



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3773-7-15 Promoter's responsibilities.

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(A) Bout agreements.

(1) The bout agreement between a promoter and a contestant must be executed on a form provided by the Ohio athletic commission. All information including name and address of contestant must be included.

(2) A bout agreement which provides that a contestant must fight exclusively for one promoter or at the option of the promoter is prohibited for amateur contestants.

(B) Must submit permit for event that includes: date of the event, starting time of event, admission charges, location of event that includes venue name, street address and city, promoter's name, address and phone number. No more than one permit will be issued for the same type of event within a forty-five mile radius on the same day. This is determined from zip code to zip code.

(C) Upon approval of permit all contestants and their opponents names must be submitted to MMA LLC the recognized national database for approval of their bout by executive director or commission. All professional contestants names must be submitted in time to be presented at commission meeting for approval.

(D) All required medicals must be in the commission office five days prior to the event. This includes all required blood work or eye examinations. No medicals will be accepted at an event.

(E) The commission office will only accept contestants' names of fighters from the promoter or the designated matchmaker. Opponents will not be discussed with anyone but the promoter or assigned matchmaker.

(F) Event insurance must be submitted no later than five days prior to the date of the event.



(G) Cancellation of any event must be done within five days prior to the date of the event or the promoter will be required to pay all officials base pay.

(H) All contestants must have a national mixed martial arts identification card or get one issued to them prior to competing.

(I) Must have a separate divider between ring, cage or fenced area and fans. This must be approved by the inspector or commission representative. If not a solid barrier then a uniformed law enforcement officer must be present at the ring, cage or fenced area.

(J) Must follow all ticket and tax rules as defined in agency 3773 of the Administrative Code.

(K) No event may start without the presence a licensed medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine present at ringside or cage side and an ambulance with medical personnel on site.

(L) The executive director or the Ohio athletic commission shall assign all officials for all mixed martial arts events.

(M) Must supply the contestants gloves used at the event. They must be approved by the inspector or commission representative. New gloves must be provided for any title bout.

(N) Have disposable garbage bags in each dressing room.

(O) Have cleaning solution used to clean blood and debris for inside the cage or ring. A solution of ten per cent bleach and ninety percent water is an acceptable solution.

(P) Must provide security with at least one commissioned police officer.

(Q) All events must start on the time designated on permit.

(R) Outdoor events shall not be scheduled before Memorial day or after Labor day

(S) Must comply with all rules and regulations relating to promoting events defined in agency 3773



of the Administrative Code.

(T) Zuffa inc (UFC) has the exclusive patented copyright for using an eight sided cage to conduct a mixed martial arts event.

(U) All outdoor events need to use a polyester nylon canvas, or an Ohio athletic commission approved canvas for outdoor events.