



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3773-3-03 Conditions for applying for and issuing a permit.

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(A) Any licensed promoter who desires to promote any public or private competition that involves the sports of boxing, kick boxing, mixed martial arts, karate, tough man contests or tough person contests, professional wrestling, or any other form of boxing or martial arts contests, shall obtain a permit from the commission. Application for such a permit shall be made in writing and on forms prescribed by the commission and shall be accompanied by the permit fee specified in rules of agency 3773 of the Administrative Code.

(1) The application for a permit issued under this rule shall include the date and starting time of the match or exhibition, the address, name and phone number of the place where the event is to be held, the seating capacity of the building or hall where the event is to be held, the admission charge, the name and weight of the contestants and their federal ID, the amount of compensation or the percentage of gate receipts to be paid to each contestant, the number of rounds to be contested, the name, address and phone number of the promoter, and the license number of the promoter's license. All required mixed martial arts events information including national ID number shall be submitted on line to the national database after a permit has been authorized.

(2) The commission or executive director may require the applicant to deposit with the commission before the match or exhibition, money order, a cash bond, certified check, or bank draft in an amount equal to five per cent of the estimated gross receipts from the event.

(3) The applicant shall satisfy the bonding requirements of rules of agency 3773 of the Administrative Code and able to pay to each contestant the compensation or percentage of the gate receipts named in the application.

(B) If the executive director determines that the applicant has met all of the requirements specified in this rule, a permit shall be issued to the applicant to conduct the event.

(C) A permit issued under this rule shall allow the permit holder to conduct only the event named in



the permit. A permit is not transferable unless approved by the executive director. The promoter, whose name appears on the permit, or their designated representative with prior approval of the commission, must be physically present at the weigh-ins and at the event until the conclusion of the final bout unless excused by the commission.

(D) The commission will establish guidelines and requirements for conducting any public or private competition that involves the sports of boxing, kick boxing, mixed martial arts, karate, tough man contests or tough person contests, professional wrestling, or any other form of boxing or martial arts.

(E) The commission or the executive director shall determine if the contestants are evenly and fairly matched according to skill level, experience, and weight so as to produce a fair and sportsmanlike contest.

(F) The executive director has the authority to approve any match changes or to complete additional bouts for contests previously approved at the commission meeting. An opponent replacing an opponent who was originally approved must have the same or similar record of the opponent that was approved.

(G) When an application for a permit to conduct any public or private competition that involves the sports of boxing, kick boxing, mixed martial arts karate, tough man contests or tough person contests, or any other form of boxing or martial arts, is requested by a licensed promoter, the application and the verification of insurance coverage, as well as the permit fee, as specified in paragraph (A) of this rule, shall be in the commission office ten days prior to the scheduled business meeting at which the application for permit will be considered by the commission.

(H) Exceptions to this rule will only be considered in the case the event is a world championship, state championship, any other championship event recognized by the commission or in the case of a televised event. The time period for all necessary paperwork as stated in this rule, shall then be determined by the commission or executive director, but in no case shall such promoter be exempt from such paperwork.