

Chapter 36-13 WAC

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

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36-13-060	Matches. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-13-060, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 02-20-094, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023.
36-13-070	Tickets. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-13-070, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 02-20-094, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023.
36-13-080	Contracts. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-13-080, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 02-20-094, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023.
36-13-090	Records. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-13-090, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 02-20-094, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023.
36-13-100	Buildings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-13-100, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 02-20-094, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023.
36-13-120	Application of brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023, 02-20-094, § 36-13-120, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-13-120, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 06-10-007, filed 4/20/06, effective 5/21/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017. Later promulgation, see chapter 308-08 WAC.
36-13-130	Preliminary record in brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023, 02-20-094, § 36-13-130, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-13-130, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 06-10-007, filed 4/20/06, effective 5/21/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017. Later promulgation, see chapter 308-08 WAC.
36-13-140	Conduct of brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-13-140, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.] Repealed by 06-10-007, filed 4/20/06, effective 5/21/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017. Later promulgation, see chapter 308-08 WAC.

WAC 36-13-005 Event fees to be paid by promoter.

(1) A promoter shall pay an event fee equal to six percent of the gross receipts paid for admission to events plus one dollar per ticket sold as required and defined in RCW 67.08.002, 67.08.050, and 67.08.055.

(2) A complimentary ticket may not have a face value of less than the least expensive ticket available for sale to the general public. The number of complimentary tickets not subject to an event fee shall be limited to ten percent of the

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total tickets sold per event location, not to exceed one thousand tickets. All complimentary tickets exceeding this exemption shall be subject to an event fee.

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WAC 36-13-010 License fees, renewals and requirements. (1) The license year is one year from date of issue. License fees are paid annually. Fees shall be as follows:

Wrestling participant	-	\$25.00
Inspector	-	\$65.00
Announcer (nonparticipant)	-	\$65.00
Event physician	-	No charge
Promoter	-	\$200.00

(2) No license fee is required for persons licensed under chapter 36-12 or 36-14 WAC as an inspector, announcer, event physician or promoter.

(3) In addition to license requirements found in chapter 67.08 RCW, licensees and applicants shall submit a small photograph of themselves that is not more than two years old.

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WAC 36-13-020 Definitions. "Participant" is defined as any person engaged physically in the wrestling exhibition or show.

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WAC 36-13-030 Ring and safety zone. (1) The promoter shall supply a ring that meets the following standards:

(a) The ring shall not be less than a sixteen-foot square within the ropes.

(b) The ring floor shall be padded to a thickness of at least one inch. A regular one-piece wrestling mat is preferred, although soft padding of a proper thickness may be used, with a top covering of clean canvas tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform.

(c) The promoter shall keep the mat and covering in a clean and sanitary condition.

(2) There shall be a six-foot safety zone between the ring and the first row of spectator seats. The floor in the safety zone may be covered by padded floor mats. The safety zone may extend in an aisle from ringside directly to the locker room. The safety zone shall have a barrier approved by the department, which is at least three feet high. The barrier shall

be of sufficient strength and durability to prevent the audience from coming in physical contact with the wrestling participants. No person other than security, department representatives, wrestling participants or event licensees shall be permitted in the safety zone during any part of an event unless expressly approved by the department representative. The wrestling participants shall not leave the confines of the safety zone during a match. Wrestling activities which may include any member of the audience will be considered unprofessional conduct and subject to penalties under RCW 67.08.180(5) and 67.08.240.

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WAC 36-13-040 Department inspector. (1) An inspector shall attend all wrestling events. The inspector shall ensure all participants are properly licensed and all laws, rules, and regulations are enforced. Wrestling participants scheduled to work at an event shall provide proof of their identity by:

- (a) Presenting picture identification to the inspector; and
- (b) Signing their legal name that matches the picture identification on a form provided by the inspector.

(2) Inspector, other than a department employee, shall receive a fee not to exceed two percent of the net gate of each event up to a maximum of four hundred dollars and a minimum of thirty-five dollars which shall be paid by the promoter.

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WAC 36-13-050 Announcers. Nonparticipant announcers who will not be actually engaged physically in the wrestling exhibition or show may be provided by the promoter and must be licensed with the department.

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WAC 36-13-110 Miscellaneous provisions. (1) Dangerous conduct; punishment. The referee shall not permit physically dangerous conduct or tactics by any participant. Any participant who fails to discontinue such tactics, after being warned by the referee or a department official shall be disqualified and subject to disciplinary action.

(2) Wrestling participants or other licensees shall not engage in the practice known as "juicing." "Juicing" is the practice of using a razor blade or similar contrivance, or any other means to draw blood from oneself, one's opponent, or from any other participant of the wrestling exhibition or show. The referee shall immediately terminate any match in which blood from a participant appears from "juicing," and the participants shall cease the wrestling match and return to the dressing room. Should an accidental cut to a wrestling participant occur, the match may continue but should be concluded as soon as possible at the discretion of the referee.

(3) Duties of licensees. It shall be the duty of the promoter, his/her agents, employees, and the participants in any wrestling show or exhibition to maintain peace, order, and

decency in the conduct of any show or exhibition. There shall be no abuse of a department official at any time. Foul and profane language by participants is prohibited.

(4) Responsibility of promoter.

(a) Each promoter shall be directly responsible to the department for the conduct of its employees and any violation of the laws, rules, or regulations of the department by any employee of a promoter shall be deemed to be a violation by the promoter.

(b) Promoters are responsible for any violations of the law or department rules by their participants.

(c) Promoters shall provide an ambulance or paramedical unit with transport and resuscitation capabilities, with a minimum of two attendants, to be present at the event location at all times during the event.

(5) Postponement or cancellation. A small advance sale of tickets shall not be regarded as a legitimate reason for a postponement or cancellation. Indoor wrestling shows or exhibitions shall not be canceled for any reason except with the approval of the department.

(6) Discrimination. Discrimination against any participant in regard to sex, race, color, creed or national origin shall be referred to the human rights commission.

(7) Appeals.

(a) Licensees may appeal any suspension or revocation to the department in the manner provided in chapter 34.05 RCW.

(b) Such appeals must be received in the department office within twenty days from the date of the notice sent by the department.

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