# 99-650 COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE Chapter 1: GENERAL RULES FOR KICKBOXING CONTESTS

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**SUMMARY:** This Chapter deals generally with authorized participants' certifications, conduct of participants, kickboxing event locations, and the powers of the Authority.

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# SECTION 1. Compliance

All kickboxing competitions and exhibitions shall be conducted pursuant to 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20 and rules adopted by the Authority. An individual certificated by the Authority shall not engage in any activity, individually, or in concert with others, which violates 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20 or any Authority rule. An individual certificated by the Authority shall not induce or encourage any person, club, association, or corporation to violate 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20 or any Authority rule.

# SECTION 2. Certificates Required

Participants in kickboxing events must be certificated in accordance with Authority rules.

# SECTION 3. Location

No kickboxing contest shall be conducted except in a city or town and venue specified in a certificate issued by the Authority for that contest and location.

# SECTION 4. Exhibitions

No kickboxing exhibition shall be conducted without special permission from the Authority. An "exhibition" is a kickboxing competition conducted pursuant to these rules, except that it concludes without a decision being rendered. Except for provisions specifically applicable to the rendering of a decision, reference in these rules to kickboxing "competition" shall be construed as applicable to not only contests in which a decision is rendered but also to exhibitions in which no decision is rendered.

# SECTION 5. Certificates for Events and Participants

1. All applications for certifications shall be made on forms furnished by the Authority. Certificates are nontransferable, and no person shall loan a certificate or participate inevents under any name other than that stated in his/her certificate.
2. Every certificate issued by the Authority must be in the possession of the individual for whose benefit it was issued and must be shown to a proper official when requested.
3. All individuals who wish to participate in a kickboxing event inany capacity for which a certificate is required must submit a certificate application and any other documentation requested for certification. The Authority must receive all requested documentation no later than 24 hours prior to the start of competition. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for denial of a certificate.
4. The Authority may establish testing procedures to ascertain applicants' knowledge of its rules. Insufficient knowledge of the rules is grounds for denial of a certificate.

## SECTION 6. Collections

No collection of money shall be made at any competition, unless permission has been obtained from the Authority and the person or group conducting the collection has complied with Title 9 M.R.S. Chapter 385, the Maine Charitable Solicitations Act.

## SECTION 7. Wagering

Wagering on any kickboxing competition is prohibited in the venue where an event is conducted or on the venue's surrounding grounds.

## SECTION 8. Profanity; Verbal Abuse

No individual certificated by the Authority shall direct profanity or verbal abuse at any authorized participant, guest, or member of the Authority.

## SECTION 9. Fixed Fights

No individual certificated by the Authority shall engage in any activity designed to predetermine the result of any kickboxing contest.

## SECTION 10. Arrival Time of Officials

All officials shall arrive at the fighting venue at least one hour prior to an event's first bout. Any official who has not arrived on time may be replaced with another official and prevented from officiating.

## SECTION 11. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

No participant in a kickboxing event shall engage in conduct that violates a standard of behavior established for persons who perform activities for which that person is certificated. Such actions may be punishable by disqualification, removal from an event, denial or revocation of certification, or other discipline.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes a failure to produce complete and truthful information in an individual's possession or under his/her control and relevant to the Authority's consideration of an application for certification, a possible disciplinary violation, or an individual's medical condition or eligibility for competition.

**SECTION 12. Powers of Authority Members**

### Any Authority member in attendance at a kickboxing competition can enforce these rules and the provisions of 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20.

**SECTION 13. Prohibition of Professionals Fighting as Amateurs**

### Any competitor who competes as an amateur may not currently be or ever have been a professional fighter in any striking sport.

**SECTION 14. Amateurs Qualifying as Professionals**

### Any competitor who wishes to compete as a professional fighter but who has a record of fewer than three sanctioned amateur fights must apply to the Authority for the change to professional status. Factors the Authority may consider include the extent of a fighter's martial arts training, a fighter's experience outside of sanctioned competition, and whether more experienced opponents could potentially pose a risk to a fighter's safety.

**SECTION 15. Adjudicatory Hearing**

Authority adjudicatory hearings will be conducted pursuant to 5 M.R.S. Chapter 375, Subchapter IV.

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