

BOXING ONTARIO SANCTIONING POLICY

Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - a) “*Events*” – includes sanctioned club shows and tournaments
 - b) “*Club*” – A club that is a registered member in good standing with Boxing Ontario
 - c) “*Individuals*” – all individuals employed by, or engaged in activities with, Boxing Ontario including but not limited to, convenors, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, and Directors and Officers of Boxing Ontario

Purpose

2. Boxing Ontario is committed to providing an environment that promotes safe, standard and fair competition; and as such, Clubs wishing to run Events must first seek approval and sanction from Boxing Ontario. Irresponsible behaviour, unfair competition, or an unsafe environment can result in severe damage to the sport, to Boxing Ontario, and to its Clubs. This Policy provides sanctioning regulations that will help ensure that Events are safe, fair, and protect the health and welfare of the participants.

Application of this Policy

3. This Policy applies to all Events that are organized and run by Clubs.

Insurance

4. **Only Events sanctioned by Boxing Ontario are provided access to Boxing Ontario’s insurance.**

Eligibility

5. Clubs are eligible to run Events if the Club:
 - a) Is a member in good standing with Boxing Ontario
 - b) Agrees to the Club Responsibilities, as described in **Appendix A**
 - c) Agrees to comply with the Sanctioned Event Compliance Regulations, as described in this Policy
 - d) Applies for and is granted a Sanction

Requesting a Sanction

6. Requests for Event sanctions must be submitted to Boxing Ontario by the following deadlines:
 - i. For club shows: At least thirty-five (35) days prior to the Event
 - ii. For tournaments: At least ninety (90) days prior to the Event
7. Requests for sanctions submitted after the deadline must be accompanied by a written statement giving reasons for requesting an exemption to the deadline. The decision to accept, or not accept, the late sanction request will be at the sole discretion of Boxing Ontario and may not be appealed.
8. Requests for Event sanctions must be accompanied by the following:
 - i. For club shows: Signed [Club Show Sanction Contract](#) with a \$200 fee
 - ii. For tournaments: Signed [Tournament Contract](#) with a \$750 fee
9. If the Event is cancelled, fees may be refunded up to seven (7) days prior to the Event.
10. The request for sanction will be approved or refused by Boxing Ontario.

Sanction Request Evaluation

11. For each sanction request, Boxing Ontario will consider the following:
- a) Club's status with Boxing Ontario
 - b) Club's ability to fulfill the Club Responsibilities
 - c) Club's ability to comply with the Compliance Regulations
 - d) Submission of the signed contract and fee
 - e) Success of previous sanctioned Events (if applicable)
 - f) Issues with previous sanctioned Events (if applicable)
 - g) Any issue or matter which Boxing Ontario deems may affect Boxing Ontario's ability to obtain insurance coverage
 - h) Any other issue or matter which Boxing Ontario deems may damage the reputation of Boxing Ontario or that may introduce unreasonable safety concerns

Sanction Request Refusals

12. If the sanction is refused, Boxing Ontario will provide reasons for the refusal.

13. Sanction request refusals may be appealed under the terms of Boxing Ontario's *Appeals Policy*.

Sanctioned Request Approvals

14. If the sanction is approved, Boxing Ontario will have responsibilities as described in **Appendix A**.

15. For each sanctioned Event, Boxing Ontario will appoint a Regional Supervisor who will have responsibilities as described in **Appendix A**.

16. Sanctioned events must comply with the Sanctioned Event Compliance Regulations, as described in this Policy.

17. Sanctions are not transferable and new sanctions must be obtained each year for annual Events.

Sanctioned Event Compliance Regulations

18. The Event must be conducted in accordance all applicable policies and technical standards as established by Boxing Ontario and Boxing Canada.

19. The Club must fulfill the Club Responsibilities as described in **Appendix A**.

20. If alcoholic beverages are to be sold at the Event, it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that all permits, rules and regulations of the LLBO (Liquor Licensing Control Board of Ontario) are adhered to. A copy of the liquor permit must be submitted to Boxing Ontario prior to the event.

21. If fundraising is to occur through the sale of 50-50 tickets, raffle tickets or other gaming activity, it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that all applicable provincial and municipal gaming permits, rules and regulations are adhered to.

Sanction Revocation

22. A sanction may be revoked at the discretion of Boxing Ontario under the following circumstances:

- a) Any time in advance of the Event if the Club fails to fulfill its obligations under this Policy or as described in the signed Club Show Contract or Tournament Contract, as applicable
- b) During the Event if Boxing Ontario's Regional Supervisor determines that technical standards are not being met or if the safety of participants or patrons is at risk. In this case, the Event will terminate immediately

APPENDIX A

Club Responsibilities

1. For each sanctioned event, the Club must:
 - a) Work with Boxing Ontario's Regional Supervisor to ensure the Event is conducted in a safe manner
 - b) Provide a venue of suitable size with at least a two-metre-wide area around the ring for the protection of competitors, coaches, and officials
 - c) Provide tabled seating space around the ring for officials, doctors, timekeepers, and the announcer
 - d) Provide rooms to conduct pre-bout medicals, weigh-ins, and draw (if applicable), including separate rooms for male and female athletes
 - e) Provide a minimum of three sets of AIBA-approved or USA-approved 10 oz. boxing gloves (16 oz. for masters) in good condition (no material tears, cracks, product degeneration) and sufficient personnel for gloving prior to bouts. (Gloves may be supplied by the Regional Supervisor with prior arrangement and payment of the Glove Rental fee)
 - f) Arrange for pre-competition medical examinations using the services of a licensed Ontario physician, and ensure a physician is ringside for all bouts
 - g) Pay the appropriate honoraria and expense reimbursement to officials designated by Boxing Ontario
 - h) Display Boxing Ontario and sponsors' signage and banners as directed by Boxing Ontario's Executive Director, complying with all Boxing Ontario sponsorship agreements in effect. Allow Boxing Ontario sponsors and official suppliers to participate in promotion sales or advertising relating to the Event. The terms of such participation will be as determined in consultation with Boxing Ontario prior to the Event.
 - i) Adhere to the Regional Supervisor's requests for compliance with any additional requirements that Boxing Ontario may impose to fulfill its duty to provide a safe environment for competitors, coaches, officials and patrons
 - j) Provide scales at least two hours in advance of the Event and complete all weigh-ins (in kilograms) at least one hour prior to the Event
 - k) Provide emergency phone services
 - l) Ensure ambulance capabilities are available
 - m) Provide the Regional Supervisor with Pre-Match Bout Sheets at least 48 hours in advance of the Event
 - n) Confirm there is a strategy to disperse the crowd and to alleviate congestion
 - o) Ensure there is adequate supervision available to control crowd behaviour
 - p) Ensure that the venue's exit points are clear and useable and that fire detection systems are in working order
 - q) Ensure there is an appointed individual who is able to:
 - i. Calm crowd behaviour, via a PA announcement, and assist in an emergency
 - ii. Take steps to assist in controlling crowd behaviour

Boxing Ontario Responsibilities

2. After approving a sanction request, Boxing Ontario will:
 - a) Through its Regional Supervisor, designate a sufficient number of officials to serve as referees and judges for the Event, and appoint from among these officials a Regional Supervisor for the Event.
 - b) Endeavour to provide general liability insurance for the Event that names as Insured the Club and any Additional Insured that the Club is required to provide insurance for, such as the facility owner (as approved by the insurance company) This insurance relates to the activity of boxing and does not extend to other

unassociated activities such as sale service or consumption of alcohol. If additional insurance is required, the Club must contact Boxing Ontario's Executive Director.

Regional Supervisor Responsibilities

3. At each sanctioned Event, Boxing Ontario's appointed Regional Supervisor will:
 - a) Strictly enforce Boxing Ontario's policies for club, competitor and coach eligibility, which are contained in Boxing Ontario's bylaws and policies, and are as follows:
 - i. A participating club, competitor or coach must be in good standing with Boxing Ontario, where good standing means there are no dues or debts owed to Boxing Ontario; there are no restrictions or suspensions imposed; the Bylaws, policies, and rules of Boxing Ontario have been complied with; and the club, competitor or coach is not subject to any disciplinary investigation or action by Boxing Ontario, or if subject to discipline action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action.
 - ii. A competitor must be currently registered as a competitor with both Boxing Ontario and Boxing Canada and must be in possession of a competitor's passport.
 - iii. A coach must be currently registered as a coach with both Boxing Ontario and Boxing Canada and must be in possession of a coach's registration card.
 - iv. Where the participating club, competitor or coach does not reside in Ontario, they must be registered (current year) and in good standing of the equivalent sport-governing body having jurisdiction where they reside. They too must also be in possession of a boxer's passbook (for athletes) or valid coach card (for coaches).
 - b) Monitor the Club's adherence to the Club Responsibilities, compliance with regulations, and technical and safety standards
 - c) Terminate the Event if technical standards are not being met or if the safety of participants or patrons is at risk