

# Chapter 36-14 WAC

## PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR MARTIAL ARTS

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- 36-14-410 Preliminary record in brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023. 02-20-094, § 36-14-410, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1). 00-02-054, § 36-14-410, 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 Repealed by 06-10-007, filed 4/20/06, effective 5/21/06.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.
- 36-14-420 Conduct of brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1). 00-02-054, § 36-14-420, 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 Repealed by 06-10-007, filed 4/20/06, effective 5/21/06.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.
- 36-14-500 Amateur organization recognition. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017 and 43.24.023. 04-16-045, § 36-14-500, filed 7/28/04, effective 8/28/04.] Repealed by 12-24-045, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99.

**WAC 36-14-010 Definitions.** The following definition(s) will be used throughout this WAC:

(1) "Mixed martial arts" in addition to RCW 67.08.002 (20), mixed martial arts does not include muay thai and kickboxing.

(2) "Training facility" is a location licensed and defined under chapter 67.08 RCW to hold amateur mixed martial arts exhibitions in that location.

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**WAC 36-14-100 Rule exceptions.** (1) If a martial arts, kickboxing, muay thai, pankration, or amateur mixed martial arts event is held, in addition to chapter 36-12 WAC, the department may use the *Rules of Competition* as established by the United Full Contact Federation, association of boxing commissions, or rules of competition established by any other professional martial arts organization that afford a similar level of safety to participants. A copy on any *Rules of Competition* used by the department may be obtained through correspondence to the Washington state department of licensing.

(2) Training facilities and amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations are exempt from chapter 36-14 WAC unless specifically identified. All other amateur mixed martial arts events will be overseen by the department and shall comply with the laws and rules of chapter 67.08 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-100, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1). 99-17-048, § 36-14-100, filed 8/13/99, effective 9/13/99.]

**WAC 36-14-105 Guidelines for kickboxing and Muay Thai weight classes—Weight difference and glove weight.** The following guidelines shall be used for contests unless the department waives the weight difference allowance in writing. Glove weight shall be ten ounces for all weight classes.

Weight Class	Weight Difference Allowance	
Flyweight	112 pounds to no minimum	not more than 3 lbs.
Super Flyweight	112.1 to 115 pounds	not more than 3 lbs.
Bantamweight	115.1 to 118 pounds	not more than 3 lbs.
Super Bantamweight	118.1 to 122 pounds	not more than 5 lbs.
Featherweight	122.1 to 126 pounds	not more than 5 lbs.
Super Featherweight	126.1 to 130 pounds	not more than 7 lbs.
Lightweight	130.1 to 135 pounds	not more than 7 lbs.
Super Lightweight	135.1 to 140 pounds	not more than 9 lbs.
Welterweight	140.1 to 147 pounds	not more than 9 lbs.
Super Welterweight	147.1 to 154 pounds	not more than 11 lbs.
Middleweight	154.1 to 160 pounds	not more than 11 lbs.
Super Middleweight	160.1 to 167 pounds	not more than 12 lbs.
Light Heavyweight	167.1 to 175 pounds	not more than 12 lbs.
Super Light Heavyweight	175.1 to 183 pounds	not more than 20 lbs.
Cruiserweight	183.1 to 190 pounds	not more than 20 lbs.
Heavyweight	190.1 to 220 pounds	no limit
Super Heavyweight	over 220.1 pounds	no limit

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023. 02-20-094, § 36-14-105, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03.]

**WAC 36-14-1053 Amateur weight difference allowances.** Amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations and training facilities shall, at a minimum, ensure all amateur

participants meet the following weight requirements for each bout:

- (1) Participants can have no more than a five-pound weight difference allowance for ages fifteen and under.
- (2) Participants can have no more than a ten-pound weight difference allowance for ages sixteen and over.
- (3) Subsection (1) and (2) of this section do not apply if both participants weigh two hundred five pounds or more.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-1053, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-106 Weighing time.** (1) Participants shall be weighed within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled event, at a time and place chosen by the promoter and approved by the department. The weigh-in shall take place in the presence of the department and the promoter or the promoter's representative.

(2) The scales used for weigh-in shall be provided by the promoter and approved by the department.

(3) The weight of each participant shall be recorded on a form provided by the department and signed by the representative of the department.

(4) If a participant weighs-in within twenty-four hours, but not less than twelve hours prior to an event's scheduled start time, the participant shall weigh the weight specified on the boxer/promoter contract referred to in WAC 36-12-360(7). If a participant weighs more than the weight specified in the boxer/promoter contract, the participant may:

- (a) Lose the weight exceeded in the boxer/promoter contract at least twelve hours prior to the event's scheduled start time;
- (b) Lose all but two pounds of the weight exceeded in the boxer/promoter contract at least twelve hours prior to the event's scheduled start time and lose the final two pounds at least two hours prior to the event's scheduled start time;
- (c) Renegotiate the boxer/promoter contract; or
- (d) Not do (a) through (c) of this subsection and the contest will be canceled by the department.

(5) If a participant weighs-in less than twelve hours prior to an event's scheduled start time, the participant shall weigh the weight specified in the boxer/promoter contract referred to in WAC 36-12-360(7). If a participant weighs more than two pounds over the weight specified in the boxer/promoter contract, the participant may:

- (a) Lose up to two pounds at least two hours prior to an event's scheduled start time;
- (b) Renegotiate the boxer/promoter contract; or
- (c) Not do (a) or (b) of this subsection and the contest will be canceled by the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023. 02-20-094, § 36-14-106, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03.]

**WAC 36-14-108 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 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.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 43.24.086, 67.08.105. 10-08-037, § 36-14-108, filed 4/1/10, effective 5/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.015, 43.24.023. 09-14-028, § 36-14-108, filed 6/23/09, effective 7/24/09.]

**WAC 36-14-110 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:

Manager	-	\$65.00
Referee	-	\$65.00
Kickboxer	-	\$25.00
Martial arts participant	-	\$25.00
Amateur mixed martial arts participant	-	\$25.00
Matchmaker	-	\$65.00
Second	-	\$25.00
Inspector	-	\$65.00
Judge	-	\$65.00
Timekeeper	-	\$65.00
Announcer	-	\$65.00
Event physician	-	No charge
Event chiropractor	-	\$65.00
Promoter	-	\$500.00
Training facility	-	\$500.00
Amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization	-	\$500.00

(2) All renewal fees shall be the same fee as each original license fee.

(3) Licensing requirements:

- (a) Completed application on form approved by the department.
- (b) Completed physical within one year (kickboxer, martial arts participant, amateur mixed martial arts participant, and referee only).
- (c) One small current photograph, not more than two years old (kickboxer, martial arts participant, and amateur mixed martial arts participants only).
- (d) Payment of license fee.
- (e) Certification from an organization approved by the department under RCW 67.08.100(3).
- (f) Training facility: Have an established place of business that offers training in one or more of the mixed martial arts and a current tax registration through the department of revenue.
- (g) Amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations:

- (i) Have an established place of business that offers training in one or more of the mixed martial arts;
- (ii) Have a current tax registration through the department of revenue;
- (iii) Have a minimum of three years total combined amateur or professional experience in at least three of the following areas: Referee, promoter, judge, inspector, have an established place of business that offers training in one or more of the mixed martial arts;

(iv) Provide to the department a list of authorized representatives who will be in charge of events or exhibitions. Changes to this list will not be accepted within thirty days prior to an event or exhibition.

(4) Applicants may not participate until all licensing requirements are received and approved by the department of licensing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-110, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 43.24.086, 67.08.105. 10-08-037, § 36-14-110, filed 4/1/10, effective 5/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105, and 43.24.023. 02-20-094, § 36-14-110, filed 10/1/02, effective 1/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017(1), 00-02-054, § 36-14-110, filed 12/31/99, effective 1/31/00.]

**WAC 36-14-120 Officials compensation fees to be paid by promoter.** (1) The following minimum fees shall be paid by the promoter of the event to the event officials for nontitle, nontelevised bouts:

Judge	\$75.00
Timekeeper	\$75.00
Referee (preliminary)	\$110.00
Referee (main event)	\$125.00
Physician	\$250.00
Event chiropractor	\$200.00

(2) The following minimum fees shall be paid by the promoter of the event to event officials for nontitle, televised bouts:

Judges	\$100.00
Timekeepers	\$100.00
Referee (preliminary)	\$135.00
Referee (main event)	\$200.00
Physician	\$250.00
Event chiropractor	\$200.00

(3) In the event of a local, state or regional championship, title fight, or local televised fight, event officials shall be paid by the promoter at the respective and prevailing scale of the professional sanctioning organization. The event officials pay rate shall not be lower than the televised rate established in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) In the event of a championship, title fight, or nationally televised fight, event officials shall be paid by the promoter at the respective and prevailing scale of the professional sanctioning organization but shall not be lower than the rates established below:

Judges	\$150.00
Timekeepers	\$150.00
Referee (preliminary)	\$175.00
Referee (main event)	\$225.00
Physician	\$250.00
Event chiropractor	\$200.00

(5) In the event of a "world" title bout, event officials shall be paid by the promoter at the respective and prevailing scale of the professional sanctioning organization but shall not be lower than the rates established in subsection (4) of this section. If the "world" title bout is televised, an additional \$200.00 fee per official will be assessed for each judge, time-

keeper and referee if the fees listed in subsection (4) of this section are used.

(6) Travel mileage shall be paid to event officials at the rate listed on schedule A, chapter 10.90.10.b of the *State Administrative and Accounting Manual* as published by the office of financial management.

(7) Amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations and training facilities may set their own compensation fees for officials.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-120, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017, 67.08.105 and 43.24.023. 02-23-062, § 36-14-120, filed 11/18/02, effective 1/1/03.]

**WAC 36-14-200 Duration of rounds.** All professional and amateur events or exhibitions shall meet the following requirements. This includes amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations and training facilities:

(1) A nonchampionship bout shall not exceed three rounds in duration.

(2) A championship bout shall not exceed five rounds in duration.

(3) A round shall not exceed five minutes in duration for professionals and three minutes for amateurs.

(4) There shall be a one minute rest period between rounds.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-200, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017 and 43.24.023. 04-16-045, § 36-14-200, filed 7/28/04, effective 8/28/04.]

**WAC 36-14-300 Requirements for ring or enclosed area.** (1) Mixed martial arts and martial arts contests and exhibitions shall be held in a ring or in an enclosed area.

(2) A ring used for a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts must meet the following requirements:

(a) The ring must be no smaller than sixteen feet square within the ropes.

(b) The ring floor must extend at least twenty-four inches beyond the ropes. The ring floor must be padded with enso-lite or another similar closed-cell foam, with at least a one-inch layer of foam padding. Padding must extend beyond the ring ropes and over the edge of the platform, with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform.

(c) The ring platform must not be more than four feet above the floor of the building and must have suitable steps for the use of the participants.

(d) Ring posts must be made of metal, not more than three inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of fifty-eight inches above the ring floor, and must be properly padded in a manner approved by the department. Ring posts must be at least twenty-four inches away from the ring ropes.

(e) There may be no more than five ring ropes, not less than one inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material. The lowest ring rope must be at least twelve inches above the ring floor.

(f) There must not be any obstruction or object on any part of the ring floor.

(3) An enclosed area used in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts must meet the following requirements:

(a) The enclosed area must be circular or have at least four equal sides and must be no smaller than twenty feet wide.

(b) The floor of the enclosed area must be padded with ensolite or another similar closed-cell foam, with at least a one-inch layer of foam padding, with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the platform of the enclosed area.

(c) The platform of the enclosed area must not be more than four feet above the floor of the building and must have suitable steps for the use of the participants.

(d) Enclosure posts must be made of metal, not more than six inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to between five and seven feet above the floor of the enclosed area, and must be properly padded in a manner approved by the department.

(e) The material used to construct the enclosed area must be made of a material that will prevent an unarmed combatant from falling out of the enclosed area or breaking through the enclosed area onto the floor of the building or onto the spectators, including, without limitation, chain link fence coated with vinyl.

(f) Any metal material used in the enclosed area must be covered and padded in a manner approved by the department and must not be abrasive to the participants.

(g) The enclosed area must have at least three entrances.

(h) There must not be any obstruction on any part of the enclosure surrounding the area in which the participants are to be competing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-300, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.08.017 and 43.24-023. 04-16-045, § 36-14-300, filed 7/28/04, effective 8/28/04.]

**WAC 36-14-505 Age requirements.** A participant or contestant must be twelve years of age or older to participate in an amateur mixed martial arts exhibition held in a training facility.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-505, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-510 Amateur mixed martial arts fouls, to include amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations and training facilities.** The following are minimum required fouls and will result in penalties if committed:

- (1) Holding or grabbing the fence or ropes;
- (2) Holding opponent's shorts or gloves;
- (3) Butting with the head;
- (4) Eye gouging of any kind;
- (5) Biting or spitting at an opponent;
- (6) Hair pulling;
- (7) Fish hooking;
- (8) Groin attacks of any kind;
- (9) Intentionally placing a finger into any orifice, or into any cut or laceration of your opponent;
- (10) Downward pointing elbow strikes;
- (11) Small joint manipulation;
- (12) Strikes to the spine or the back of the head;

(13) Heel kicks to the kidney;

(14) Throat strikes of any kind, including, without limitation, grabbing the trachea;

(15) Clawing, pinching, twisting the flesh or grabbing the clavicle;

(16) Kicking the head of a grounded opponent;

(17) Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent;

(18) Stomping of a grounded fighter;

(19) The use of abusive language in the fighting area;

(20) Any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to opponent;

(21) Attacking an opponent on or during the break;

(22) Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee;

(23) Timidity (avoiding contact, or consistently dropping the mouthpiece, or faking an injury);

(24) Interference from a mixed martial artist's seconds/cornerman;

(25) Throwing an opponent out of the ring or caged area;

(26) Flagrant disregard of the referee's instructions;

(27) Spiking the opponent to the canvas onto the head or neck (pile-driving);

(28) Attacking an opponent after the bell or horn has sounded the end of the period of unarmed combat;

(29) Heel hooks;

(30) Elbows to the head;

(31) Twisting knee locks;

(32) Knees to head;

(33) For ages fifteen and under: Closed fist strikes to the head while on the ground.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-510, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-515 Amateur mixed martial arts protective equipment.** The following is minimum required equipment to be worn during a bout by all amateur participants or contestants at events or exhibitions:

(1) Training facilities:

- Martial arts shin guards with instep pads;

- 6 oz. amateur mixed martial arts sparring style gloves that shall be whole, clean, sanitary, and in good condition.

- An extra set of gloves shall be at ringside prior to the start of the first bout for use in case gloves are damaged during a bout;

- Mouthpiece;

- Groin protector (male participants only).

(2) Amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations:

- Martial arts shin guards with instep pads;

- 6 oz. amateur mixed martial arts sparring style gloves, supplied by the promoter, that shall be whole, clean, sanitary, and in good condition.

- An extra set of gloves shall be provided by the promoter to the representative in charge of the event prior to the start of the first bout for use in case gloves are damaged during a bout;

- Mouthpiece;

- Groin protector (male participants only).

## (3) Department of licensing:

- 6 oz. amateur mixed martial arts sparring style gloves, supplied by the promoter, that shall be whole, clean, sanitary, and in good condition;
- An extra set of gloves shall be provided by the promoter to the department representative prior to the start of the first bout for use in case gloves are damaged during a bout;
- Mouthpiece;
- Groin protector (male participants only).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-515, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-520 Amateur mixed martial arts mandatory suspensions.** (1) The department and amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations shall assess the following suspensions for participating in an amateur mixed martial arts event:

- Six-day minimum suspension;
- Thirty-day suspension for a technical knockout;
- Sixty-day suspension for a knockout;
- A physician may recommend a longer suspension based on the medical condition of the participant.

(2) Amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations shall report suspensions to the department after an event in a manner defined by the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-520, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-525 Amateur mixed martial arts event results.** The department and amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization shall report event results to a nationally recognized record keeping data base in a manner defined by the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-525, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-530 Responsibilities of amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations and training facilities.** (1) It is the responsibility of the amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization and training facility to ensure the health and safety of the participants and to ensure the laws and rules governing amateur mixed martial arts are followed.

(2) A representative must be present at the event or exhibition location during the entire event or exhibition.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-530, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-535 Notification of amateur mixed martial arts events.** Amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organizations must notify the department in writing fourteen days prior to an event with the following information:

- Name of licensed promoter;
- Date and time of event;
- Location of event;
- Name of representative in charge of the event.

(11/30/12)

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-535, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-540 Advertisements of events and exhibitions.** Promoters, including promoters of amateur mixed martial arts events held under an amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization, and training facilities shall state in all advertisements whether the event is professional, professional and amateur, or amateur.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-540, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]

**WAC 36-14-545 Physician and ambulance or paramedical unit requirements for amateur events.** Promoters of an amateur mixed martial arts event held under an amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization shall have at least one physician in attendance at the event or an ambulance or paramedical unit with transportation and resuscitation capabilities to be present at the event location at all times during the event.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.023, 43.24.086, 67.08.015, 67.08.017, 67.08.105, 67.08.107, and 2012 c 99. 12-24-045, § 36-14-545, filed 11/30/12, effective 1/1/13.]