

CHAPTER 3. BOXING AND WRESTLING

§61. State Boxing and Wrestling Commission; domicile; authority

A. There is hereby created a State Boxing and Wrestling Commission within the office of the governor. It shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor making the appointment. Five members appointed by the governor shall be appointed, one from each Public Service Commission district and two from the state at large. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. The governor shall designate one member as chairman, one member as secretary, and one member as vice chairman. The secretary shall execute a bond of five thousand dollars, in favor of the state treasurer, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. The premium of this bond shall be paid out of the commission funds.

B. The commission has sole and full discretion, authority, management, regulation, and control of all professional boxing, mixed technique events, and wrestling contests held, conducted, or given within this state, and such other powers and duties specified in this Chapter, and all other powers necessary and proper to enable it to execute fully and effectively all of the objects, purposes, duties, and policies of this Chapter. The commission shall have power in its discretion to declare forfeited the prize, remuneration, or purse, or any part thereof, belonging to the contestants or one of them, or the share thereof of any manager if, in its judgment, such contestant or contestants are not honestly competing or the contestant or manager of a contestant, as the case may be, has committed an act in the premises in violation of any rule, order, or regulation of the commission.

C. The commission shall be domiciled in and shall maintain an office in the city of New Orleans, where and only where it may be sued. The commission may sue to enforce the provisions of this Chapter in any of the courts in the state.

D. The commission may make any rules and regulations for the administration of its affairs as are not inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Chapter. Four members of the commission constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of at least four members is necessary to render a decision, one of whom must be the chairman and one of whom must be the vice chairman or the secretary.

E. All members of the commission shall be persons of good moral character. No member of the commission shall be connected with professional or amateur boxing or wrestling either as promoter, associate promoter, agent, employee, manager, publicity agent or professional better, second, fighter or wrestler during his tenure as a member of the commission.

F. No member of the commission shall be liable in a civil action for any act performed in good faith in the execution of his duties as a commission member.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 236, §1, eff. July 5, 1977; Acts 1980, No. 721, §1, eff. July 29, 1980; Acts 1985, No. 752, §1; Acts 1988, No. 576, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1988; Acts 1993, No. 192, §1; Acts 2001, No. 8, §1, eff. July 1, 2001; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

NOTE: SEE ACTS 1988, No. 576, §2.

§62. REPEALED BY ACTS 1993, No. 192, §2.

§63. Duties and authority of secretary of commission

A. The secretary of the commission or persons he shall appoint and supervise shall keep a full and true record of all its proceedings, receipts, and expenditures; preserve all its books, documents, and records; prepare for service such notices and other papers required of him by the commission; and perform such other duties as the commission may prescribe. The secretary may, under the direction of the commission, issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses with the same effect as if issued by a court of record and may, under the direction of the commission, administer oaths in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office or the administration of the affairs of the commission. Disobedience of such subpoenas or false swearing before the secretary shall carry the same penalties under existing laws as in an action before a district court. The secretary or his duly authorized representative shall also serve as an inspector at the ringside of every contest to see that order is maintained and may eject any offending person and prefer charges against him for violation of any of the terms or provisions of this Chapter or any of the rules and regulations of the commission.

B. The secretary or his duly authorized representative shall keep and preserve written minutes of all meetings, and he or his representative shall give notice of all meetings called to all members of the commission within a reasonable time prior to the meetings.

C. The secretary or his duly authorized representative shall keep a record of the receipts at professional boxing and wrestling contests or exhibitions.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§64. Rules and regulations

The commission may make rules and regulations governing all boxing, mixed technique events, and wrestling contests or exhibitions under its jurisdiction, the sale of tickets at such contests or exhibitions, the promoters of such contests or exhibitions, and the contestants, their seconds and managers in such contests or exhibitions, and all other rules and regulations as the commission, in its discretion, deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Chapter. Should any case occur which may not be covered in this Chapter or by the rules and regulations of the commission, it shall be determined by the commission, but only insofar as such determination is consistent with justice, the best interests of boxing, mixed technique event, and wrestling and with the powers and authority granted by this Chapter. A copy of the pertinent rules and regulations of the commission shall be furnished to the contestants or their managers in contests or exhibitions subject to the jurisdiction of the commission. No such contest or exhibition shall be conducted, held, or given except in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and the rules and regulations of the commission, provided that no such boxing contest or exhibition shall exceed twenty rounds.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§65. Licenses; fees; bond

A.(1) The commission may issue a promoter's license to hold, conduct, or give boxing, mixed technique event, and wrestling contests or exhibitions to any applicant, including, in the case of corporations, its officers and stockholders, who, in the discretion of the commission, has the financial responsibility, experience, character, and general fitness, to be such that the licensing of such applicant will be consistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity and with the best interests of boxing, mixed technique event, or wrestling generally and in conformity with this Chapter and the rules and regulations of the commission. Such licenses shall be issued for the calendar year, and the commission may require applicants therefor to submit their applications prior to the commencement of the calendar year. The holding of such a license shall not be construed to grant the licensee a vested right to have the license renewed the following calendar year. The number of licenses to be issued to hold, conduct, or give boxing, mixed technique event, or wrestling contests or exhibitions in any particular parish shall be determined by the commission, in its discretion consistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity and with the best interests of boxing or wrestling generally.

(2) Before any such license is granted, the applicant shall execute and file with the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission a bond of five thousand dollars in favor of the Louisiana State Boxing and Wrestling Commission as a security of good faith and ability to abide by the terms and provisions of this Chapter, for which the commission secretary shall issue to the applicant a certificate of its filing and approval. In lieu thereof, a certified check will be acceptable, which amount shall be kept on deposit by the secretary for the duration of the license period. This bond may be increased by the commission before approving the holding, conducting, or giving of any boxing, mixed technique event, or wrestling exhibition or contest, based upon the seating capacity of the hall or facility where said contest or exhibition is to be conducted. The following schedule shall govern the amount of the additional bond that may be required to be posted with the commission for the holding, conducting, or giving of a boxing, mixed technique event, or wrestling contest or exhibition:

BOND REQUIREMENTS

SEATING CAPACITY

BOND

(1)

0 to 999

\$

5,000.00

(2)

1,000 to 2,999

\$

15,000.00

(3)

3,000 to 5,999

\$

30,000.00

(4)

6,000 to 9,999

\$
 40,000.00
 (5)
 10,000 or above
 \$
 50,000.00

(3) The commission may require a bond from clubs, with security, for the faithful performance of all contracts entered into and approved by the commission. At the discretion of the commission, the amount of the performance bond required of a club may equal but shall not exceed the total amount of all professional boxing contracts entered into by that club. In lieu thereof, a certified check will be acceptable. This bond shall be in addition to the bond of between five thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars hereinabove required.

B. The commission may charge the following fees for licenses:

- (1)
 Wrestling and mixed technique event promoters \$ 250.00

- (2)
 Boxing promoters \$ 500.00

- (3)
 Matchmakers \$ 250.00

- (4)
 Referees \$ 25.00

- (5)
 Managers \$ 25.00

- (6)
 Announcers \$ 25.00

- (7)
 Professional boxing contestants in main bouts \$ 25.00

(8)

Seconds

\$ 25.00

(9)

Professional wrestling contestants

\$ 25.00

(10)

Other licenses

\$ 25.00

C. The commission may for cause, and after a hearing, revoke or suspend any license issued under the provisions of this Chapter, or may fine the holder of such license the sum of not more than one thousand dollars, or both, for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Violation of any provision of this Chapter;
- (2) Violation of any of the rules or regulations of the commission;
- (3) Finding that the licensee has committed an act detrimental to the interests of boxing, mixed technique event, or wrestling generally or to the public interest, convenience, or necessity;
- (4) Finding that the licensee has been guilty of or attempted any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with boxing, mixed technique event, or wrestling; or
- (5) Finding that a licensee is under suspension or has had his boxing, mixed technique event, or wrestling license revoked in another jurisdiction.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1. Amended by Acts 1981, No. 747, §1; Acts 1988, No. 576, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1988; Acts 1990, No. 640, §1; Acts 1993, No. 890, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§66. Professional boxing contracts; permits

A. Each club licensed to hold, conduct or give professional boxing contests or exhibitions shall furnish signed contracts to the commission as follows: (1) in the case of main event boxers, six days before the contest or exhibition; and (2) in the case of preliminary boxers, four days before the contest or exhibition. No such licensed promoting club, matchmaker, manager, boxer, or wrestler, may publicly announce or advertise that any bout or exhibition will take place unless such bout or exhibition has been formally approved by the commission.

B. Each club affected by the provisions of this chapter shall secure permits from the commission prior to holding any contest or exhibition. The commission shall not grant more than two permits a week to any club, nor shall the commission grant permits to more than one club in the same parish for the same date.

C. The commission may revoke permits for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§67. Gross receipts tax; deputy commissioners and doctors; disbursements

A. For the maintenance of the commission, every club licensed and entitled to any of the privileges by virtue of this Chapter shall pay to the commission a tax of five percent of the gross receipts of each contest or exhibition, except amateur contests or exhibitions sanctioned by the commission. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this Section shall be construed to apply to all facilities in the state in which contests or exhibitions are conducted or televised, except amateur contests. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the total amount to be paid to the commission by any club for any one live contest or exhibition only shall never exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

B. For the purpose of this Section, the total gross receipts of every individual, corporation, association, or club holding such contests, and upon which said five percentum or maximum amount is to be computed, shall include the gross price chargeable for the sale, lease, or other exploitation, or broadcasting, television, and motion picture rights of such contests, and without any deductions whatsoever for commissions, brokerage, distribution fees, advertising, or any other expenses, charges, and recoupments in respect thereto. Where a contest or exhibition is taking place at another area or place and is being televised to a club or theatre, such club or theatre shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter, must apply to and be licensed by the commission, and shall pay the tax herein provided on the gross receipts of said paid commissions at said club or theatre.

C.(1) The taxes provided for by this Section shall constitute a special fund, which shall be disbursed as provided in this Chapter. The commission shall receive the following salaries: the chairman shall receive a salary of ten thousand dollars per annum; the vice chairman shall receive a salary of six thousand four hundred dollars per annum; the secretary shall receive a salary of seven thousand two hundred dollars per annum; the four other members of the commission each shall receive a salary of four thousand three hundred dollars per annum, said salaries to be paid from the monies available in the special fund. If the money available in the special fund is insufficient to pay the maximum salaries herein authorized, such salaries shall be reduced proportionately and paid in such amounts as will not exceed the funds available in the special fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, any commissioner who is required to travel to attend, organize, or oversee any boxing event, mixed technique event, or wrestling event shall be entitled to the payment of a per diem of eighty dollars per day, such amount being immediately due and payable to the commission member at the time of the given event.

(2) All expenses necessary to maintain the office of the commission and to carry on all of its business and affairs are also allowed from the fund. After the proper allocations of the moneys for the next fiscal year, the commission shall remit the remainder of the fund annually on June thirtieth to the general fund of the state.

(3) Payment of the salaries due under the provisions of this Subsection shall not be made to any member who fails to attend a regular meeting unless excused by the chairman for good cause. The reduction of salary for failure to attend a meeting shall be based on a share of the total salary due for the year divided by the total number of regular meetings in the year.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1. Amended by Acts 1978, No. 526, §1, eff. July 12, 1978; Acts 1979, No. 752, §1, eff. July 20, 1979; Acts 1982, No. 239, §1; Acts 1988, No. 576, §1, eff. Sept. 1, 1988; Acts 2002, No. 3, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1; Acts 2010, No. 316, §1.

§68. Reports; payment of tax; counting of tickets; complimentary tickets

Every club licensed and exercising any of the privileges conferred by this chapter or by any rules or regulations of the commission and subject to the payment of the gross receipts tax shall, within twenty-four hours after each contest, submit to the secretary of the commission a written report showing the actual number of tickets sold, the gross receipts therefrom, and the number of press and complimentary tickets. Each shall, within twenty-four hours, pay to the commission the tax levied upon its gross receipts. The secretary of the commission, or a representative delegated by him, shall be present at the counting of the tickets, which shall be placed by the ticket-takers at each door of the building in which the exhibition is being held into a locked box which shall not be opened except in the presence of the secretary or his representative. The number and disbursement of complimentary tickets shall be regulated by the commission, provided, that in no case shall the number of such complimentary tickets exceed three hundred for each performance.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§69. Failure to make report or remittance; unsatisfactory and false reports

Whoever fails to make to the commission the report as provided in R.S. 4:68, or fails to make the remittance to the commission in the time limits set forth in R.S. 4:68, forfeits his license and the sum of five hundred dollars to the commission, which shall be recovered by suit filed by the commission. The money shall be remitted to the commission. Whoever makes a report which is unsatisfactory to the commission shall be suspended pending a hearing, at which time the commission may examine under oath its officers, and other witnesses. Should the report prove to be false the license is ipso facto forfeited.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§70. Physicians and emergency medical personnel

A. For each boxing, mixed technique, or professional wrestling event, the commission shall appoint a physician, competent and of good standing, who shall examine each contestant before the contestant enters the ring and who shall say whether the contestant is in physical condition to participate as advertised. The physician shall be present at the ringside. The physician shall render such advice or service as the commission requests. The fees of the physician for each individual event shall be paid by the club promoting the event and shall be reasonable and customary for the size and location of the event.

B. Each club promoting a boxing, mixed technique, or professional wrestling event shall pay for and obtain the attendance of emergency medical personnel to include no less than two attendants and an ambulance which shall be in attendance throughout each event.

C. Any physician so appointed by the commission shall be an independent contractor of the commission, not an employee.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§71. Buildings and structures; exceeding seating capacity in sale of tickets or issuance of invitations

All buildings or other structures used for the purposes of this chapter shall be properly ventilated and provided with exits and fire escapes conforming with the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the city or parish. No club shall hold, conduct or give a boxing or wrestling contest or exhibition unless a certificate of the safety of the building or other structure has been issued by the city engineer and fire inspector. Any club which sells or causes to be sold more tickets, or gives out more invitations, than the seating capacity of the building, structure, or arena, shall for the first offense be fined three hundred dollars and for a second offense five hundred dollars. The commission shall recover this money in the manner provided for in this chapter. For a second offense the club also forfeits its license.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§72. Proximity of seats to ring; seating for the commission

There shall be no seats, except those provided for the press and timers, physicians, and commissioners, within four feet of the sides of the ring, or within six feet of the corners of the ring, except those approved by the commission. The club shall, without charge, provide seating for the commission as is necessary for the attendance of the commission and those persons necessary to work the event.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§73. Tickets

No club shall permit anyone to sell or exchange any ticket for seating reservations for more than the box office price. All press or complimentary tickets shall be marked complimentary on both coupons. The club shall see to the seating of every reserved seat ticket holder in the seat corresponding to the coupon held by the ticket holder.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§74. Admission of persons under sixteen

No person under the age of sixteen shall be admitted to a contest unless accompanied by parent or guardian.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§75. Sham or fake contests or exhibitions

Whoever conducts or is a party to any sham or fake boxing contest or mixed technique event shall forfeit his license and shall not thereafter be entitled to receive any license pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter. Such person or persons shall be subject to fines as set forth in R.S. 4:65(C). Participants in a professional wrestling event are exempt from the provisions of this Section.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§76. Shamming or faking by contestants

Any contestant who is guilty of a sham or fake boxing contest or mixed technique event shall for the first offense be suspended immediately for a period of six months from participation in any contest in this state and for the second offense shall be totally disqualified from further participation in any contest given by any club licensed for that purpose.

The referee, after warning three times the contestant he believes to be shamming or faking, shall disqualify the contestant and award the decision to the opposing contestant and shall, moreover, prefer charges against the disqualified contestant before the commission. In such event, the club shall turn over to the secretary of the commission all monies payable to the disqualified contestant. If the referee believes both contestants to be shamming, he shall, after warning both contestants three times, disqualify them and call the event "no contest", and prefer charges before the commission against both contestants. In such cases the club shall refund to all persons in exchange for their seat coupons sixty percent of the face value of such coupons if the contest declared "no contest" is that scheduled and advertised as the main event and feature attraction, but the tax levied under this Chapter shall be paid to the commission as in all other contests or exhibitions, and the balance shall be retained by the club to cover its expenses in promoting the contest or exhibition. Participants in a professional wrestling event are exempt from the provisions of this Section.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§77. Contestants to be in city three days before contest; period between contests

No contestant shall participate in a professional boxing contest who has not been in the city in which the contest is to be held at least three days before the contest or who has engaged in a contest within seven days from the date selected for the contest under the rules of the commission. However, the commission may waive the above provision of this chapter in all cases where the best interest of the public and the spectators is served. The club conducting such contest shall notify the commission when the contestant arrives, and the commission may require the contestant to spar prior to the boxing contest.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§78. Seconds

No contestant shall have more than three seconds in his corner, and these seconds shall be required to remain in their corners. For the use of the seconds small stools or chairs shall be provided by the club. For any reason deemed to be sufficient by the commission, and made public, the commission may refuse permission to any individual to act as second.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§79. Referees and judges; appointment of event coordinator

A. The commission may grant to referees and judges licenses good for a period of one year. Referees and judges appointed shall not be suspended except on proof of connivance in fakes, failure to enforce the rules of the commission, or incompetency. There is no appeal from the referee's and judges' ruling. Only residents of Louisiana are eligible to appointment and license as regular referees and judges and shall have resided in the state for not less than six months before the date of the contest. Referees may give decisions in all contests so advertised. The appointment of judges is at the discretion of the commission.

B. This Section does not prohibit the commission, at its discretion, from appointing a "name" referee, or one well known for his outstanding ability, to referee a special or championship match even though said referee is not a resident of Louisiana.

C. In addition, the commission may appoint an events coordinator, not on the commission, for any boxing event the commission deems necessary, whose fee shall be paid by the club promoting the event in question, which amount shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars per event.

D. The fees for the referees and judges for each individual event shall be paid by the club promoting the event in question and shall be reasonable and customary for the size and location of the event.

E. Any referee, judge, or other official appointed by the commission shall be considered an independent contractor of the commission, not an employee.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§80. Representing contestant or sharing in purse; payment of purse

A. No referee, club owner, club officer, club, or member of the commission shall represent any contestant or receive from a contestant any share of his purse. Any violation of this rule subjects the violator to forfeiture of his license.

B. Whenever the payment of a purse is in dispute, the commission may withhold all or any portion thereof pending a hearing on the disbursement thereof, or, in its discretion, may order the purse deposited in the registry of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§81. Open betting or quoting of odds; insulting or abusive remarks

- A. There shall be no open betting or quoting of odds in the club or arena where the exhibition or contest is being held. Whoever does so shall be ejected.
- B. There shall be no insulting or abusive remarks made by seconds, managers, or spectators and directed at the contestants. The officers of the club and the attending member of the commission shall at once eject persons who violate this or any other provision of this Chapter.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§81.1. Tough-man contest; prohibition

A. For the purposes of this Chapter, "tough-man contest" shall mean any boxing match, wrestling event, or competition, or combination thereof, between two or more persons, whether professional or amateur, who use their hands, with or without gloves, or their feet, or both, in any manner unauthorized by the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission, and compete for money, financial prize, or any item of pecuniary or nonpecuniary value or compete at an event where a fee is charged whereby either participant may obtain pecuniary gain. The term "tough-man contest" shall not include, nor shall the provisions of this Section apply to any contest, competition, or exhibition of any of the recognized martial arts including karate, judo, kung fu, tae kwan do, jujitsu, kickboxing, or any substantially similar tradition.

B. No person shall conduct, promote, or in any manner participate in any tough-man contest or exhibition. Any person violating this Section as a participant, promoter, judge, or referee shall be subject to criminal charges and penalties as provided in R.S. 14:102.11.

Added by Acts 1981, No. 747, §2; Acts 1995, No. 1275, §1.

§82. Noncompliance with Chapter, penalty

Whoever conducts, promotes, or in any manner participates in any boxing, mixed technique event, or wrestling contest or exhibition without first complying with the provisions of this Chapter shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§82.1. Noncompliance with Chapter, criminal penalty

A. No person shall conduct, promote, or in any manner participate in any boxing, mixed technique, or wrestling event or exhibition without the sanctioning of the commission. Any person violating this Section as a participant, promoter, judge, or referee shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

B. A person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall additionally be ineligible for licensure under the provisions of this Chapter for a period of five years from the date of conviction.

Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§82.2. Noncompliance with Chapter, injunction

A. In addition to the actions and penalties otherwise provided for by this Chapter, the commission may cause to issue in any court of competent jurisdiction an injunction without bond enjoining any person from violating or continuing to violate the provisions of this Chapter.

B. In the suit for an injunction, the commission may demand of the defendant reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

C. The judgment for attorney fees and court costs may be rendered in the same judgment in which the injunction is made absolute. If the commission brings an action against an individual pursuant hereto and fails to prove its case, then it shall be liable to such person for the payment of his attorney fees and costs.

Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§83. Application of Chapter

The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to amateur contests, competitions, or exhibitions.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.

§84. Administrative procedure

The commission's hearings, practice and procedure and rule and regulation making procedure are as provided in Title 49, Chapter 13, Administrative Procedure, R.S. 49:951 et seq., except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1.

§85. Definitions; construction

As used in this Chapter:

(1) "Amateur" means any of the following:

(a) Contests or exhibitions of armed or unarmed combat or any combination thereof conducted by or participated in exclusively by any state-accredited middle school or high school, college, or university, or by any association or organization of a school, college, or university, when each participant in the contests or exhibitions is a bona fide student in the state-accredited middle school or high school, college, or university.

(b) Any boxing contest or exhibition if it is registered and sanctioned by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., or Golden Gloves of America as an amateur boxing contest or exhibition.

(c) Any contest or exhibition which specifically has been named by the commission as an amateur event.

(2) "Club" means any club, corporation, association, or individual under the authority of the commission.

(3) "Commission" means the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

(4) "Exhibition" means:

(a) As applied to boxing and mixed technique events, any event in which the participants show or display their skills without necessarily striving to win.

(b) As applied to professional wrestling events, bouts for entertainment purposes wherein there are no dangerous blows intended to be struck and the result of each bout is predetermined.

(5) "Mixed technique event" means contests in which contestants attack and defend with wrestling or grappling and with the fists and other parts of the human body, including but not limited to the foot, knee, leg, elbow, or head, wherein dangerous blows are intended to be struck with full contact. The term "mixed technique event" shall not include nor shall the provisions of this Chapter apply to any contest, competition, or exhibition of any of the recognized martial arts, including but not limited to karate, judo, kung fu, tae kwan do, jujitsu, kickboxing, tang soo do, or any substantively similar tradition.

(6) "Professional boxer" means any person who competes for a money prize or teaches, pursues, or assists in the practice of boxing or wrestling as a means of obtaining a livelihood or pecuniary gain.

(7) "Professional wrestler" means any person who does not qualify as an "amateur" and who participates in staged matches wherein no dangerous blow is intended to be struck and where there is a predetermined winner, whether or not the participant competes for a money prize or pecuniary gain.

(8) "Professional wrestling event" means any event which does not qualify as either a mixed technique event or amateur or boxing contest and which features in any way a professional wrestler and which qualifies as an exhibition under Subparagraph (4)(b) of this Section.

Acts 1974, No. 553, §1; Acts 2007, No. 90, §1.