



Junior Contest

Scope:

The Combat Sports Commission (the Commission) periodically receives permit applications for a combat sport contest involving a junior Contestant (under 18 years old) competing against a senior Contestant (over 18 years old). The Commission does not encourage the matchmaking of junior against senior Contestants but acknowledges that under certain circumstances it may be appropriate.

This policy outlines the provisions and risk mitigation that is to be put in place to allow a junior versus senior match up whilst ensuring the contest is safe.

Definitions:

Act - means *Combat Sports Act 1987*

Contest - means a contest or exhibition of a combat sport, that is organised, arranged or promoted for profit or that is conducted for public entertainment or to which the public is invited.

Contestant: A person who participates in a contest, whether for reward or not.

Regulations means *Combat Sport Regulations 2004* (the Regulations).

Legislative background:

Section 10(b) Functions of the Commission;

To formulate or recommend standards, specifications, codes of conduct or other forms of guidance for the purpose of maintaining proper standards in combat sports.

Application:

Junior and Senior contests will only be considered for approval under the following circumstances and conditions:

- There is a 2 year or less age gap between Contestants
- A parental consent form is signed by the junior Contestant's parent
- The padding requirement is of the minimum standard of the junior Contestant or of the less experienced Contestant
- The Matchmaker is registered in WA
- Notwithstanding their age, the Contestants are suitably matched with regard to their weight and experience level.

Junior versus junior contests are also subject to a 2 year age difference. Where a junior Contestant is matched with another junior Contestant, they must be within 2 years of age and be appropriately matched with regard to weight and experience.

Contests between contestants within a 2 year age gap will be assessed and approved at the discretion of the Commission



Additional Procedure Links:

[Commission contest rules](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Guidelines and Conditions of Registration](#)

[Contestant Preparation Standards and Guidelines](#)

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