

**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).  
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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.”

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

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. Lighthavyweight . . . . . 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: 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.

### 13:46-3.10 Chest protector for women contestants

All female contestants shall wear a chest protector while participating in any combative sport. The chest protector shall be subject to examination and approval by the attending physician.

New Rule, R.1997 d.227, effective June 2, 1997.  
See: 29 N.J.R. 413(a), 29 N.J.R. 2567(a).

## 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 competi-

tion 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".

**13:46-4.12 Substitute promoter**

The promoter may not transfer or delegate a substitute to operate under his license.

**13:46-4.13 (Reserved)**

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

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

Changed "clubs" to "promoters" and "matches" to "programs".

Repealed by R.1984 d.611, effective January 7, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2241(a), 17 N.J.R. 103(a).

This section was originally "suspension bulletins".

**13:46-4.14 Procedures for licensure**

(a) The Commissioner shall review each applicant's qualifications for licensure. If the Commissioner determines that an applicant is qualified pursuant to this chapter, he or she shall issue the appropriate license.

(b) The Commissioner shall deny the application of any person he or she finds to be unqualified. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant and the Board of the reasons for his or her denial of the application.

(c) Any person whose application has been denied or whose license has been revoked by the Commissioner may, within 15 days of notification of the Commissioner's action, request that the Board review the application. If a person whose application has been denied does not request a review by the Board, the Commissioner's denial shall be final.

(d) If review by the Board is requested, the Board may:

1. Hear the matter directly; or
2. Transmit the matter as a contested case to the Office of Administrative Law pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

New Rule, R.1995 d.400, effective July 17, 1995.

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

**13:46-4.15 Sale or transfer of license prohibited**

Licenses are not to be bartered, sold, exchanged or transferred.

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

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

Deleted "club".

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.

**13:46-4.16 Forms provided**

Blank application forms for licenses shall be provided by the Commissioner.

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

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

Deleted "club".

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).

**13:46-4.17 (Reserved)**

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

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

Deleted "club" and changed "show" to "program".

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 originally revocation for nonuse.

**13:46-4.18 (Reserved)**

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".

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 originally display of certificate.

**13:46-4.19 Promoter responsibility**

All holders of a promoters license shall be held absolutely responsible to the Commissioner for all programs or exhibitions held, given or conducted.

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

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

Deleted "persons, clubs, corporations or associations holding licenses" and added licensees. Changed "matches" to "programs".

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

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

**13:46-4.20 (Reserved)**

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, corporation or person" to "promoter".

Repealed by R.1985 d.164, effective April 1, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 55(a), 17 N.J.R. 837(a).

Section was previously "Financial interest in participants".

**13:46-4.21 Application for permit**

(a) No promoter shall hold any boxing, wrestling or sparring program unless the promoter shall hold a valid license issued under the act and under these rules, unless at least two weeks before the holding of the program the promoter shall have notified the Commissioner of its being scheduled and unless at least 10 days before the date of the proposed program the promoter shall have been issued by the Commissioner a written permit to hold it.

(b) No permit shall be issued unless the promoter shall have first submitted to the Commissioner in writing the names of all contestants for that match which constitutes the main event of the program and that match immediately preceding the main event.

(c) No permit shall be issued unless the promoter shall have submitted to the Commissioner signed contracts of contestants or participants and managers in those matches described in (b) above. The contracts shall have the bona fide addresses of the contestants.

(d) The Commissioner, in the exercise of the discretion to grant or deny a permit, may consider any determina-

tions, standards or recommendations made by a nationally recognized boxing association whose voting membership is composed of representatives of governmental agencies regulating boxing. Any such determinations, standards or recommendations made may include, but not be limited to, rankings of boxers and choice or match. A nationally recognized boxing association shall include, but not be limited to, the World American Boxing Federation and the United States Boxing Association. Nevertheless, the Commissioner shall retain full authority to grant or deny a permit irrespective of determination or recommendations by such an association.

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 "notification by promoter" and added new text of "application for permit".

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).

**13:46-4.22 (Reserved)**

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

Repealed permit issuance.

**13:46-4.23 Permits in writing**

All applications for permits must be in writing.

**13:46-4.24 Guarantee**

In connection with such permits, the commissioner may require posting of a suitable sum of money as a guarantee of fulfillment of all obligations attendant upon the promotion. This guarantee fund shall be remitted upon satisfactory conclusion of the promotion.

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

Deleted (a) requiring a \$100.00 permit fee.

**13:46-4.25 License fees**

(a) License fees for wrestlers, managers, seconds, referees, timekeepers, announcers, doormen, box office employees, promoters, co-promoters, and judges shall be on a fiscal year basis (July 1 through the following June 30). All licensees shall be issued on a Statewide basis. The fee for each license shall be as follows:

1. Wrestling promoter .....	\$100.00
2. Wrestling co-promoter .....	\$75.00
3. Referee .....	\$75.00
4. Manager .....	\$25.00
5. Wrestler .....	\$5.00
6. Second .....	\$25.00
7. Timekeeper .....	\$25.00
8. Announcer .....	\$25.00
9. Doorman .....	\$25.00
10. Box office employee .....	\$25.00
11. Matchmaker .....	\$100.00
12. Judge .....	\$75.00
13. Boxing promoter .....	\$300.00
14. Boxing co-promoter .....	\$200.00
15. Wrestling permit (one day) .....	\$75.00

(b) The fee for a boxer's license shall be \$5.00.

As amended, R.1971 d.135, eff. August 11, 1971.  
See: 3 N.J.R. 183(a).

Amended by R.1987 d.51, effective January 20, 1987.

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

Deleted boxing from section.

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).

Amended by R.1996 d.203, effective May 6, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4850(a), 28 N.J.R. 2392(b).

In (a) added one day wrestling permit.

**13:46-4.26 Lost license; duplicate**

If a license is lost, its owner may obtain a duplicate for \$5.00 by written application to the Trenton Office of the Commissioner.

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

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

"Commissioner" substituted for "Commission".

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).

**13:46-4.27 Criteria for license issuance to promoters**

(a) The State Athletic Commissioner may grant a license to conduct boxing or wrestling promotions where an applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner financial responsibility, experience, good character and general fitness and of those persons who own or control more than 10 percent of the profits or assets of the firm, association or partnership or the officers of a corporation or those stockholders who own more than 10 percent of the stock in such a corporation; provided, however, no license shall be granted to any applicant convicted of any offense in this or any other jurisdiction which would be under New Jersey law a crime or moral turpitude or any other offense which indicates that licensure would be inimical to the conduct of the sport of boxing in this State.

(b) In deciding whether to renew a license to a promoter, the Commissioner may consider the number of shows promoted in the prior year but a show should be held in each 90 day period.

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 shall be guided by conduct of applicant in his state of legal residence.

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

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

Section substantially amended.

**13:46-4.28 (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 was originally "License in state of residence".

**13:46-4.29 Co-promoter**

Any co-promoter of a boxing or wrestling promotion associating himself with a licensed promoter for a single promotion shall obtain a permit. The fee for a boxing co-promoter permit is \$200.00. The fee for a wrestling co-promoter permit is \$75.00.

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

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

Permit license charge changed from "\$150.00" to "\$100.00".

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).

**13:46-4.30 (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 was originally "Corporation license".

**13:46-4.31 Geographical territory**

(a) When issuing a yearly boxing or wrestling license, the Commissioner shall designate which of three geographical territories over which the license shall be valid.

(b) A promoter may obtain a license to promote in more than one geographical territory and must obtain a license for a specific territory before promoting in that territory.

As amended R.1970 d.68, eff. June 22, 1970.

See: 2 N.J.R. 36(b), 2 N.J.R. 57(b).

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

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

(b) added.

**13:46-4.32 Territory of northern New Jersey**

Any yearly boxing or wrestling license issued to a promoter to operate in the geographical territory of northern New Jersey shall be valid throughout Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties.

As amended R.1970 d.68, eff. June 22, 1970.

See: 2 N.J.R. 36(b), 2 N.J.R. 57(b).

**13:46-4.33 Territory of central New Jersey**

Any yearly boxing or wrestling license issued to a promoter to operate in the geographical territory of central New Jersey shall be valid throughout Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

As amended R.1970 d.68, eff. June 22, 1970.

See: 2 N.J.R. 36(b), 2 N.J.R. 57(b).

**13:46-4.34 Territory of southern New Jersey**

Any yearly boxing or wrestling license issued to a promoter to operate in the geographical area of southern New Jersey shall be valid throughout Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

As amended R.1970 d.68, eff. June 22, 1970.

See: 2 N.J.R. 36(b), 2 N.J.R. 57(b).

**13:46-4.35 Fingerprinting of applicants for licenses**

The Commissioner shall, at his discretion, cause the fingerprints of any applicants for a license, including officers or directors of corporations, to be recorded and kept on file in the office of the Commissioner for identification purposes and for guidance in the exercise of discretion in granting, rejecting or suspending such licenses.

R.1972 d.45, eff. Mar. 2, 1972.

See: 4 N.J.R. 28(a), 4 N.J.R. 76(c).

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

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

Substituted "any" for "all".

**13:46-4.36 Refund of license fees**

Refunds will not be granted to any person for fees paid for a license, when such person fails to complete the application requirements considered and approved by the Commissioner.

R.1972 d.44, eff. Mar. 2, 1972.

See: 4 N.J.R. 28(b), 4 N.J.R. 76(b).

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".

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 "promoter licenses, including matchmaker's licenses", and substituted "a license".

**SUBCHAPTER 5. BOXERS****13:46-5.1 (Reserved)**

Repealed by R.1984 d.611, effective January 7, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2241(a), 17 N.J.R. 103(a).

**13:46-5.2 Age**

(a) The Commissioner shall license no applicant as a professional boxer who is under the age of 18.

(b) A professional boxer above the age of 35 shall not be licensed by the Commissioner unless he is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commissioner and the physicians appointed by him that he is capable of engaging in a boxing contest.

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.

**13:46-5.3 Boxer as self manager**

Any boxer who has attained his 18th birthday and is not under contract to a manager can make his own matches, signing contracts to handle his own affairs and shall for the same apply for a manager's license.

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

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

Changed age from "21st" to "18th".

**13:46-5.4 First appearance; proof of age and identity**

(a) Any boxer must provide positive proof of his age and identity.

(b) Unless positive proof of age and identity is provided, the inspector shall not permit the contestant to box.

(c) Positive proof of age and identity may include but may not be limited to a drivers license or birth certificate.

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

**13:46-5.5 Boxer-manager contract forms**

(a) All boxers with managers must, when boxing in New Jersey for the first time, sign boxer-manager contract forms. These must be executed in triplicate in the presence of a notary public or a Commission official. One copy shall be retained by the manager, one copy shall be retained by the boxer and the manager shall file the third copy with the State Athletic Commissioner.

(b) All contracts and written agreements between a boxer and his manager must be filed with 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).  
(a) substantially amended.

**13:46-5.6 Boxer-manager contracts; time of effectiveness**

(a) Boxer-manager contracts in New Jersey shall be effective for a maximum of five years, unless the manager releases the boxer or the Commissioner declares the contract void.

(b) No boxer-manager contracts in New Jersey may be renewable at the exclusive option of the manager.

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

Amended by R.1996, d.372, effective August 5, 1996.  
See: 28 N.J.R. 2324(a), 28 N.J.R. 3806(a).

In (a) extended the maximum length of contracts from three to five years.

**13:46-5.7 Release from contract**

Release of a boxer by a manager from a boxer-manager contract shall be in writing and shall be kept on file in the State Athletic Commission office.

**13:46-5.8 Parties to contract to be licensed**

(a) Both parties to a boxer-manager contract must be licensed by the State Athletic Commission or the same shall not become effective.

(b) The Commissioner may recognize contracts on file with governmental agencies in other jurisdictions provided that the contracts comply with the rules of the Commissioner.

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 "in co-operating States" and added "with governmental agencies . . . of the Commissioner."

**13:46-5.9 (Reserved)**

Repealed by R.1984 d.611, effective January 7, 1984.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2241(a), 17 N.J.R. 103(a).  
This section was previously "minors".

**13:46-5.10 Club contract**

No boxer shall participate in any bout in New Jersey without signing a club contract. If the boxer has a manager, the signatures of both the boxer and manager should appear on the club contract.

**13:46-5.11 Payment to boxer**

A promoter shall pay the boxer the full purse specified in the contract.

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 "the boxer".

**13:46-5.12 Failure to appear for weigh-in**

Any boxer who fails to appear for the official weigh-in, within the time stipulated on the club contract, shall be subject to fine or suspension or both.

**13:46-5.13 Failure to appear for bout**

Any contestant who fails to appear for a bout after he has signed a club contract shall be suspended.

**13:46-5.14 (Reserved)**

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

This section was previously "rest period; reinstatement after knock-out".

**13:46-5.15 Failure to give satisfactory performance**

(a) If a boxer, in the judgment of the referee, inspector or other Board official, fails to give a satisfactory performance, his purse shall be forwarded to the Commissioner.

(b) Such money withheld shall be deposited with the State Treasurer.

(c) The Commissioner shall investigate the matter and shall conduct such interviews as he deems appropriate. Within 15 days of the match, the Commissioner shall:

1. Find that no discipline is appropriate; or

2. Find that a boxer has failed to give a satisfactory performance and impose such fine as he or she believes appropriate, up to the amount of the purse.

(d) Following the finding by the Commissioner under (c) above, the amount of the purse, minus any fine, shall be forwarded to the boxer.



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).

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**SUBCHAPTER 12. (RESERVED)**

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**SUBCHAPTER 12A. UNIFORM MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS**

**13:46-12A.1 Applicability**

This subchapter shall apply to all professional boxing matches. All other rules of this chapter shall continue to apply to professional boxing matches except that, in the event of a conflict, the rules of this subchapter shall control.

**13:46-12A.2 Pre-licensure medical requirement**

(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 to establish his or her physical and mental fitness for competition.

(b) 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 N.J.A.C. 13:46-12A.3, which shall be conducted no earlier than 14 days prior to licensure.

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

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

**13:46-12A.3 Thorough medical examination defined**

(a) A thorough medical examination shall consist of a minimum requirement of:

1. A CT/MRI Brain Scan (without contrast), within the last three years;
2. An electrocardiogram;

3. Ophthalmological dilation;
4. An annual gynecological and breast exams for women;
5. A serum pregnancy test for women;
6. A comprehensive history and physical examination;
7. A complete blood count for bleeding and coagulation time;
8. An HIV test conducted no earlier than 14 days prior to licensure; and
9. A urinalysis.

#### 13:46-12A.4 Pre-fight weigh-in examination

(a) All boxers in all bouts shall be given a medical examination by a physician appointed by the Commissioner prior to the start 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. 13:46-12A.3 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 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:46-12A.5.

(b) The examination shall include a pregnancy test for all female boxers. Any contestant determined to be pregnant shall not be permitted to box in this State.

(c) No boxer shall be permitted to enter the ring unless the physician appointed by the Commissioner has certified his or her 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.

#### 13:46-12A.5 HIV examination

All boxers in all bouts shall complete an HIV examination. The initial test for HIV detection shall be conducted no earlier than 14 days prior to licensure. After licensure, an HIV test shall be completed by every boxer prior to his or her participation in each boxing match. Pre-fight HIV tests 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.

#### 13:46-12A.6 Recommended hepatitis testing and vaccinations

Hepatitis testing, as well as vaccinations, are recommended for all boxers but are not mandatory.

#### 13:46-12A.7 Usage of drugs

(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 disciplinary action in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:46-12A.9.

(b) A boxer shall submit to any pre-fight or post-fight 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.

#### 13:46-12A.8 Urinalysis

(a) All boxers in all bouts shall complete a pre-fight urinalysis exam to detect the presence of any drug.

(b) In addition to the mandatory pre-fight analysis, the Commissioner may, at his or her discretion, decide to test for the presence of performance enhancing drugs and thereby require additional urine specimens to be produced at any time after the completion of the bout.

(c) Collection of specimens for urinalysis testing shall be conducted by a Commission official. Refusal to submit to such testing shall result in the immediate disqualification of the boxer from the match and an indefinite suspension from boxing.

#### 13:46-12A.9 Penalties for drug use

(a) Any boxer who tests positive for drug use shall be penalized as follows:

1. First offense: 90 days' suspension;
2. Second offense: 180 days' suspension, and mandatory enrollment in a supervisory treatment program approved by the State Commission; and
3. Third offense: Two years' suspension without appeal.

#### 13:46-12A.10 Post-fight medical examination

(a) All boxers in all bouts shall 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. 13:46-12A.3 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) 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 boxing or wrestling show shall receive a fee of \$200.00.

(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 irre-

spective of a determination or a recommendation by such an association.

Amended by R.2000 d.31, effective January 18, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3047(a), 32 N.J.R. 321(b).

In (a)2, increased the fee from \$150.00 to \$200.00.

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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.

(b) Television station authorities must submit to the Commissioner any television agreement made with any boxing or wrestling promoter prior to televising the same.

#### 13:46-13.5 Time for tax payment

The television tax must be paid the same night of a show. If by check, it must be separate.

#### 13:46-13.6 Application

No person shall enter into any agreement whatsoever to televise a boxing, wrestling or sparring performance or exhibition, either for profit or for advertisement purposes, unless written application is submitted to the Commissioner and sanction obtained.

#### 13:46-13.7 Announcements

Promoters shall submit announcements for television purposes to the representative of the Commissioner.

### SUBCHAPTER 14. INSURANCE FOR BOXERS

#### 13:46-14.1 Carried by promoter

Licensed boxing promoters must carry accident insurance covering all professional boxers competing in their clubs.

#### 13:46-14.2 Premium payment

(a) Each licensed promoter shall be required to submit a full premium payment for boxer's insurance coverage at the same time that club contracts are filed, five days prior to a show, with the State Athletic Commission.

(b) Payment by check for the premium is to be made out in the name of the insurance company supplied by the Commissioner.

#### 13:46-14.3 Coverage

(a) Insurance will cover professional boxers for medical, surgical and hospital care in excess of \$10.00 up to a total of \$500.00; dental expense limited to \$50.00; nose injuries, \$100.00.

(b) In the event of accidental death, \$5,000.00 will be paid to the estate of the deceased.

#### 13:46-14.4 Cost of insurance

The cost of insurance is to be divided equally between the promoter and the boxers appearing in a final bout and semi-final bout or bouts of equal importance and of comparable compensation. This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Commissioner.

#### 13:46-14.5 Compliance

No professional boxing show shall be approved in New Jersey unless the accident insurance plan is met with the fullest compliance.

### SUBCHAPTER 15. TICKETS

#### 13:46-15.1 Approved printer

Any promoter or person who holds a boxing, wrestling or sparring exhibition or performance must only use tickets obtained from a printer licensed and approved by the Commissioner.

#### 13:46-15.2 Printer's license

(a) All licenses hereunder shall be for a period of one year unless sooner revoked for cause.

(b) At the time of the application for such license, the applicant shall execute and file with the Commissioner a bond to the State of New Jersey in the sum of \$10,000 in proper form and with sureties thereon satisfactory to the Commissioner, which bond shall be conditioned for compliance with the provision of the license.

(c) A printer's license fee shall be \$100.00 for a period of one year.

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

(a) deleted; (b)-(d) renumbered to (a)-(c).  
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).  
Amended by R.1997 d.38, effective January 21, 1997.  
See: 28 N.J.R. 4078(a), 29 N.J.R. 373(a).

In (c), raised fee.

#### 13:46-15.3 Ticket form

Tickets shall be printed and made in such form as the Commissioner may prescribe.

#### 13:46-15.4 Inventory

(a) Authorized printers shall send by mail to the Commission office, not less than seven days before a boxing show or wrestling exhibition for which the tickets have been printed, a sworn inventory of all tickets delivered to any club.

(b) The inventory shall account for any over prints, changes or extras.

(c) The inventory, or manifest, shall be in triplicate, two copies of which shall be supplied to the Commissioner.

**13:46-15.5 Format of tickets according to price and complimentary tickets**

(a) Tickets of different prices must be printed on cardboard of different colors.

(b) A promoter may issue complimentary tickets without charge to those receiving them. The promoter shall pay to the Commissioner the tax required by N.J.S.A. 5:2A-20(c)(1) on all complimentary tickets issued, with the tax being calculated upon the price which would have been paid for each ticket if it had been sold. The tax shall not be paid, however, upon tickets issued without charge to:

1. Newspaper reporters, photographers, telegraphers, and radio and television announcers assigned to work by their recognized employers or supervisors, policemen and firemen in uniform and on duty, and persons of similar vocation who are admitted free to any club for the performance of special duties in connection with any event and whose special duties are the sole reason for their presence and free admission as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:46-15.11;

2. Persons in the established working press section having reservations as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:46-15.15; and

3. Actual employees as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:46-15.16.

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

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

Amended section heading and deleted old and added new (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).

**13:46-15.6 Price on ticket**

Every ticket offered for sale shall have printed on its face the total price charged therefore and the maximum premium, not to exceed 20 percent of the ticket price or \$3.00 whichever is greater, plus taxes at which a ticket may be resold shall be printed either in a dollar amount or as a formula on the face or back of any ticket.

Amended by 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.398, effective November 1, 1982.

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

Added complimentary tickets and 1.-3.

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 substituted.

**13:46-15.7 Postponement**

If a boxing, wrestling or sparring exhibition or performance is postponed for good reason, the Commissioner may give the promoter or permit holder permission to use the same set of tickets upon the new date set for said show.

**13:46-15.8 Holding of tickets; time limits**

(a) Tickets of every description used for any boxing match or wrestling exhibition must be held by the promoters for six months.

(b) Such tickets may be destroyed after they have been held for at least 30 days after a written application has been filed with the Commission and written permission received for the destruction of such tickets.

(c) Such tickets must be kept in separate packages for each show in order that a recheck or recount can be made at any time by the Commission.

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

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

Text "a period not to exceed" deleted.

**13:46-15.9 Exchange, redemption of ticket**

No exchange of tickets shall be made except at the box office, and no ticket shall be redeemed after the show has taken place.

**13:46-15.10 Accounting**

All tickets for a boxing show or wrestling exhibition must be accounted for on the day or night of the show or exhibition and are liable to tax if not accounted for.

**13:46-15.11 Free admission**

Newspaper reporters, photographers, telegraphers and radio and television announcers assigned to work by their recognized employers or superiors, policemen and firemen in uniform and on duty, and persons of similar vocation who are admitted free for the performance of special duties in connection with any event and whose special duties are the sole reason for their presence and free admission, are not liable for any tax on admission.

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 "to any club".

**13:46-15.12 Ticket exemptions**

(a) Tickets or passes shall be provided by the promoter for principals and seconds who are engaged in a boxing show.

(b) Any promoter admitting any person other than those specifically exempted without a ticket is subject to a penalty deemed proper by the Commissioner under the circumstances.

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 "or passes" and substituted "promoter" for "club".

**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 (Reserved)**

Repealed by R.2000 d.32, effective January 18, 2000.  
See: 31 N.J.R. 2689(a), 32 N.J.R. 321(c).  
Section was "Closing hour of shows".

**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".

**13:46-19.6 Suspension**

A matchmaker may be disciplined by the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:46-22.1 for any violation of the rules and regulations 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 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).

**13:46-19.7 Submission of names and addresses of contestants**

True names, aliases and addresses of all contestants signed to appear on a boxing show must be submitted to the Commissioner by the matchmaker at least ten days in advance of the date of the show, unless unavoidable circumstances prevent compliance.

**13:46-19.8 (Reserved)**

Repealed by R.1985 d.284, effective June 3, 1985.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 2962(a), 17 N.J.R. 1432(a).  
Originally "Matches for one club only".

## SUBCHAPTER 20. WRESTLING

**13:46-20.1 Entertainment events**

(a) Until and unless specifically ordered by the State Athletic Commissioner, all professional wrestling performances in New Jersey shall be considered strictly exhibition and as entertainment and no promoter shall willfully advertise his events to the contrary.

(b) No champions or championship may be advertised as such without similar official approval.

**Case Notes**

Boxing and wrestling media rights tax is not subject to apportionment and does not violate commerce clause. *Titan Sports, Inc. v. State Athletic Control Bd.*, 12 N.J.Tax 214 (1992).

Box and wrestling media rights tax did not restrict professional wrestling promoter's First Amendment speech rights. *Titan Sports, Inc. v. State Athletic Control Bd.*, 12 N.J.Tax 214 (1992).

Even if boxing and wrestling media rights tax restricted professional wrestling promoter's First Amendment speech rights, taxes imposed were less than cost of regulating wrestling. *Titan Sports, Inc. v. State Athletic Control Bd.*, 12 N.J.Tax 214 (1992).

Maryland cable operators were solely responsible for Maryland tax on ticket sales and broadcasts of professional wrestling exhibitions originating in Maryland. *Titan Sports, Inc. v. State Athletic Control Bd.*, 12 N.J.Tax 214 (1992).

**13:46-20.2 Age limit**

(a) No wrestler's license shall be issued to any person who is under 18 years of age.

(b) No person over the age of 45 shall be granted a license to participate in any professional wrestling match or exhibition.

**13:46-20.3 Proof of identity**

Every applicant for a wrestler's license shall furnish positive proof that he is the person he represents himself to be.

**13:46-20.4 Physical and mental examination**

(a) Any wrestler applying for a license must first be examined by a physician who has been licensed by the Commission as an examining physician to establish both physical and mental fitness for competition.

(b) Every wrestler applying for a license must submit a cardiogram annually to the Commissioner.

(c) The Commission may require an applicant or licensee to undergo any other medical tests the Commission deems necessary.

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

**13:46-20.5 Disability**

No wrestler shall be permitted to wrestle who is suffering from any disability, physical, functional or organic, which will interfere with or prevent him from giving a full, complete and satisfactory exhibition.

**13:46-20.6 Tape on body**

No wrestler shall be permitted to tape his hands, arm or any part of his body without the consent of the ringside physician.

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

**13:46-20.7 Wrestling at one location per night**

(a) No wrestler shall wrestle at more than one location on the same night unless he receives special permission from the Commissioner.

(b) No booking agent shall contract for the services of any wrestler at more than one location on the same day unless he receives special permission from the Commissioner.

(c) No promoter shall book or advertise a wrestler who he knows has been booked to wrestle at another location on the same night.

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.

**13:46-20.8 Certified notice**

At least seven days before any wrestling show, the promoter shall furnish the Commission with an advanced signed certified notice of the participants, giving the true and ring names of the wrestlers.

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

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

"Promoter" substituted for "booking office".

**13:46-20.9 Non-appearance**

(a) Wrestlers must appear as booked or submit written testimony from physicians if they are ill or injured.

(b) Non-appearance without a medical certificate notice shall be grounds for a penalty by a fine or suspension or both.

(c) The Commissioner shall set the amount of fine and time of suspension.

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

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

"for the first . . . subsequent violations" deleted and "or suspension or both" added.

**13:46-20.10 License for women**

The issuance of a license to women for the purpose of engaging in wrestling in New Jersey shall be permitted only with the sanction and approval of the Commissioner.

**13:46-20.11 Ring covering**

Any mat or padding and canvas covering which has been used for boxing matches shall not be used for wrestling exhibitions until the mat or the canvas covering has been washed and is free from resin.

**13:46-20.12 Safety equipment**

The professional boxing rules governing the size, construction and safety equipment of boxing rings shall apply to wrestling rings except that there shall be three strands of ring rope in wrestling rings and the Commissioner may allow variance from rules when necessary due to the different nature of the sports.

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 "except that there . . . nature of the sports".

**13:46-20.13 Removal for physical reason**

When wrestling booking offices know that a wrestler must be removed from a card for any physical reason, the Commission shall be notified immediately. Any failure to observe this Section shall result in a fine regardless of excuse.

**13:46-20.14 (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 "Payment of fines".

**13:46-20.15 Physicians**

Physicians assigned to wrestling shows shall thoroughly examine wrestlers prior to same and remain at ringside until completion of the shows.

**13:46-20.16 Activity confined to ring and ring apron**

(a) Wrestlers must confine their action to the ring and ring apron.

(b) Any wrestler leaving the ring during the course of the exhibition shall be subject to fine or suspension or both at the Commissioner's discretion.

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 "or both".

**13:46-20.17 Rest period**

Wrestlers shall be allowed a five minute rest period between falls if the exhibition provides for two out of three falls.

**13:46-20.18 License**

(a) Every wrestling promoter shall obtain a license from the New Jersey Athletic Commission.

(b) The fee for the license shall be \$100.00 and shall be valid on a fiscal year basis.

(c) No booking agent shall supply any New Jersey promoter with any wrestling talent without first obtaining a license.

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.

Amended by R.1996 d.203, effective May 6, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4850(a), 28 N.J.R. 2392(b).

In (b) increased license fee.

**Case Notes**

Suspension of promoter's license for nonpayment of tax on income from lease or sale of media rights did not violate due process. Titan Sports, Inc. v. State Athletic Control Bd., 11 N.J.Tax 259 (1990).

**13:46-20.19 Costume**

(a) No wrestler is to perform in any exhibition in a New Jersey ring until his costume is approved the night of the show by an inspector, or representative assigned from the State Athletic Commission.

(b) Any costume which is considered in poor taste, offensive, or controversial in nature will be prohibited.

**13:46-20.20 Dealing with unlicensed promoter**

No wrestling booking agent shall deal with any unlicensed promoter in contracting for a wrestling show, or first verifying whether such party is licensed by 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).  
"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 of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$25,000 for a first offense and not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$50,000 for a subsequent offense. In addition to any fine, the Commissioner 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).

Amended by R.1997 d.228, effective June 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 414(a), 29 N.J.R. 2568(a).

Rewrote (d).

**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.