



# Contest Area Safety Policy

## Purpose:

To support the health and safety of personnel in or around the contest area.

## Scope:

This policy applies to all contests pursuant to the *Combat Sports Act 1987* (Act).

## Legislative Background:

The functions of the Combat Sports Commission (Commission) include formulating or recommending standards, specifications, codes of conduct or other forms of guidance for the purpose of maintaining proper standards in combat sports (section 10(1)(b) of the Act).

## Process:

### Exclusion Zone Barrier

- The Promoter must use an exclusion zone barrier (rope, stanchion or fence type) that offers a visual and physical barrier between authorised personnel and the public.
- The exclusion zone barrier must be set at two and a half metres (2.5m) from the apron and must allow for safe access and egress.
- There will be no requirement for use of an exclusion zone barrier where a contest area, including the ringside seating for authorised personnel, is set up on a stage or platform.
- Security personnel must ensure that members of the public do not enter the exclusion zone or use the exclusion zone as a thoroughfare.

### Glass Ringside

- Glass is not permitted within two and a half metres (2.5m) of the apron.
- All beverages are to be served in plastic bottles / cups or aluminium cans.
- Trainers are permitted to carry glass vial(s) of Adrenaline as the likelihood of injury from a broken vial is minimal.

### Additional Ringside Personnel

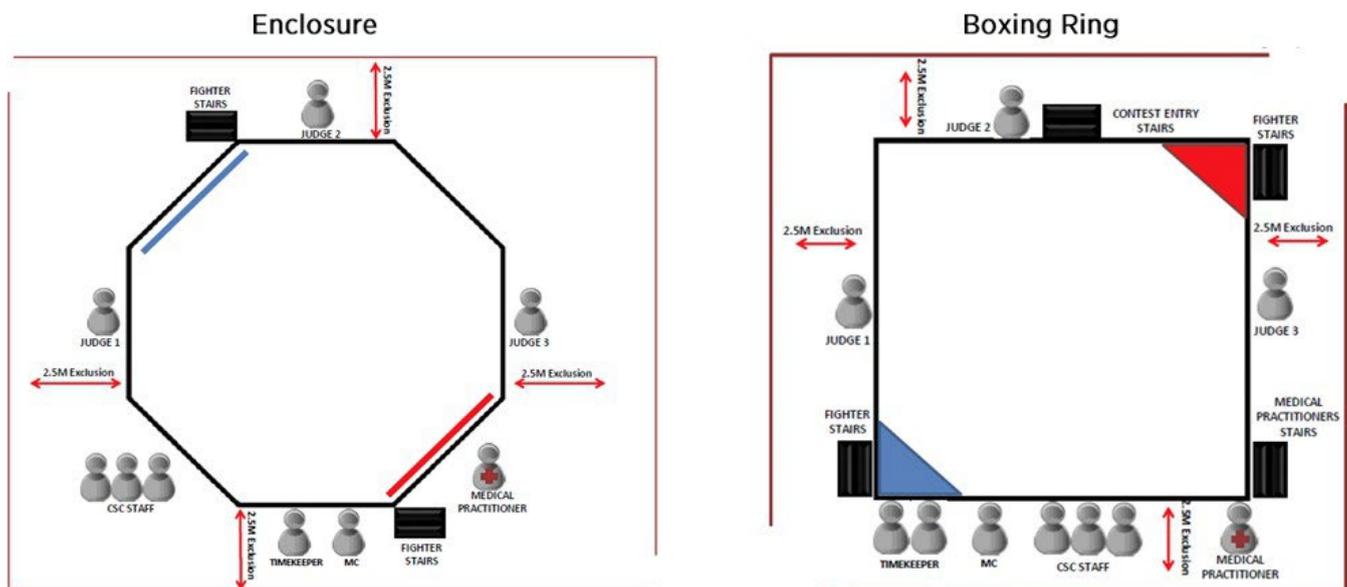
- Promoters may nominate a nominal number of additional ringside personnel for undertaking specific ringside tasks.
- Prior to the commencement of an event, Promoters must notify the Commission of any additional ringside personnel and the task each person will undertake.
- Additional ringside personnel may include:
  - Audio visual staff
  - MC / Commentators
  - Film crew
  - Medical practitioners assistant – must be qualified and over the age of 18 years
  - Shadow officials



- Media
- Failure to notify the Commission in accordance with this section and the *Ringside Photography/Videography Policy* may mean that a person is removed from the exclusion zone.
- Promoters or security staff must take direction and act on requests from Commission Representatives if there is an issue with any person within the contest area.
- Promoters must ensure that all additional ringside personnel:
  - have been adequately advised on where and when they are allowed within the contest area; and
  - do not block the vision of or interfere with the official duties of Commission Representatives, Officials or Medical Practitioner(s).

## Contest Area Layout

- Contest areas are to have appropriate seating for Commission Representatives, the Medical Practitioner and Officials and this seating requirement takes precedence over the provision of any seating for additional ringside personnel.
- The Medical Practitioner must be seated next to the neutral corner/stairs.
- Promoters must supply a sufficient number of stools for the Trainer and Seconds to be seated ringside.
- The following layouts are recommended for standard contest areas and are in accordance with the Commission's Contest Rules.



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