

**CHAPTER 46**

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

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## 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.

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

Added definitions "club contract" and "program."

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).

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. Lighthweight ..... up to 175 pounds
11. Cruiserweight ..... up to 195 pounds
12. Heavyweight ..... all over 195 pounds

**SUBCHAPTER 1A. BOXING WEIGHTS AND CLASSES**

**13:46-1A.1 Classes of boxers**

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

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

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

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:46-1.2.

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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) The Commissioner shall provide copies of all medical records pertaining to an individual boxer to the physician appointed by the Commissioner who is assigned to that boxer's next bout, at least one day in advance of said bout. No boxer shall be permitted to engage in a boxing contest unless the physician appointed by the Commissioner who is assigned to that contest has in his or her possession the boxer's complete medical history prior to the pre-fight examination.

(c) Physicians appointed by the Commissioner shall fill out and return to the Commissioner immediately after a boxing show a printed injury insurance form, reporting serious injuries.

#### 13:46-12B.7 Suspension notices

(a) The Commissioner shall maintain a current listing of all boxers who are under suspension in this State and in any other boxing jurisdiction. The Commissioner shall provide a copy of the suspension list to each attending physician at each boxing contest conducted in this State and shall promptly transmit a current copy of the suspension list to every other boxing jurisdiction. Under no circumstances shall a boxer on the suspension list participate in a boxing contest.

(b) The Commissioner, upon placing a boxer on the suspension list, shall immediately mail a written suspension notice to the boxer and his or her licensed manager at their last known addresses, specifying the nature of the suspension, the reason therefor, and the length of the suspension, where known.

(c) Any boxer who participates in a boxing contest during the period of his or her suspension shall have his or her license revoked. Any licensed manager of a boxer on the suspension list who participates in a boxing contest shall have his or her license revoked. Any licensed promoter of a boxing show in which a boxer on the suspension list participates shall have his or her license revoked.

#### 13:46-12B.8 Compensation for physicians

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

1. Each physician assigned by the Commissioner to perform duties at the pre-fight weigh-in at a boxing show shall receive a fee of \$100.00.
2. Each physician assigned by the Commissioner to perform ringside duties at a boxing or wrestling show shall receive a fee of \$150.00.

(b) The compensation schedule set forth in (a) above shall not apply in a sanctioned championship boxing bout. The Commissioner shall set the compensation to be paid to physicians assigned to perform pre-fight or ringside duties at sanctioned championship boxing bouts. In making this determination, the Commissioner may consider any determinations, standards or recommendations made by a nationally recognized boxing association whose voting membership is composed of representatives of governmental agencies regulating boxing. A nationally-recognized boxing association shall include, but not be limited to, the World Boxing Council, the North American Boxing Federation and the United States Boxing Association. Nevertheless, the Commissioner shall retain full authority to set the compensation schedule for physicians in championship boxing bouts irrespective of a determination or a recommendation by such an association.

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## SUBCHAPTER 13. TELEVISION

### 13:46-13.1 Tax

(a) Every person who shall hold any boxing, wrestling or sparring exhibition or performance shall pay to the Commissioner, in addition to the gross receipts tax imposed by N.J.S.A. 5:2A-20(c)(1), a tax on the gross receipts derived from the lease or sale of television, moving picture or radio rights in connection with any such exhibition or performance. The rate of tax shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:2A-20(c)(2).

(b) The Commissioner shall forthwith pay the tax into the State Treasury.

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).

### 13:46-13.2 Forms

Special forms to accompany the payment of the television tax shall be provided by the Commission to promoters whose shows are televised.

### 13:46-13.3 Sanction and approval of Commissioner

No promoter shall enter into any television agreement, either with a sponsor or a television station, without first obtaining the Commissioner's sanction and approval.

### 13:46-13.4 Copy of agreement furnished to Commissioner

(a) The Commissioner must be furnished with true copies, properly notarized, of any and all agreements between promoters and television sponsors or between promoters and television stations.

**13:46-15.13 Irregularities**

(a) In all cases where it is reported by an inspector that a promoter has made an incorrect statement of its gate receipts, or has used tickets not appearing on the statement required by the rules of the Board, or by any mistake or subterfuge as to reduce the amount of tax due under the

law, the promoter shall make a prompt and satisfactory explanation to the Commissioner. The promoter shall promptly remit any additional tax which may be due. Any promoter who fails to give a satisfactory explanation for any discrepancy may be disciplined by the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:46-22.1.

(b) Reports on any such irregularities must be made immediately, and in writing, by the State inspector.

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

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

Substituted "promoters" for "club".

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).

#### 13:46-15.14 Ticket stub

Under no circumstances shall a ticket holder be passed through the gate without having the ticket separated from the stub, or be allowed to occupy a seat unless in possession of the ticket stub.

#### 13:46-15.15 Press tickets

All tickets issued to the working press shall be so marked and there may be no more issued than there are reservations in the established working press section.

#### 13:46-15.16 Employee tickets

All employee tickets shall be marked "employees" and may be used by none except actual employees.

#### 13:46-15.17 Issuance of undeclared tickets

No tickets of admission to any boxing or wrestling show shall be sold except the tickets declared on an official ticket manifest, supplied to the State Athletic Commission by the official licensed ticket printer.

As amended, R.1982 d.398, effective November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 971(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(b).

Deleted (b).

#### 13:46-15.18 (Reserved)

As amended, R.1982 d.398, effective November 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 971(b), 14 N.J.R. 1220(b).

Deleted "offered for sale".

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

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

Section was "Advertisement on ticket".

### SUBCHAPTER 16. DOORMEN AND BOX OFFICE EMPLOYEES

#### 13:46-16.1 Doormen and box office employees

(a) Doormen for boxing and wrestling exhibitions shall be appointed, licensed and assigned by the Commissioner.

(b) Box office employees employed at boxing or wrestling shows shall be appointed by the promoter and licensed and assigned by the State Athletic Commissioner.

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.

#### 13:46-16.2 Separation

The employment duties of doormen and box office employees are not interchangeable. Those employed as doormen shall not be licensed as box office employees.

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 was "Separate licenses".

#### 13:46-16.3 Supervision

Doormen and box office employees shall be supervised by Commission representatives.

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

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

Text deleted "and shall be held responsible for any lack of cooperation".

### SUBCHAPTER 17. AMATEUR (AAU) BOXING

#### 13:46-17.1 Conduct; approval

(a) Amateur ABF boxing shall be conducted under the direction and rules of the Amateur Boxing Federation.

(b) The New Jersey State Athletic Commission must approve each show prior to the staging of same.

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

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

"ABF" substituted for "AAU" and "Boxing Federation" substituted for "Athletic Union".

#### 13:46-17.2 Tickets

Tickets for amateur ABF boxing shows must be printed by printers licensed and authorized by the New Jersey 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).

"ABF" substituted for "AAU".

#### 13:46-17.3 Inspector

The Commissioner shall assign an inspector to each ABF show. The inspector shall collect the State Tax and shall work closely with the ABF clerk.

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

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

"ABF" substituted for "AAU".

#### 13:46-17.4 Safety precautions

The inspector must not permit an amateur ABF boxing show to proceed unless there is a doctor in attendance at ringside and an ambulance available and all safety precautions are strictly adhered to in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Chapter.

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.

### 13:46-17.5 Physicians' compensation

Physicians at ABF shows shall be compensated by the ABF clubs unless their services are donated.

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

### 13:46-17.6 Boxing in conjunction with other entertainments

No amateur boxing contest shall be held in conjunction with vaudeville shows, motion pictures, television shows, dances or entertainments of any sort without prior approval of the State Athletic Commissioner.

### 13:46-17.7 Amateur boxing in conjunction with professional contests

No amateur boxing contest shall be conducted in connection with any professional boxing or wrestling show unless written permission to do so is obtained in advance from the Commissioner, and the amateur association of which the competing amateur boxers are registered members.

### 13:46-17.8 Permit; ABF sanction

No permit will be granted for the purpose of holding amateur contests unless request for such permit is accompanied by sanction of the ABF.

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

### 13:46-17.9 (Reserved)

Repealed by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
Originally "Sale of tickets for minor contestants".

## SUBCHAPTER 18. PROMOTERS

### 13:46-18.1 General responsibility

A licensed promoter will be held responsible for any failure to adhere to or enforce the rules and regulations of the New Jersey 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).

Added text "to adhere to or enforce" deleted "in adhering to or enforcement of".

### 13:46-18.2 Dealings with unlicensed managers

Any boxing promoter who deals with an unlicensed manager may be disciplined by the Commissioner pursuant to 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).

### 13:46-18.3 Non-use of license

If a promoter has been granted a license for boxing or wrestling shows and the promoter does not hold a boxing or wrestling show for a period of 90 days, the license of said promoter may be revoked.

Amended by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
"90" days substituted for "60".

### 13:46-18.4 Intermissions

Promoters shall not permit intermissions at boxing or wrestling shows to exceed five minutes subject to the approval of the Commissioner or his agent.

### 13:46-18.5 Closing hour of shows

All professional boxing and wrestling shows must be terminated at 11:00 P.M. unless permission is obtained from the Commissioner or his representative.

### 13:46-18.6 (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 "Dealings with unlicensed persons".

### 13:46-18.7 Dealings with persons under suspension

Promoters and their matchmakers shall take notice of suspensions and shall not permit any person under suspension to take any part whatsoever as a participant, or in arranging or conducting matches, or work during the period of suspension.

### 13:46-18.8 Suspension

A promoter may be disciplined by the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:46-22.1 for any violation of the rules of the Board.

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.  
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).

### 13:46-18.9 Maintenance of order; responsibility

(a) Promoters will be held responsible for maintaining order, and any person who is intoxicated, abusive or disorderly in conduct, to the annoyance of surrounding spectators, must be ejected.

(b) Promoters must supply adequate security services to ensure that order may be maintained and all laws and regulations enforced.

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