 N.J.R. 4862(a), 29 N.J.R. 901(a).  
Substantially amended (c).

### 13:46-12.5 Post-fight medical examinations

(a) All boxers in all bouts must be given a physical examination by a physician appointed by the Commissioner immediately following the bout. This physical examination shall include as many of the procedures outlined in N.J.A.C. 13:46-12.1(b) as the examining physician may decide are necessary. In all cases, the examination shall include the administration of a thorough ophthalmological and neurological examination.

(b) Any boxer refusing to submit to a post-fight medical examination shall be immediately suspended for an indefinite period.

### 13:46-12.6 Medical examination of boxer after severe injury or actual knockout

(a) Any boxer who has sustained any severe injury or actual knockout in a bout shall within 24 hours be thoroughly examined by a physician appointed by the State Athletic Control Board. Such examination shall include any or all of the procedures as provided in N.J.A.C. 13:46-12.1(b) as the examining physician may decide are necessary. In all cases, the examination shall include the administration of an electrocardiogram and electroencephalogram and the conduct of a thorough ophthalmological examination and a neurological examination.

(b) Any boxer who is knocked out in a boxing match shall be suspended from boxing for a 60-day period. Upon the physician's order, the Commissioner shall extend the suspension already imposed.

1. A boxer who is knocked out in a boxing match shall not be permitted to enter the ring again until a thorough medical examination of the type required by N.J.A.C. 13:46-12.1(b) has been performed by a physician appoint-

ed by the State Athletic Control Board and said physician has certified the boxer's fitness to engage in a boxing contest.

(c) Any boxer who is technically knocked out in a boxing match shall be suspended from boxing for a 30-day period. Upon the physician's order, the Commissioner shall extend the suspension already imposed.



Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
"Agent" substituted for "office".

## SUBCHAPTER 21. WRESTLING REFEREES

### 13:46-21.1 Appointment and assignment

Referees for wrestling exhibitions shall be appointed and assigned by the Commissioner.

### 13:46-21.2 Compensation for wrestling referees

(a) For wrestling shows to which only one referee is assigned, the compensation to the referee shall be paid by the promoter conducting the show and shall be on the following basis:

1. When the gross gate receipts of the show do not exceed \$2,500, the fee for the referee shall be \$125.00.
2. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$2,500 and \$5,000, the fee for the referee shall be \$150.00.
3. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$5,000 and \$10,000, the fee for the referee shall be \$225.00.
4. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$10,000 and \$15,000, the fee for the referee shall be \$300.00.
5. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$15,000 and \$25,000, the fee for the referee shall be \$375.00.
6. When the gross gate receipts of the show are in excess of \$25,000, the fee for the referee shall be \$450.00.

(b) For wrestling shows to which more than one referee is assigned, the compensation to each of the referees shall be paid by the promoter and shall be on the following basis:

1. When the gross gate receipts of the show do not exceed \$2,500, the fee for each of the referees shall be \$75.00.
2. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$2,500 and \$5,000, the fee for each of the referees shall be \$100.00.
3. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$5,000 and \$10,000, the fee for each of the referees shall be \$150.00.
4. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$10,000 and \$15,000, the fee for each of the referees shall be \$200.00.

5. When the gross gate receipts of the show are between \$15,000 and \$25,000, the fee for each of the referees shall be \$250.00.

6. When the gross gate receipts of the show are in excess of \$25,000, the fee for each of the referees shall be \$300.00.

(c) In the event one of the referees assigned to a wrestling show becomes incapacitated, or in an emergency situation where only one of the referees assigned to the show is available, the remaining referee shall referee the remaining contests on the program and, at the discretion of the Commissioner, may be compensated in an amount up to twice the amount of the fee established under (b) above. In such a situation, the compensation to be paid to the incapacitated or unavailable referee shall be reduced accordingly.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).

Deleted (a) and (b); new (a) added and (b)-1.-11. and now (a)1.-11.  
Amended by R.1987 d.49, effective January 20, 1987.  
See: 18 N.J.R. 1790(a), 19 N.J.R. 233(c).  
Substantially amended.

### 13:46-21.3 Chief official

The referee shall be the chief official of every wrestling exhibition and shall remain in the ring during the entire time of said exhibition.

### 13:46-21.4 Leaving ring

The referee of a wrestling exhibition shall not leave the ring until all of the wrestlers have left the ring.

### 13:46-21.5 Report

Each wrestling referee shall make a written report to the Commissioner of any contest which he referees where there has been a disregard of the rules. The report must be mailed to the Trenton office of the Commissioner within seven days.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
Substantially amended.

### 13:46-21.6 Payment of referees

Promoters shall not make payment directly to wrestling referees. The promoter shall write a check to the State of New Jersey in an amount determined by the Chief Inspector. The check shall be given to the Chief Inspector at the exhibition and forwarded to the Commission by the Chief Inspector. The funds will be disbursed by the Commission to the referees based upon the payroll composed by the inspectors.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
Old section deleted and new text substituted.

**13:46-21.7 Cardiograms**

Referees must submit cardiograms at license renewal time each year.

**13:46-21.8 Apparel**

Apparel required for wrestling referees shall consist of blue shirt, black trousers, black bow tie and black shoes.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
Substantially amended.

**13:46-21.9 Use of physician**

The referee of a wrestling exhibition may call the assigned physician to the ring whenever an injury to a wrestler requires a decision on whether or not said wrestler should be permitted to continue.

**13:46-21.10 Disqualifying wrestlers**

Wrestling referees shall disqualify wrestlers who persist in violating rules of decency, propriety, good sportsmanship or are offensive to the public interest.

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**SUBCHAPTER 22. HEARINGS AND SUBPOENA OF WITNESSES**
**13:46-22.1 Investigations and hearings held by the Commissioner; discipline**

(a) The Commissioner or any agent designated by him may make investigations and the Commissioner may hold hearings and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses.

(b) The Commissioner also may order the production of books, papers or records needed for any hearing.

(c) When the hearing takes place the Commissioner may administer oaths to and examine any witnesses for the purpose of determining the question for which the hearing has been called.

(d) If the Commissioner finds that a violation of the rules of the Board has occurred, the Commissioner may impose a disciplinary fine up to a maximum of the greater of \$10,000 or the amount of the purse in the bout in which the violation occurred and, in addition to any fine, may suspend or revoke any license.

(e) Within 15 days after the imposition of a fine and/or suspension or revocation by the Commissioner, a licensee may request review by the Board. If review is requested, the Board shall hear the matter directly or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:46-4.14. The Board may take testimony and cross examination will be permitted. The Board may:

1. Adopt the decision of the Commissioner;

2. Impose a greater or lesser penalty than imposed by the Commissioner, except that the maximum fine shall be the greater of \$10,000 or the amount of the purse in the bout in which the violation occurred; or

3. Find that no discipline is warranted.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
Amended by R.1995 d.400, effective July 17, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 1141(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2698(a).

**13:46-22.2 Failure to obey; fine**

(a) Any person who shall willfully fail to obey any subpoena by the Commissioner or to answer truthfully such questions as may be asked of him by the Commissioner shall, in addition to any other penalties which may be prescribed by law, be liable to a fine of \$100.00.

(b) No witness shall be compelled to answer any question which will incriminate him.

**13:46-22.3 Functions of Commissioner**

(a) The Commissioner shall have and exercise sole direction, management, control and supervision over all boxing matches or wrestling and sparring exhibitions and performances.

(b) The Commissioner shall enforce such rules and regulations of the Board as shall be necessary or proper for the holding of boxing matches or wrestling or sparring exhibitions.

(c) It is the Commissioner's power to prescribe and enforce penalties for any violations, subject to the review of the Board as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:46-22.1.

Amended by R.1995 d.400, effective July 17, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 1141(a), 27 N.J.R. 1959(a), 27 N.J.R. 2698(a).

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**SUBCHAPTER 23. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**
**13:46-23.1 Interest in athlete prohibited**

No officer, employee or appointee of the Office of the State Athletic Commissioner, including referees, judges, inspectors, timekeepers, physicians, doormen and box office employees, nor any spouse, child, parent or sibling of any such individual, shall have any direct or indirect financial interest in any boxer or wrestler licensed by the Office of the State Athletic Commissioner.