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STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF BOXING
PROPOSED RULES FOLLOWING HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

CHAPTER ONE - GENERAL RULES

4 MCAR § 9.101 PURPOSE.

These rules are adopted pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1 and § 341.11 (1976) and are designed to supervise and regulate all amateur and professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests occurring in the State of Minnesota. They are a complete recodification of the prior rules of the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.102 DEFINITIONS.

A. 'Board' means the Board of Boxing.

B. 'Exhibition' means any boxing or sparring event or bout at which direct or indirect admission is charged or at which prizes or compensation are given to the boxers.

C. 'Contest' means any boxing or sparring bout at which scoring is done.

D. 'Match' means any boxing or sparring bout at which victory is sought or declared.

4 MCAR § 9.103 APPLICABILITY.

These rules shall apply to all amateur and professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests and related activities occurring in or affecting professional and amateur boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests held or proposed to be scheduled and held in the State of Minnesota.

4 MCAR § 9.104 CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION.

These rules shall be construed to effectuate the purposes of Minn. Stat. §§ 341.01-.15 (1976), as amended from time to time. Where ambiguities or conflicts appear, they may be interpreted by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.105 CASES NOT COVERED.

If questions or situations arise which are alleged not to be provided for by these rules, they shall be determined by at least a quorum of the Board in such a manner as they think best, just and conformable to the usage and best interests of the State of Minnesota and the sport of boxing.

4 MCAR § 9.106 COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.

The Board shall entertain and dispose of duly submitted complaints as specified in Minn. Stat. § 214.10 (1976), as amended.

4 MCAR § 9.107 BASIC PROHIBITIONS.

A. Franchise License Required. No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or be promoted or sponsored except by a current and valid licensee of the Board.

B. Prior Approval of Dates, Places, and Contestants Required. No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or be promoted or sponsored within the State of Minnesota without the prior approval of the Board as to date, place, and participants. Any such exhibition, match, or contest receiving such approval

shall be conducted strictly in accordance with these rules and such conditions as the Board may see fit to impose.

C. Licenses and Registrations Required. No professional or amateur franchise, sponsor, organization, promoter, nor any manager, referee, judge, timekeeper, assistant timekeeper or other official, nor any professional boxer or second shall participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest in the State of Minnesota without a current license or approval, as the case may be, from the Board and no amateur boxer or coach shall participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest in the State of Minnesota without a current registration with the Board. All activity conducted pursuant to such licenses, registrations, or approval shall be conducted strictly in accordance with these rules and such conditions as the Board may see fit to impose.

D. Amateur Sponsorships and Professional Promotions Distinguished. No amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be sponsored by other than an amateur franchise licensee and no professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be promoted by other than a professional franchise licensee.

4 MCAR § 9.108 APPLICATIONS.

All applications for licenses and registrations shall be in writing and all questions propounded by the Board shall be answered fully and truthfully. All applications shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of the appropriate

fee. All papers and documents filed with the Board shall be the property of the Board. Prior to acting upon any application, the Board may, in its discretion, examine under oath the applicant, any officer thereof, and any other witnesses. The form of the application shall be prescribed by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.109 GRANTING, SUSPENDING AND REVOKING LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS.

The granting of all licenses, registrations, and approvals is a matter of Board discretion and the Board may impose such conditions as it sees fit as a part of any license, registration, or approval.

All licenses, registrations, or approvals granted by the Board may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board. Suspensions and revocations shall occur according to such procedures as the Board deems necessary under all the circumstances and in light of the regulatory powers and purposes of the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.110 NON-ASSIGNABILITY.

No license, registration, or approval granted by the Board is assignable in any respect.

4 MCAR § 9.111 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER AGENCY RULES AND STATUTES.

All licensees of the Board shall comply with pertinent statutes and rules of the other agencies of the State of Minnesota.

4 MCAR § 9.112 SUPERVISION OF CONTESTS.

All amateur and professional exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by licensed and approved referees

and judges. At all boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests contestants, referees, timekeepers, assistant timekeepers, seconds, examining physicians, and announcers shall at all times be subject to the control of the Board. The Board may appoint an official representative to insure that the rules of the Board are strictly observed. No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or take place except in the presence and supervision of the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.113 INSPECTORS.

The Board or its duly authorized representatives shall have the authority upon demand to inspect all boxing or sparring facilities, training camps, gymnasiums, and auditoriums in Minnesota, all related activities and all books and records pertaining to any aspect of boxing or related activity occurring or proposed to occur in whole or in part in the State of Minnesota.

4 MCAR § 9.114 ADVANCE REPORTS.

Each promoter of any professional boxing exhibition, match, or contest must file with the Board a statement in writing prior to any public announcement of an exhibition, match, or contest and, in any case, at least five days prior to the holding of any such exhibition, match, or contest, which shows the name of the club, the place or city where such exhibition, match, or contest shall be held, the name and location of the building wherein the same shall be held, the estimated seating capacity thereof, the names, addresses, and

weights of the main event and semi-windup contestants, together with such other information as the Board may require.

4 MCAR § 9.115 FILING OF CONTRACTS.

Each promoter of any professional boxing exhibition, match, or contest must file with the Board at least five days prior to the holding of any such contest, exhibition, match, or contest any and all contracts involving contestants. All professional contestants must be signed to a written contract. Contracts with professional main event boxers must be accompanied by certified checks for the amounts of forfeits at the time of filing said contracts with the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.116 MINNESOTA CHAMPIONSHIPS.

No bout may be advertised as a Minnesota championship unless the Board, in its sole discretion, declares the bout to be for the Minnesota championship.

4 MCAR § 9.117 TICKETS.

A. Admission. No person shall be admitted to a boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest without a ticket, except duly authorized Board inspectors who shall be admitted with proper badge and credentials.

B. Press Tickets. All press tickets issued shall be marked "Press." All complimentary tickets shall be marked "Complimentary." Twenty tickets marked "Press" shall be reserved for members of the Board, its counsel, and a representative of the Department of Revenue. No more than sixty "Press" tickets may be issued for any one fight in cities of the first

class, not more than thirty in Rochester, and not more than ten elsewhere, outside of Board tickets.

C. Price. All tickets, exclusive of press and complimentary tickets, shall have the price plainly printed thereon and shall have a coupon attached which may be held by the purchaser thereof. The price of tickets shall be printed in large type and displayed at all ticket sellers' windows and shall not be varied.

4 MCAR § 9.118 SEATING - MEDIA, COMMISSIONERS, AND OFFICIALS.

Holders of press tickets, commissioners, and officials shall be seated at ring side tables. It shall be the promoter's responsibility to place name tags or designations on the tables to insure orderly seating. At bouts expected to draw large media attention, two rows of ring side tables shall be provided. There shall be at least four feet between the ring side tables and the first row of seats. If said seating and designations are not in place at least three hours prior to the first exhibition, match, or contest, the Board or its official representative may arrange for same without notice and at the promoter's expense. A maximum of four photographers may be at ring side at any one time and then only at designated places and subject to the control of the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.119 SECURITY AND USHERS.

It shall be the duty of the promoter or sponsor to keep order and to provide adequate security and adequate ushers to insure proper seating.

4 MCAR § 9.120 FUND RAISING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

No fund raising shall be permitted and no public announcements made at any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest, except with the prior approval of the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.121 POST-CONTEST REPORTS.

The franchise licensee who promotes each amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall furnish in writing to the Board within forty-eight hours following the event a statement showing the names of all contestants and the result of each contest held, together with the amount of the gross gate.

4 MCAR § 9.122 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Whenever an examination of a contestant by a physician is required by these rules, such examination shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. All examining physicians and physicians attending exhibitions, matches, or contests shall be assigned by the Board of Boxing and licensed by the Minnesota Board of Medical Examiners and shall report their written findings for each contestant to the Board of Boxing. All examinations, attendance of a physician, and reports shall be at the expense of the promoter or sponsor.

4 MCAR § 9.123 PAYMENTS TO BOXERS.

No payments may be made by a promoter or sponsor to a boxer until approved by the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.124 REPEALER.

The prior rules of the Board not contained herein are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER TWO - RULES GOVERNING AMATEUR BOXING

4 MCAR § 9.201 JURISDICTION.

All amateur boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board and subject to such conditions as it may in its discretion impose.

4 MCAR § 9.202 AMATEUR REGISTRATION AND LICENSES.

All amateur boxers and coaches must be registered with the Board in a form to be specified by the Board and amateur referees, judges, seconds, and franchises must be licensed by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.203 LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, AND LICENSE FEES.

All amateur licenses for referees, judges and seconds, franchises, and registrations of boxers expire one year from the date of issue unless revoked by the Board. The fees shall be:

Referees. $10.00

Judges $10.00

Seconds . . . . . $ 2.00

Boxers. . . . . no fee

4 MCAR § 9.204 AMATEUR FRANCHISE LICENSES.

A. Amateur franchise licenses shall be granted in conformity with these rules and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

B. Such licenses shall have a duration of one year unless otherwise specified by the Board.

C. The fee for said license in cities of the first class having a population of over 150,000 shall be $150.00; in cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, $50.00; in all other cities and towns, $25.00.

4 MCAR § 9.205 FORM OF AMATEUR FRANCHISE LICENSE.

The form of amateur franchise license shall be as follows:

"State of Minnesota, Board of Boxing. To all whom it may concern: Amateur Franchise License No. ____. WHEREAS, due application was made for an amateur franchise license in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing, and the said Board of Boxing having duly considered said application and ordered the issuance of the license thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, the State of Minnesota, by and through its Board of Boxing, does hereby grant unto _____ a license to conduct, hold, or give amateur boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests within the city, village, or township of _____, State of Minnesota, and not elsewhere, in accordance with the provisions of law aforesaid, and subject to such rules and regulations, and amendments thereof, as the Board of Boxing may from time to time prescribe.

Unless revoked or suspended, this license is for a period of one year from the date set forth hereunder.

This license may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board.

This license is not assignable to any other party.

All amateur boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests conducted under the auspices of this license shall be governed by the rules of the Board of Boxing, the laws of the State of Minnesota, and, to the extent not in conflict, the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Board of Boxing has caused these presents to be signed by its Chairman and Secretary and has affixed its seal this ____ day of _____, 19__.

(SEAL) BOARD OF BOXING

By _____
Chairman

And _____
Secretary"

4 MCAR § 9.206 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RETURNS.

Financial statements and returns shall be filed by each amateur franchise licensee as required by the laws and promulgated rules of the State of Minnesota and its respective agencies.

4 MCAR § 9.207 TEN DAY RULE.

An amateur desiring to box as a professional must file written notice ten days prior to the date on which his application for a professional license shall be entertained.

4 MCAR § 9.208 MANAGERS.

No amateur is required to have a manager. No manager of an amateur boxer will be recognized unless he has presented a legally valid contract with the boxer to the Board and such

contract has been approved and filed with the Board and a manager's license issued.

4 MCAR § 9.209 COMPENSATION.

A. Limit. The maximum compensation paid to an amateur shall not be in excess of $5.00, exclusive of travel and subsistence.

B. Special Prizes. Sponsors of any tournament or inter-city match shall be allowed to give a special prize to the contestants in addition to the regular compensation, providing such prize has the prior approval of the Board.

C. Advance Filing. Sponsors of any tournament, exhibition, match, or contest to be attended by boxers from outside the place of their legal residence must file in the office of the Board at least 24 hours preceding the time of the event a schedule of compensation, travel, and subsistence money proposed to be paid each boxer.

D. Sworn Statement. Within 48 hours after the holding of the event, the franchise holder, sponsor, or promoter shall forward to the Board in a form specified by the Board a sworn statement that the rules of the Board pertaining to compensation, travel, and subsistence paid and promised to be paid to each amateur boxing was not in excess of the amount set forth in the schedule filed with the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.210 RULES.

The official rules of the Amateur Athletic Union shall

govern all amateur exhibitions, matches, and contests except when in conflict with these rules.

4 MCAR § 9.211 OFFICIALS.

All amateur exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by a referee and judges licensed by the Board. Unless waived by the Board, all such exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the presence of the Board or its official representative. All other officials shall be approved by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.212 RULES GOVERNING SAFETY.

A. Junior Class Amateurs - Limits. Junior Class amateurs are those amateurs who have not reached sixteen years of age. Junior Class amateurs shall not be allowed to box more than three rounds of one minute duration.

B. Senior Class Amateurs - Limits. Senior Class amateurs are those between sixteen years of age and twenty-six. Senior Class amateurs shall not be allowed to box more than three rounds of two minute duration except in authorized tournaments.

C. Medical Examination. No amateur boxer shall be permitted to take part in a boxing or sparring exhibit, match, or contest unless he has been examined and passed immediately before the contest by a physician.

D. Frequency. No amateur boxer shall be permitted to participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest on more than two days in five, or more than one contest on any one day except in duly sanctioned and authorized tournaments.

E. Attendance of Physician. A physician must be in attendance at each amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest. He shall examine each contestant immediately before the contest and after each knockout or technical knockout and during the course of each contest at the request of the referee.

F. Authority to Stop Bout. A referee must stop a bout when either contestant shows marked superiority and the other opponent is outclassed.

G. Cut Eyes. In a tournament, when a bout is stopped because of a cut eye, the decision shall go to the boxer then leading on points. In a non-tournament bout, the bout shall be ruled no contest if one of the participants suffers a cut eye in the first round. If the injury occurs in the second or third round, the boxer leading on points shall be awarded the decision.

4 MCAR § 9.213 EQUIPMENT.

Equipment shall be as required by A.A.U. rules.

4 MCAR § 9.214 RING NAMES.

No ring names shall be allowed.

4 MCAR § 9.215 ACTS OR TAKEOFFS.

Any acts or take-offs or insincerity on the part of an amateur boxer may subject the boxer to immediate suspension.

CHAPTER THREE - RULES GOVERNING PROFESSIONAL BOXING

4 MCAR § 9.301 JURISDICTION.

All professional boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board and subject to such conditions as it may in its discretion impose.

4 MCAR § 9.302 LICENSES.

All referees, judges, boxers, managers and seconds shall be licensed in accordance with the following schedule. Such licenses shall expire one year from the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked by the Board.

Referees	$25.00
Judges	$10.00
Boxers	$ 5.00
Managers	$10.00
Seconds	$ 5.00

4 MCAR § 9.303 PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE LICENSES.

A. Professional franchise licenses shall be granted in conformity with these rules and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

B. Such licenses shall have a duration of thirteen weeks (one-quarter year) unless otherwise specified by the Board.

C. The fee for said license shall be $250.00 per quarter in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Bloomington. In other locations the fee shall be:

1. In cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, but more than 100,000, $125.00 per quarter.

2. In municipalities having a population of less than 100,000 but more than 10,000, $50.00 per quarter.

3. In municipalities having a population of less than 10,000, $25,00 per quarter.

4 MCAR § 9.304 FORM OF PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE LICENSE.

The form of professional franchise license shall be as follows:

"State of Minnesota, Board of Boxing. To all whom it may concern: Professional Franchise License No. ____.

WHEREAS, due application has been made for a license in accordance with the terms of the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules of the Board of Boxing, and said Board having duly considered the said application and ordered the issuance of a license thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, the State of Minnesota, by and through the Board of Boxing, does hereby grant unto : _____ a license to conduct, hold, or give boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests within the city, village, or township of _____, State of Minnesota, and not elsewhere, in accordance with the provisions of law aforesaid, subject to such rules and amendments thereof as the Board of Boxing may from time to time prescribe, for a period of thirteen weeks

(one-quarter year) from the date hereof unless revoked or suspended or unless a different duration is specified herein.

No boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be of more than fifteen rounds not to exceed three minutes each.

All boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests held pursuant to this license shall be governed by the rules of the Board of Boxing and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

This license may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board.

This license is not assignable to any other party.

In the event this license pertains to a city or governing entity other than a city of the first class, the consent required by Minnesota Statutes § 341.08 must be obtained from the governing body thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Board of Boxing has caused these presents to be signed by its Chairman and Secretary and has affixed its seal this ____ day of _____, 19__.

(SEAL) BOARD OF BOXING

By _____
Chairman

And _____
Secretary"

A. Age and Length of Bout. No professional boxer shall be permitted to engage in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest without a license issued by the Board. No license will be granted to any boxer under eighteen years of age. ~~or~~ No license will be granted to any boxer over thirty-six years of age without ~~the express consideration of the Board.~~ a specific review by the Board of said boxer's medical condition and ability to further engage in boxing. Professional boxers only eighteen years of age shall be limited to ten round bouts or less. No bout shall exceed fifteen rounds.

B. A-1 Condition. Each contract between a promoter and a boxer shall include a clause in which the boxer and his manager certify that the boxer is in A-1 condition and is not concealing an illness or injury.

C. Medical Examination; Attendance of Physician and Authority to Stop Bout. Each contestant shall be examined by a physician prior to entering the ring. One physician must be in attendance at each exhibition, match, or contest. Such physician shall examine each contestant immediately before the bout and after each knockout or technical knockout and at other times as indicated. The referee shall be the judge in cooperation with the ring physician as to the fitness of a contestant to continue when he is seemingly taking undue punishment or is badly injured.

D. Intervals. No boxer participating in a bout of less than ten rounds shall be permitted to engage in consecutive bouts with less than three days intervening between such contests.

Boxers engaging in main events shall not engage in such bouts without an intervening period of seven days.

A minimum of sixty days interval shall be required before a boxer who has been knocked unconscious shall be allowed to box again. When a bout is stopped because it has become one sided or a serious facial laceration has occurred, an interval of thirty days is required before a boxer shall be allowed to box again.

E. Medical Investigations. In case of repeated knock-outs or severe beatings, a boxer shall be retired for his own physical welfare. Any boxer who has sustained six consecutive defeats or who has received a serious concussion shall be subject to investigation, review, and examination by the Board ~~and its physician~~ with the advice of its physician.

F. Main Event Contestants. In each application for a main event bout, the results of the last six bouts for each contestant shall be included in a sworn statement signed by the boxer, his manager, and promoter.

4 MCAR § 9.306 WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION.

The Board shall presume, unless rebutted, that all suspensions issued by the World Boxing Association ~~should~~ shall be recognized.

CHAPTER FOUR - EQUIPMENT RULES GOVERNING PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS

4 MCAR § 9.401 RING, ROPES, POSTS.

The ring shall be no less than 16 nor more than 20 feet square within the ropes, the ring floor to extend beyond the ropes

a distance of not less than 18 inches. The ring floor, height of ring, ring posts and ring ropes shall meet standards and be approved by the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.402 GONG

The gong must be not less than eighteen inches in diameter, to be adjusted securely on a level with the ring platform, the timer to use a metal hammer in indicating the beginning and the end of rounds, so that the contestants and referee can hear the sound of the bell.

4 MCAR § 9.403 BUCKETS, ETC.

Three hours in advance of the first exhibition, match, or contest, there shall be provided by the sponsor or promoter a sufficient number of buckets and water bottles, fans, powder resin, resin box, stools for seconds, and such other articles as are required in the conduct of the bouts ~~and as the Board may deem neeessary~~. The official representative of the Board shall have authority to order same without notice to ~~and at the expense of the promoter~~ the promoter and at the promoter's expense if they are not so supplied. The Board may require at the time of filing for a franchise a despoit of $200.00 to cover said expenses should they arise. Said deposit shall be refunded if no expenses arise.

4 MCAR § 9.404 GLOVES.

Each glove shall weigh not less than eight ounces for contestants from 112 to 175 pounds, and not less than 10 ounces for contestants over 175 pounds. Gloves for principal contestants shall be adjusted in the ring under the supervision of the referee, the laces to be knotted on the back of the wrist.

4 MCAR § 9.405 SCALES.

Scales for weighing contestants shall be provided by the sponsor or promoter and shall be thoroughly tested and approved prior to use.

4 MCAR § 9.406 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

No contestant shall be allowed to enter the ring without all normal and suitable protective equipment as determined and approved by the Board or its official representative, including equipment which shall obviate the necessity of making any claims for low blows.

4 MCAR § 9.407 BANDAGES.

Each hand shall be allowed 10 yards of gauze bandage. Each boxer shall be permitted to use as much tape, one inch in width, as the Board decides shall be necessary. Only one layer of the tape shall be permitted across the knuckles of each hand to hold the gauze in place.

4 MCAR § 9.408 SHOES.

Shoes shall be of soft material and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles, or hard heels.

4 MCAR § 9.409 RING COSTUME.

Contestants shall box in ~~proper~~ normal and suitable ring costume ~~as determined and~~ which shall be approved by the Board or its official representative~~,~~. ~~including protective equipment, all of which~~ Said costume shall include protective equipment, and shall be firmly adjusted previous to entering the ring. Long hair shall be secured.

4 MCAR § 9.410 SHAVING.

Boxers must be clean shaven twenty-four hours before participating in any bout unless this requirement is waived by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.411 INSPECTIONS - FOREIGN SUBSTANCES, EQUIPMENT.

The referee or the Board's official representative shall inspect the bandages, gloves and protective equipment of the contestants and make certain that no foreign substances have been applied either to the gloves, bandages, protective equipment or to the body of the contestant to the detriment of an opponent, and that the contestant's equipment is in order.

CHAPTER FIVE - RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS

4 MCAR § 9.501 WEIGHTS.

Unless authorized by the Board, all exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the following weight classifications, the difference in weights allowable indicated in parenthesis:

Flyweight. . . . . .(3)	112 pounds
Bantamweight . . . . .(4)	118 pounds
Featherweight. . . . .(5)	126 pounds
Lightweight. . . . . .(6)	135 pounds
Welterweight . . . . .(7)	147 pounds
Middleweight . . . . .(8)	160 pounds
Light Heavyweight. . .(10)	175 pounds
Heavyweight.	All Over

4 MCAR § 9.502 WEIGH-INS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Weigh-ins shall occur at 12 noon on the day of the exhibition, match, or contest under the supervision of the Board or its official representative. All boxers shall be examined by a physician. Failure to appear at a scheduled weigh-in and examination may subject the contestant to a fine in an amount to be determined by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.503 PROFESSIONAL MAIN EVENT BOXERS - REPORTING.

Professional main event boxers must appear in the city in which the exhibition, match, or contest is to be held 72 hours before fight time unless excused by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.504 OFFICIALS.

All boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by a licensed referee and two licensed judges, who shall be appointed by the Board. Unless waived by the Board, the judges shall be licensed referees. They shall be seated at ring side opposite each other.

4 MCAR § 9.505 OFFICIALS' FEES.

Officials' fees shall be in a uniform amount approved by the Board and shall be the obligation of the promoter.

4 MCAR § 9.506 ANNOUNCER.

The announcer shall announce the names of the contestants, their correct weights, and such other matters as shall be directed or approved by the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.507 TIMEKEEPER AND ASSISTANT TIMEKEEPER.

There shall be a timekeeper and a separate knockdown assistant who must be seated outside the ring close to the gong. The timekeeper shall indicate the beginning and ending of each round by striking the gong with a metal hammer. The knockdown assistant shall begin his count when a contestant is knocked down and shall continue counting unless the opponent does not occupy the farthest neutral corner. The timekeeper shall provide himself with a whistle and accurate stopwatch before the bout. Ten seconds before the beginning of each round the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of contestants by the blowing of a whistle.

4 MCAR § 9.508 SCORING, SCORECARDS, AND DECISIONS.

All professional bouts shall be to a decision or draw, scored on the so-called "ten point system." The decision shall be given to the contestant obtaining the majority vote of the referee and the two judges. Following each bout, scorecards shall be deposited with the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.509 OFFICIALS' DECISIONS FINAL.

The decisions of the referee and judges shall be final.

4 MCAR § 9.510 SECONDS.

A. Designation and Seating. Seconds shall be designated prior to a bout and only seconds shall be allowed in the corners. A chair or stool shall be made available for each second,

taped "seconds," and seconds shall sit on the main floor and not the platform during the rounds; provided, however, that seconds shall be seated in such location as shall assure them good vision and ample room. It shall be the duty of the referee to enforce this rule.

B. Number. There shall not be more than three seconds for each contestant.

C. Coaching. Seconds shall not coach boxers during the progress of rounds.

D. Other Activity. Seconds must remain seated and silent during rounds and shall not spray or forcefully throw water on a boxer or in any other way assist him. Fans may be used between rounds. The swinging of towels is prohibited. During a bout, seconds shall permit no one in the ring except as allowed by these rules.

E. Substances. Excess grease, oil, or other substances which might handicap an opponent are prohibited.

4 MCAR § 9.511 REFEREE DISCRETION.

The referee shall have the discretion: to stop a bout at any stage and make a decision if he considers it too one-sided or one contestant is apparently outclassed; to stop a bout if he considers the competitors are not in earnest, in which case he may disqualify one or both the contestants; to disqualify a contestant who commits a major foul and to award a decision to the opponent; to determine in cooperation with the ring physician the fitness of a contestant to continue and to stop a bout if he

is seemingly taking undue punishment or is badly injured; to declare a technical knockout when a contestant fails for any one of numerous reasons, such as cuts, injuries, or admission of overwhelming superiority on the part of his opponent, to answer the bell for a succeeding round; to disqualify a boxer for continuously and deliberately striking an opponent with low blows; to disqualify the offender for a fourth offense after warning said boxer three times for minor fouls; to disqualify a boxer for hitting an opponent who is down or who is getting up; and to declare a knockout.

4 MCAR § 9.512 KNOCKDOWNS, MANDATORY EIGHT COUNT, STANDING EIGHT COUNT AND WAIVER THEREOF.

A. Clear Knockdowns. When a boxer is clearly knocked down, he shall be required to take a mandatory count of eight whether or not he has regained his feet before the count of eight has been reached. Should a boxer slip or fall down or be pushed down, he shall be ordered to his feet immediately. Failure to rise may subject him to disqualification.

B. Mandatory Eight Count. While a mandatory eight count is in progress, the boxer scoring the knockdown must retire to the farthest neutral corner indicated by the referee and remain there until the eight count is completed. Should he fail to do so, both the referee and timekeeper shall stop counting until he returns to the corner.

C. Counting. When a contestant is down, the timekeeper shall immediately begin counting while the referee sends the boxer

scoring the knockdown to the farthest neutral corner. The referee shall then return to the fallen boxer and pick up the count from the timekeeper and count in unison. The count shall not continue while the opponent does not occupy the farthest neutral corner.

D. Deemed Knockdowns. A contestant shall be deemed down when any part of his body other than his feet is on the ring floor, he is hanging helplessly over the ropes, or he is rising from a down position, provided that a boxer hanging over the ropes is not officially down until so announced by the referee.

E. Standing Eight Count Rule. The standing eight count rule shall be in effect unless both contestants shall agree before the start of each bout that it shall be waived. The "standing eight count rule" provides that in the event a contestant is standing but is clearly without proper reflexes to the point of being defenseless, helpless, and subject to the clear and distinct probability of undue punishment, the referee shall proceed as if the contestant had been knocked down and the contestant shall be deemed "down" and subject to an eight count.

4 MCAR § 9.513 KNOCKOUTS.

If the contestant fails to rise before the count of ten, the referee shall declare him the loser by knockout. Should a contestant who is down arise before the count of ten is reached and again go down without being struck, the referee

shall resume the count where he left off. When a boxer is knocked out, the referee should count the full ten, thus avoiding the recording of a technical knockout which would be confusing and misleading to commissions in the other states. When a boxer has been knocked out, he shall not be touched or moved except by the direction of the ring physician. Should a contestant leave the ring during the one-minute period between rounds and fail to be in the ring when the gong rings to resume boxing, the referee shall count him out the same as if he were down. If a contestant who has been knocked or fallen out of the ring during a contest fails to return immediately, the referee may count him out as if he were down.

4 MCAR § 9.514 TECHNICAL KNOCKOUTS.

If the referee stops a contest because it is one-sided, or because of a badly cut eye, or should a contestant finish any one round of a contest and fail for any one of numerous reasons, such as cuts, injuries or admission of overwhelming superiority on the part of his opponent, to answer the bell for the succeeding round, the proper termination of the bout shall be a technical knockout. Should a contestant be knocked down three times in the same round, the contest shall be terminated and ruled a TKO, unless this rule is waived by the Board for a specific contest.

4 MCAR § 9.515 MINOR FOULS.

Contestants shall break clean and must not strike a blow while breaking from clinches. Contestants must not hold and hit.

Butting with the head or shoulders, wrestling or clinching, or illegal use of elbows shall not be allowed. There shall be no unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the contestants. This shall include the use of abusive or insulting language.

A penalty of one point may be imposed by the referee for the following deliberate conduct: maintaining a clinch; holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the free hand; butting with the head, or illegal use of the shoulders and elbows; hitting on the breakaway after being ordered to break clean by the referee; hitting with the inside or heel of the hand and wrist; wrestling or roughing at the ropes; use of the rabbit and backhand punches; striking at that part of the body over the kidneys, except when an opponent deliberately turns his back to avoid being hit in the stomach over the liver and over the heart; use of abusive or profane language; refusal to obey warnings of the referee or any physical actions which might injure a contestant by illegal tactics; biting or kicking.

4 MCAR § 9.516 MAJOR FOULS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS.

A boxer may be disqualified by the referee if: he deliberately knees an opponent in the groin, deliberately hits an opponent who is down or who is getting up or continuously and deliberately strikes an opponent with low blows, or for a fourth minor foul after three warnings.

4 MCAR § 9.517 LOW BLOWS.

A bout shall not be terminated by a low blow. A boxer may be penalized three points for low punching. The referee shall

count out boxers who fall to the floor claiming fouls as a result of the low blow. A boxer may be disqualified for continuously and deliberately striking an opponent with low blows.

4 MCAR § 9.518 MISCELLANEOUS PENALTIES.

A. Deliberate Fouls. If a bout is terminated by the referee because of a deliberate foul, the offending contestant shall receive only such percentage of his compensation or purse as the Board shall designate. The remainder of such purse shall be deemed a fine and be forfeited to the Board of Boxing.

B. Refusal To Enter Ring. If a boxer refuses to enter the ring unless he is paid in advance, his purse shall be turned over to the Board or its official representative. If he then refuses to enter the ring he shall be barred from boxing in Minnesota.

C. Forfeiture of Fees. In the case of suspension or revocation of a license, the license fee shall be forfeited to the Board.

CHAPTER SIX - GENERAL RULES GOVERNING WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL BOXING

4 MCAR § 9.601 JURISDICTION.

All professional women's boxers, promoters, managers, seconds, and boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.602 INCORPORATION.

Except to the extent inconsistent with specific provisions of Chapter Six of these rules, Chapters One, Three, Four, and Five of these rules shall apply to women's professional boxers, promoters, managers, seconds, and boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests.

4 MCAR § 9.603 CERTAIN EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS PROHIBITED.

There shall be no boxing exhibitions, matches, or contests between a male and a female boxer.

4 MCAR § 9.604 PRE-BOUT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF NON-PREGNANCY.

The pre-bout physical examination of each female contestant shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. Each contract involving a female contestant must contain the attestation by each contestant that she is not pregnant and each contestant shall so attest by affidavit to the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.605 ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

Prior to receipt of an original boxing license or the annual renewal of said license, each female boxer shall have a medical examination which includes a pelvic examination.

4 MCAR § 9.606 WEIGHTS.

Unless authorized by the Board, all exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the following weight classifications, the difference in weights allowable indicated in parentheses:

Flyweight	(5)	113 pounds
Bantamweight. . . .	(6)	121 pounds
Featherweight . . .	(6)	129 pounds
Lightweight	(6)	137 pounds
Welterweight. . . .	(7)	146 pounds
Middleweight. . . .	(8)	154 pounds
Light Heavyweight .	(8)	162 pounds
Heavyweight	(8)	170 pounds
Super Heavyweight		all over

4 MCAR § 9.607 SEPARATE DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES.

Promoters shall provide ~~adequate separate dressing room facilities for female boxers.~~ dressing room facilities for female boxers which are separate from the men's facilities.

4 MCAR § 9.608 UNIFORM.

The female boxing uniform shall consist of body shirt, blouse, and shorts.

4 MCAR § 9.609 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

No contestant shall be allowed to enter the ring without a breast protector whose suitability shall be approved by the Board in addition to such other normal and suitable protective equipment as determined and approved by the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.610 GLOVES.

Each glove shall weigh not less than ten ounces.

4 MCAR § 9.611 ROUNDS.

Each exhibition, match, or contest shall have two minute rounds with a one minute rest between rounds. No exhibition, match, or contest shall be more than ten rounds.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

OCT. 20 1978

WARREN SPANNAUS, ATTORNEY GENERAL

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FOR THE BOARD OF BOXING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ADOPTION) OF RULES OF THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF) BOXING COMPLETELY RECODIFYING AND EN-) LARGING UPON THE NOW EXISTING RULES OF) THE BOARD, SUPERVISING AND REGULATING) ALL AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL BOXING) AND SPARRING EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND) CONTESTS OCCURRING IN THE STATE OF) MINNESOTA.)

REPORT OF THE CHIEF HEARING EXAMINER

WHEREAS, a hearing was held on December 9, 1977, before George A. Beck, a Hearing Examiner of the State Office of Hearing Examiners, on the above-entitled matter in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 15.0412, Subd. 4; and

WHEREAS, the Report of Hearing Examiner made pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.052, Subd. 3, was issued to the Board of Boxing on December 28, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Boxing has now determined to adopt rules pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0412, Subd. 4; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Boxing has submitted said rules to the Chief Hearing Examiner for review pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.052, Subd. 4, and Rule HE 107; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Hearing Examiner finds that the final proposed rules are not substantially different from those proposed at the public hearings and that the Board of Boxing has met all requirements of Minn. Stat. § 15.0412, Subd. 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon receipt of this Report, the Board of Boxing has the responsibility of submitting the complete hearing record and the rules as adopted by the Board to the Attorney General and to publish in the State Register, all pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0412, Subd. 4.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1978.

Duane R. Harves

DUANE R. HARVES
Chief Hearing Examiner

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF BOXING

In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of Rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing Completely Recodifying and Enlarging Upon the Now Existing Rules of the Board, Supervising and Regulating all Amateur and Professional Boxing and Sparring Exhibitions, Matches, and Contests Occurring in the State of Minnesota.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANUAL OF RULE-MAKING PROCEDURES

I, Special Assistant Attorney General Peder B. Hong, do hereby declare that I have examined the proposed rules and all related documents and that, based upon them and my personal familiarity with the applicable procedures, the Manual of Rule-making Procedures has been followed. Any exceptions are noted below.

Dated: February 2, 1978

Peder B. Hong (by SFB)

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Rules of Board of Boxing

Please send me the following documents in regard to these rules:

1. A copy of the rules as originally proposed; and

2. Another set of supporting documents for the rules.

MBM/sr

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September 7, 1978

Mr. Peder B. Hong
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Re: Rules - Board of Boxing
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Dear Mr. Hong:

Enclosed please find the hearing record in the above-referenced matter which you resubmitted to us for review on the issue of substantial change. Also enclosed is the Supplemental Report of the Chief Hearing Examiner.

Yours very truly,

DUANE R. HARVES
Chief Hearing Examiner

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Encs.

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF HEARING EXAMINER

WHEREAS, in January, 1978, the Board of Boxing submitted the above-entitled rules to the Chief Hearing Examiner for review pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.052, Subd. 4, and Rule HE 107; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1978, the Chief Hearing Examiner issued his report finding that the rules as proposed to be adopted were not substantially different from those proposed at the public hearing and that the Board of Boxing had met all requirements of Minn. Stat. § 15.0412, Subd. 4; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Boxing subsequently submitted the rules and the record of the proceedings to the Attorney General for his review as to form and legality pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0412, Subd. 4; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General recommended to the Board of Boxing that certain of the rules be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Boxing has now resubmitted the rules to the Chief Hearing Examiner for his review; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Hearing Examiner finds that the changes made in the rules do not make the rules substantially different from those proposed at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon receipt of this report, the Board of Boxing has the responsibility of resubmitting the complete hearing record and the rules as adopted by the Board

to the Attorney General and to publish in the State Register, all pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0412, Subd. 4.

Dated this 7th day of September, 1978.

DUANE R. HARVES
Chief Hearing Examiner

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Kathryn McLagan, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 27th day of October, 1977, at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, she served the attached proposed rules and Notice of Hearing by depositing in the United States mail at said City of St. Paul, true and correct copies thereof, properly enveloped, with postage prepaid, to:

Jeanne Glader
International Women's
Professional Boxing Association
317 17th Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

Kathryn McLagan

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 27th day of October, 1977.

Cecilia Loughrey
Notary Public

CECILIA LOUGHREY
NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA
RAMSEY COUNTY
My Comm. Expires July 16, 1980

Board's EXHIBIT NO. 7

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Cindy Brent, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 25 day of October, 1977, at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, she served the attached Notice of Hearing by depositing in the United States mail at said City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped, with postage prepaid, to all persons and associations at the addresses listed on the attached Certificate of the Secretary of State.

Cindy Brent

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 25 day of October, 1977.

Sally O'Brien
Notary Public

SALLY O'BRIEN
Notary Public, Hennepin Co., Minn.
My Commission Expires
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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing in the above-entitled matter will be held in the Hearing Room of the State of Minnesota, Department of Commerce, in the Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 9, 1977, commencing at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, and continuing until all persons have had an opportunity to be heard.

All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate. Statements may be made orally and written material may be submitted at the hearing. In addition, written materials may be submitted by mail to Mr. George Beck, Office of Hearing Examiner, 1745 University Avenue, Room 300, St. Paul, Minnesota 55104, telephone (612) 296-8108, before the hearing or after the hearing until the record is closed. The record will remain open for five or twenty working days after the public hearing ends, as ordered by the Hearing Examiner.

The proposed rules, if adopted, will completely recodify and enlarge upon the now existing rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing, supervising and regulating all amateur and male and female professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches and contests occurring in the State of Minnesota. The rules deal with, among other things, basic prohibitions, granting, suspending and revoking licenses and registrations, supervision of contests, advance and post-fight reports, filing of contracts, Minnesota championships, tickets, seating, medical examinations, amateur and professional franchises and fees, fees for referees, judges, boxers, managers, and seconds, retirement of boxers, relationship to the World Boxing Association, equipment, weights, weigh-ins, scoring, conduct of seconds, referees' discretion, knockdowns, mandatory eight count, standing eight count and waiver thereof, knockouts, technical knockouts, minor fouls, major fouls and disqualifications, miscellaneous penalties, physical and annual physical examinations of female boxers, weights allowable in female boxing, and conduct and equipment in female boxing. Copies of the proposed rules are now available and one free copy may be obtained by writing to the Minnesota Board of Boxing, 5th Floor, Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. Additional copies will be available at the door on the date of the hearing. The Board's authority to promulgate the proposed rules is contained in Minnesota Statutes

§§ 341.05, subd 1 and 341.11 (1976). A statement of need explaining why the Board believes the proposed rules are necessary and reasonable, and a statement of evidence outlining the testimony to be introduced, shall be filed with the Hearing Examiner's office at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the hearing and will be available there for public inspection.

Please be advised that Minnesota Statutes, ch. 10A (1976), requires each lobbyist to register with the Ethical Practices Board within five (5) days after he commences lobbying. Lobbying includes attempting to influence rulemaking by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials. A lobbyist is generally any individual who spends more than $250.00 per year for lobbying or any individual who is engaged for pay or authorized to spend money by another individual or association and who spends more than $250.00 per year or five (5) hours per month lobbying. The statute in question provides certain exceptions. Questions should be directed to the Minnesota Ethical Practices Board, 41 State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (612) 296-5615.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF BOXING

James J. O'Hara

JAMES J. O'HARA
Executive Secretary

Dated: October 3, 1977.

Board's EXHIBIT NO. 1

DATE 12-9-77

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STATEMENT OF NEED AND EVIDENCE

The above-captioned rules are amendments to the existing rules of the Board of Boxing.

The authority for these rules is Minn. Stat. §§ 341.05, subd. 1 and 341.011 (1976).

The Board will call no outside expert witnesses to testify although it reserves the option to call expert witnesses for rebuttal testimony.

The Board will be represented by its members, Mr. Richard H. Plunkett, Chairman, Mr. Erwin Dauphin, Vice-Chairman, Dr. Robert Powers, Mr. Robert Thompson, Mr. James Trembley, Mr. Vern Landreville, Mr. Jerome Coughlin, Mr. James O'Hara, Executive Secretary, and Peder Hong, Special Assistant Attorney General.

The Board intends to introduce as documentary evidence the rules of the Nevada State Athletic Commission relating to female boxers, the rules of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission relating to female boxers and two articles appearing in the publication of the American Medical Association: The Medical Aspects of Sports: 15, at pages 32-39 entitled "The Female Athlete - Women in Sports" and "The Female Athlete - Strength, Endurance and Body Composition of the Female Athlete."

The Board reserves the option of submitting documentary evidence in rebuttal.

The general need for the recodification of the now existing rules of the Board of Boxing arises from their piecemeal amendment over the years, which has resulted in a situation where no single authoritative published source of the Board's rules is available. As a result, also, the now existing rules of the Board are in need of reorganization for the sake of clarity and efficiency in their use. The need for and reasonableness of the specific rules proposed for adoption, insofar as the proposed rules materially add to or modify the now existing rules are as follows: 1/

1/ Where no material change has been made, this fact shall be noted as "no material change."

CHAPTER ONE

4 MCAR § 9.101 PURPOSE.

No material change.

4 MCAR § 9.102 DEFINITIONS.

The statute creating the Board of Boxing, Minn. Stat. ch. 341, refers to exhibitions, matches, and contests, see, e.g., Minn. Stat. § 341.13 (1976) without defining the difference between these terms. The proposed definition of "exhibition" is taken from Minn. Stat. § 341.13 (1976), which prohibits engaging in any public boxing or sparring match, exhibition, or contest, with or without gloves, for any prize, reward, or compensation, or at which any admission fee is charged directly or indirectly. The definitions of "match" and "contest" are designed to cover the situations where the boxers seriously seek supremacy as contrasted with training sessions.

4 MCAR § 9.103 APPLICABILITY.

No material change. See Minn. Stat. § 341.105 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.104 - CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 61, 69, and Minn. Stat. § 341.05 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.105 CASES NOT COVERED.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 61, 69, and Minn. Stat. § 341.05 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.106 COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.

This rule merely recognizes the applicability of Minn. Stat. § 214.10 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.107 BASIC PROHIBITIONS.

A. Franchise license required. No material change. See Minn. Stat. §§ 341.05(2), 341.10, and 341.13.

B. Prior approval of dates, places and contestants required. No material change. See Minn. Stat. §§ 341.05(1) and 341.07 (1976) and Minn. Regs. AC 8, 22, 23, 54, 55, and 60.

C. Licenses and registrations required. No material change. See Minn. Stat. §§ 341.05(2), 341.09, 341.10, and Minn. Regs. AC 25, 26, 71, 74, 75 and 77.

D. Amateur sponsorships and professional promotions distinguished. No material change. See Minn. Stat. § 341.09, subd. 2 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.108 APPLICATIONS

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 2-6.

4 MCAR § 9.109 GRANTING, SUSPENDING AND REVOKING LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS.

No material change. See Minn. Stat. §§ 341.05, subd. 1(2) and 341.07, Minn. Regs. 26.

4 MCAR § 9.110 NON-ASSIGNABILITY.

It is the intent that the licenses granted by the Board are personal in nature. This is the intent of Minn. Stat. § 341.07 (1976) and is necessary where the character, competence, qualifications, and experience of an applicant play a role in the granting or denying of a license.

4 MCAR § 9.111 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER AGENCY RULES AND STATUTES.

This requirement is intended to harmonize the regulations of the Board with the requirements principally of the Department of Taxation relating to the 5% boxing tax, and the requirements of the Department of Commerce, Securities Division, in connection with charities registration, which may apply to charitable solicitations by amateur franchises.

4 MCAR § 9.112 SUPERVISION OF CONTESTS.

No material change. See Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1 (1976), Minn. Regs. AC 15, AC 19, AC 71, and AC 72.

4 MCAR § 9.113 INSPECTORS.

The interest of the State of Minnesota runs to conditions relating to training of boxers, and preparations for exhibitions, matches and contests. See Minn. Stat. § 341.13 (1976). It concerns the boxing and the sparring exhibitions themselves. See Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1 (1976). It also concerns the personal and professional qualifications of its license holders. See Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1(2) (1976) and the collection of taxes. See Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1(2) (1976). Historically, the Board has had also to be concerned with the aspects of the contractual relations between boxers and promoters. See Minn. Regs. AC 21, the integrity of the rules of the World Boxing Association see Minn. Regs. AC 22, ring equipment, see Minn. Regs. AC 28-38, qualifications of referees and judges, see Minn. Regs. AC 39, medical aspects of boxing, see Minn. Regs. AC 43-44, amateur boxing, see Minn. Regs. 71-83, and the professional and medical condition of boxers, see Minn. Regs. AC 100. The Board is also the recipient of complaints concerning boxing. See Minn. Stat. § 214.10 (1976) and has investigatory powers. See Minn. Stat. § 214.10-.11 (1976).

In connection with the implementation of these Board related functions and powers, the Board reasonably requires and has on the basis of statute the investigatory powers specified in this rule.

4 MCAR § 9.114 ADVANCE REPORTS.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 8, 9, and 21.

4 MCAR § 9.115 FILING OF CONTRACTS.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 21, AC 22(e).

4 MCAR § 9.116 MINNESOTA CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Historically, certain bouts have been declared Minnesota championships. To avoid fraud and/or confusion it is necessary that no bout be so advertised without the express approval of the Board. This rule codifies historical practice.

4 MCAR § 9.117 TICKETS.

A. Admission. No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 10.

B. Press tickets. No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 11-12, and 16.

C. Price. No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 13.

4 MCAR § 9.118 SEATING - MEDIA, COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS.

This rule expands on Minn. Regs. AC 16 and 28 by adding the requirements of two rows of ring tables at certain bouts, the placing of name tags, the limitation on photographers at ring side, and the authority of the Board in arranging for seating at the promoter's expense. These expansions of previous rules have been necessitated by occasions of inadequate and disorderly seating and overcrowding at ring side.

4 MCAR § 9.119 SECURITY AND USHERS.

This rule codifies current and past practices.

4 MCAR § 9.120 FUND RAISING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 20, 46.

4 MCAR § 9.121 POST-CONTEST REPORTS.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 9, 73(e) and (f). The reporting requirement is necessary for business records of the Board and the integrity of fight results nationally.

4 MCAR § 9.122 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 43, 44, and 72 (d)(14).

4 MCAR § 9.123 PAYMENTS TO BOXERS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 67.

4 MCAR § 9.124 REPEALER.

This rule is necessary to clarify the legal status of aspects of the previous rules not incorporated herein. It is the intent of the Board that these be repealed and in most instances have been repealed. See, e.g., Minn. Regs. AC 17, 18, 19, 24, 52, 72(d)(15), 74, and 80.

CHAPTER TWO

4 MCAR § 9.201 JURISDICTION.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. 71; Minn. Stat. § 341.95, .07, .08, .11 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.202. AMATEUR REGISTRATION AND LICENSES.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 7, 10, 11, 71, 74, and 75.

4 MCAR § 9.203 LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, AND LICENSE FEES.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 26.

4 MCAR § 9.204 AMATEUR FRANCHISE LICENSES.

The duration of amateur franchise licenses has not been changed. The fee for such a license has been raised, bearing in mind the statutory requirement that regulatory agencies issuing licenses should be self-supporting. See Minn. Stat. § 214.06 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.205 FORM OF AMATEUR FRANCHISE LICENSES.

This rule is similar to the previous rule, specifying a form of professional franchise license. It embodies the basic requirements governing amateur franchise licenses. See Minn. Reg. AC 7.

4 MCAR § 9.206 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RETURNS.

This requirement, although new, simply requires that amateur franchises conducting solicitations or operating in Minnesota comply with the applicable requirements of the Department of Commerce. Minn. Reg. AC 78 required that a complete financial return be filed with the State Athletic Commission not later than 48 hours following the contest. This requirement, to the extent applicable, is now codified at 4 MCAR § 9.121.

4 MCAR § 9.207 TEN DAY RULE.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 81.

4 MCAR § 9.208 MANAGERS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 77.

4 MCAR § 9.209 COMPENSATION.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 73.

4 MCAR § 9.210 RULES.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 71-72.

4 MCAR § 9.211 OFFICIALS.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 71 and 75. See, also Minn. Stat. § 341.11 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.212 RULES GOVERNING SAFETY.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 72A, B, D, 58, 82 and 83.

4 MCAR § 9.213 EQUIPMENT.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 72.

4 MCAR § 9.214 RING NAMES.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 72D(2).

4 MCAR § 9.215 ACTS OR TAKEOFFS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 79.

CHAPTER THREE

4 MCAR § 9.301 JURISDICTION

No material change. See Minn. Stat. § 341.05, .07 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.302 LICENSES.

The fees for referees, managers, and seconds have been raised pursuant to statutory policy that licensing boards be self-sustaining. See Minn. Stat. § 214.06 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.303 PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE LICENSES.

This rule contains two significant changes. The first relates to the duration of licenses and changes that from one year to one-quarter year, unless otherwise specified by the Board. The purpose of the shorter duration is to give the Board more frequent review of the franchise licenses and to open up opportunities in the event of inactive licenses.

The fees have been raised pursuant to the statutory policy that licensing boards should be self-sustaining. See Minn. Stat. § 214.06 (1976).

4 MCAR § 9.304 FORM OF PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE LICENSE.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 7.

4 MCAR § 9.305 RULES GOVERNING SAFETY.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 60, 23D, 43, 39, 40C-D, and 40E, F, and G.

4 MCAR § 9.306 WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION.

This rule is a significant change from prior Minn. Regs. 22A, 26B3, and 40H, J. The Board was advised by its counsel that serious legal doubts exist whether it is proper for a state agency to delegate its authority to an independent private organization. Accordingly, the binding legal nature of the Board's commitment to the World Boxing Association has been reduced to the level of a rebuttable presumption.

CHAPTER FOUR

4 MCAR § 9.401 RING, ROPES, POSTS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 29.

4 MCAR § 9.402 GONG.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 30.

4 MCAR § 9.403 BUCKETS, ETC.

See Minn. Reg. AC 33. This rule has been changed to specifically express the Board's authority to order required boxing equipment three hours in advance of the first exhibition match or contest without notice to the promoter and at the promoter's expense if they have not been supplied by the promoter. The necessity for this rule is that in the event of their absence, a proper exhibition or contest cannot be conducted and it is desirable for the Board's official representative to inspect these materials promptly after their traditional 5 p.m. Board meeting on fight days.

4 MCAR § 9.404 GLOVES.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 34.

4 MCAR § 9.405 SCALES.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 35.

4 MCAR § 9.406 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 36.

4 MCAR § 9.407 BANDAGES.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 37.

4 MCAR § 9.408 SHOES.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 38.

4 MCAR § 9.409 RING COSTUME.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 49.

4 MCAR § 9.410 SHAVING.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 51.

4 MCAR § 9.411 INSPECTIONS - FOREIGN SUBSTANCES, EQUIPMENT.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 39G and 51.

CHAPTER FIVE

4 MCAR § 9.501 WEIGHTS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 27.

4 MCAR § 9.502 WEIGH-INS AND EXAMINATIONS.

This rule codifies current practices in the provisions of Minn. Reg. AC 44 as amended with respect to failure to appear.

4 MCAR § 9.503 PROFESSIONAL MAIN EVENT BOXERS - REPORTING.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 65.

4 MCAR § 9.504 OFFICIALS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 39.

4 MCAR § 9.505 OFFICIALS' FEES.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 41 and 76.

4 MCAR § 9.506 ANNOUNCER.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 46.

4 MCAR § 9.507 TIMEKEEPER AND ASSISTANT TIMEKEEPER.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 45 and 58.

4 MCAR § 9.508 SCORING, SCORECARDS, AND DECISIONS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 39A.

4 MCAR § 9.509 OFFICIALS' DECISIONS FINAL.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 39B.

4 MCAR § 9.510 SECONDS.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 39G and 47.

4 MCAR § 9.511 REFEREE DISCRETION.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 39.

4 MCAR § 9.512 KNOCKDOWNS, MANDATORY EIGHT COUNT, STANDING EIGHT COUNT AND WAIVER THEREOF.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 39 and 40, save that treatment of the standing eight count rule expressly codifies current practice.

4 MCAR § 9.513 KNOCKOUTS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 39.

4 MCAR § 9.514 TECHNICAL KNOCKOUTS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 40.

4 MCAR § 9.515 MINOR FOULS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 42.

4 MCAR § 9.516 MAJOR FOULS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 42E, F, and 42G.

4 MCAR § 9.517 LOW BLOWS.

No material change. See Minn. Reg. AC 42.

4 MCAR § 9.518 MISCELLANEOUS PENALTIES.

No material change. See Minn. Regs. AC 59, 68 and 70.

CHAPTER SIX

4 MCAR §§ 9.601 - .611 JURISDICTION, INCORPORATION, CERTAIN EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES AND CONTESTS PROHIBITED, PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, WEIGHTS, SEPARATE DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES, UNIFORM, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, GLOVES AND ROUNDS.

All of the foregoing rules are new. They are based principally upon the Nevada rules and the New Jersey rules, being the two states which have heretofore promulgated rules governing female boxing. The need for the rules arises because of the imminence of female boxing in Minnesota. The need for specific rules is similar to the need for rules governing male boxing. It is believed that none of the rules are controversial or contested by the female boxers who have attended recent Board meetings, save for the weights specified at 4 MCAR § 9.606. These weights are the same as the Nevada rules for the sake of national uniformity.

Rules 4 MCAR §§ 9.603, .604, .605, .606, .607, .608, .609, .610, and .611 are different in readily apparent respects from the rules governing male boxing for reasons of differences in the strength and physical anatomy between male and female athletes.

Dated:
10/26/77

James J. O'Hara

JAMES O'HARA
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Board of Boxing

Boards EXHIBIT NO. 5

DATE 10-9-77

NANCY J. DUEHN

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RULES OF THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF BOXING COMPLETELY RECODIFYING AND ENLARGING UPON THE NOW EXISTING RULES OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISING AND REGULATING ALL AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND SPARRING EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS OCCURRING IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

AFFIDAVIT OF RECEIPT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S LIST

Kathryn McLagan, being duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

1. That she is an employee of the Department of Attorney General of the State of Minnesota.

2. That on the 19 day of October, 1977, she went to the Secretary of State's office for the State of Minnesota and requested a current list of all representatives of associations or other interested groups or persons who had registered their names with the Secretary of State for the purpose of obtaining notices of public hearings relating to the promulgation of rules pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0412.

3. That on the 19 day of October, 1977, in response to the above request, the Secretary of State provided her with such a list, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kathryn McLagan

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 19 day of October, 1977.

Board EXHIBIT NO. 4

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CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY OF SECRETARY OF STATE'S LIST

489 Labels

I hereby certify that the attached 1 sheets constitute the complete list of persons, associations, and other interested groups who as of 1:45 o'clock P.m., this 19th day of October, 1977 have requested pursuant to M. S. 19 76, 15.0413, that their names be placed on file with the Secretary of State for the purpose of receiving notice of public hearing on proposed rules on the subject captioned above.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Joan Anderson Growe

By Cheri L. Mattson

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ORDER FOR HEARING

To administer and effectuate its duties under Minn. Stat. Chapter 341 (1976) the Minnesota Board of Boxing deems it necessary to consider adoption of the proposed recodification of its rules captioned above pursuant to the authority vested by Minn. Stat. §§ 341.05 and 341.11 (1976).

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Board's authorizing resolution of August 31, 1977,

IT IS ORDERED this 3rd day of October, 1977, that a public hearing on the proposed rules captioned above be held in the Metro Square Building, Fifth Floor Hearing Room, St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 9, 1977, commencing at 10:30 a.m., and continuing until all representatives of associations or other interested groups or persons have had an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a Notice of Hearing be mailed to all persons or representatives of associations or other interested groups who have registered their names with the Secretary of State for that purpose.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Notice of Hearing be published in the State Register.

Dated: October 3, 1977.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF BOXING

James J. O'Hara

JAMES J. O'HARA
Executive Secretary

Board EXHIBIT NO. 2

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CERTIFICATE OF BOARD'S AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

I, James J. O'Hara, do hereby certify that I am Executive Secretary of the Board of Boxing, a board duly authorized under the laws of the state of Minnesota, and that the following is a true, complete and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of Boxing duly and properly called and held on the 31st day of August, 1977, that a quorum was present at said meeting, that a majority of those present voted for the resolution, and that said resolution is set forth in the minutes of said meeting and has not been rescinded or modified:

> RESOLVED: That James J. O'Hara, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Boxing, be and hereby is granted the authority and directed to call a hearing for the purpose of promulgating and amending rules of the Board of Boxing, as well as to perform any and all acts incidental thereto, including, without limitation, signing an Order of Hearing and Notice of Hearing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 31st day of August, 1977.

James J. O'Hara
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Board of Boxing

Board's EXHIBIT NO. 1

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing in the above-entitled matter will be held in the Hearing Room of the State of Minnesota, Department of Commerce, in the Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 9, 1977, commencing at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, and continuing until all persons have had an opportunity to be heard.

All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate. Statements may be made orally and written material may be submitted at the hearing. In addition, written materials may be submitted by mail to Mr. George Beck, Office of Hearing Examiner, 1745 University Avenue, Room 300, St. Paul, Minnesota 55104, telephone (612) 296-8108, before the hearing or after the hearing until the record is closed. The record will remain open for five or twenty working days after the public hearing ends, as ordered by the Hearing Examiner.

The proposed rules, if adopted, will completely recodify and enlarge upon the now existing rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing, supervising and regulating all amateur and male and female professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches and contests occurring in the State of Minnesota. The rules deal with, among other things, basic prohibitions, granting, suspending and revoking licenses and registrations, supervision of contests, advance and post-fight reports, filing of contracts, Minnesota championships, tickets, seating, medical examinations, amateur and professional franchises and fees, fees for referees, judges, boxers, managers, and seconds, retirement of boxers, relationship to the World Boxing Association, equipment, weights, weigh-ins, scoring, conduct of seconds, referees' discretion, knockdowns, mandatory eight count, standing eight count and waiver thereof, knockouts, technical knockouts, minor fouls, major fouls and disqualifications, miscellaneous penalties, physical and annual physical examinations of female boxers, weights allowable in female boxing, and conduct and equipment in female boxing. Copies of the proposed rules are now available and one free copy may be obtained by writing to the Minnesota Board of Boxing, 5th Floor, Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. Additional copies will be available at the door on the date of the hearing. The Board's authority to promulgate the proposed rules is contained in Minnesota Statutes

§§ 341.05, subd 1 and 341.11 (1976). A statement of need explaining why the Board believes the proposed rules are necessary and reasonable, and a statement of evidence outlining the testimony to be introduced, shall be filed with the Hearing Examiner's office at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the hearing and will be available there for public inspection.

Please be advised that Minnesota Statutes, ch. 10A (1976), requires each lobbyist to register with the Ethical Practices Board within five (5) days after he commences lobbying. Lobbying includes attempting to influence rulemaking by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials. A lobbyist is generally any individual who spends more than $250.00 per year for lobbying or any individual who is engaged for pay or authorized to spend money by another individual or association and who spends more than $250.00 per year or five (5) hours per month lobbying. The statute in question provides certain exceptions. Questions should be directed to the Minnesota Ethical Practices Board, 41 State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (612) 296-5615.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF BOXING

James J. O'Hara

JAMES J. O'HARA
Executive Secretary

Dated: October 3, 1977.

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In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of Rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing Completely Recodifying and Enlarging Upon the Now Existing Rules of the Board, Supervising and Regulating all Amateur and Professional Boxing and Sparring Exhibitions, Matches, and Contests Occurring in the State of Minnesota.

FINDINGS AND ORDER ADOPTING RULES

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The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before George A. Beck, Hearing Examiner, on December 9, 1977, at 10:30 a.m., in the Hearing Room of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Fifth Floor, Metro Square Building in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, following compliance with the procedural requirements of Minn. Stat. § 15.0412 (Supp. 1977).

The Report of Hearing Examiner was issued by George A. Beck on December 28, 1977, recommending that the proposed rules be adopted by the Minnesota Board of Boxing with consideration given to the Findings of Fact of the Hearing Examiner. Having reviewed said Findings of Fact and having given consideration to the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, having considered all of the testimony and evidence adduced, having been advised with respect to applicable statutory standards and criteria, having confirmed the need for the above-captioned rules and the reasonableness thereof, and upon all of the record, files and proceedings herein,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the aforementioned Report of Hearing Examiner and the recommendations contained therein are adopted by this Board of Boxing;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attached rules, identified as "Proposed Rules Following Hearing Examiner's Report," be adopted this 23rd day of January, 1978, pursuant to authority vested in the Minnesota Board of Boxing by Minn. Stat. §§ 341.05 and 341.11 (1976);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that James J. O'Hara, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Board of Boxing, in cooperation with the Board's counsel, submit these rules as adopted for such remaining actions by the Office of Hearing Examiner, Office of Attorney General, State Register, and Secretary of State of Minnesota and undertake such other actions as may be required to accomplish and finalize adoption of said rules.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 23rd day of January, 1978.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF BOXING

By _____
RICHARD H. PLUNKETT, Chairman

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ERWIN DAUPHIN, Vice Chairman

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JEROME COUGHLIN

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DR. ROBERT L. POWERS

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
(ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

SUSAN WOJCIK, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 28th day of December 1977, at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, she served the attached Report of Hearing Examiner

unstamped, by placing in the designated tray to be collected by messenger for delivery to the central mailing station as required by Minn. Stat., § 16.54 (1974), a true and correct copy thereof on all persons at the addresses shown on the attached mailing list.

Susan Wojcik

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28th day of December, 1977.

Sandra A. Haven

SANDRA A. HAVEN
NOTARY PUBLIC-MINNESOTA
My Comm. Expires July 25, 1983

Mr. Peder B. Hong
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

TELEPHONE
(612) 296-6196

December 15, 1977

Mr. Gerald W. Christenson
Commissioner of Finance
Room 309, Administration Building
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Re: Board of Boxing Fees

Dear Commissioner Christenson:

The Board of Boxing proposed license fees were raised at its rules hearing on December 9, 1977. We understand these need your approval pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 214.06 (1976).

The proposed fees are as follows:

Amateur franchises:

The fee for said license shall be in cities of the first class having a population of over 150,000 $150.00; in cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000 $50.00; in all other cities and towns $25.00.

Amateur licenses

Referees	$10.00
Judges	$10.00
Seconds	$ 2.00
Boxers	No fee

Professional franchises

The fee for said license shall be $250.00 per quarter in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Bloomington. In other locations the fee shall be:

1. In cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, but more than 100,000, $125.00 per quarter.

2. In municipalities having a population of less than 100,000 but more than 10,000, $50.00 per quarter

3. In municipalities having a population of less than 10,000, $25.00 per quarter.

Professional licenses

Referees	$25.00
Judges.	$10.00
Boxers	$ 5.00
Managers	$10.00
Seconds.	$ 5.00

The need to raise fees arises from the statutory policy of self-sustaining revenues.

In fiscal 1975 Board revenues were:

License fees	$7,148.00
5% boxing tax	18,031.76
	$25,179.76

Expenditures were $23,734.45

In fiscal 1976 Board revenues were:

License fees	$3,292.00
5% boxing tax	19,625.85
	$22,917.85

Expenditures were $25,225.61.

In fiscal 1977 Board revenues were:

License fees	$4,121.00
Transfer	910.00
5% boxing tax	8,690.26
	$13,721.26

Expenditures were $ 25,692.00.

Would you be kind enough to indicate your written approval to these proposed fee changes to Mr. George Beck, Hearings Examiner, Office of the Hearing Examiner, 1745 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55104 on or before December 19, 1977.

Your courtesies are appreciated.

Please call me if interpretation is needed.

Sincerely,

PEDER B. HONG
Special Assistant
Attorney General

515 Transportation Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
Telephone: 296-2654

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APPROVED:
GERALD W. CHRISTENSON
Commissioner of Finance
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December 13, 1977

Mr. George Beck
Office of the Hearing Examiner
1745 University Avenue
Suite #300
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

RE: Proposed Rules - Board of Boxing

Dear Mr. Beck:

My client, Mr. Joseph Daszkiewicz, who has been associated with the Fight Game for many, many years, and the professional fighters under his control, wish to submit for consideration certain addendums to the proposed Rules of Boxing as presented by the Boxing Commission on December 9, 1977.

What follows is the summary of many years experience as to what the professional fight game is all about. Your attention to these recommendations would be appreciated.

The proposed changes are as follows:

Rule 9.305 E.
Delete "who has sustained six consecutive defeats"
Reason - The amount of losses in concession does not indicate that a fighter is being injured - it could be that he is not getting the verdicts because he is always fighting in someone elses home town. Rafael Rodriguez presently is a good example of that.

Another example was former lightweight champion of the world, "Joe Brown" - no one had a worse losing record than Joe Brown - he lost but never complained and then once he learned his trade, no one could beat him and he became champion. With the 9.305 E Rule, he probably would have been told to retire by the Minnesota Boxing Commission.

Rule 9.405 Scales.
Minnesota is the only State in the union that does not have a commissioned scale. With a $22,000.00 budget, this is uncalled for. The scale should be accessable to all professional fighters prior to the night of engagement, if a weight has to be made, and further, it should be checked by the Minnesota "Weights and Measure Division" for its accuracy.

Rule 9.510 Seconds. A.

Add after platform during round, the words "either to the left or right of the corner post so as to assure good vision and ample room".

Reason - It is a crime that the media and the Commission will take the best viewing seats at ringside and leave the seconds in a cramped 2nd right behind the ring post to hinder vision when it is the seconds that the fighter depends upon in winning or losing a fight and yet they are not even given consideration as to corner position.

Rule 9.511 Referee Discretion.

Delete "to disqualify a contestant who commits a Foul and to award a decision to the opponent". This would give the con-artist the opening to put on an act that would get the fans, Judges and Referee pressure to stop a bout when he really is not hurt.

Kindly replace with wording:

FOULS: The referee shall have the authority to take a round away from or to disqualify a contestant who is guilty of repetition of major fouls and the Referee shall notify the Judges and contestants of his decision. In the event of a Referee taking a round away, the Judges may do likewise or not as they see fit. In the event of a disqualification by the Referee, such disqualification terminates the contest.

The following shall be considered major fouls and gravity of the act shall be left to the discretion of the Referee.

1. Deliberately hitting an opponent after the bell has sounded ending the round.

2. Hitting an opponent who is down or is rising to his feet after having been down.

3. Repeatedly hitting below the belt.

4. Holding an opponent with one hand while hitting with the other hand.

5. Butting with the head or shoulder or using the knee.

6. Hitting with the inside or butt of the hand, wrist, or elbow.

7. Striking deliberately at the part of the body of an opponent which is over the kidneys.

8. Deliberately hitting the back of the neck of an opponent.

9. Failure to obey the Referee or unsportsman-like conduct.

LOW BLOWS

It has been determined by Boxing Authorities that it is practically

impossible to incapacitate a boxer by a Low Blow when he is equipped with a foul-proof abdominal guard of an approved type which has been inspected by the Board Inspector prior to the bout, and which must be worn by all boxers.

Therefore, no boxing contest under the supervision of the Board shall be terminated by a Low Blow. If any contestant falls to the floor claiming a foul as a result of a Low Blow, the timekeeper and the Referee will commence their count as in case of a knockdown, and, shall be considered to be counted out. Whenever the Referee shall observe a blow delivered below the belt, by either contestant, he shall momentarily stop the bout, take hold of the boxer delivering the low blow and with his free hand, make a sweeping motion upwards from the floor to indicate his observance of the low blow as a warning to the offender to raise his punches and to refrain from delivering any other low blows. Thereupon the Referee shall order contestants to resume the bouts.

Rule 9.515 - Minor Fouls.

Delete "use of abusive or insulting language".

Reason - Psychology today is a strategic part of many contestants today - Muhamad Ali is champion of the World today because of the gift of "gab" - He definitely psyched out Sunny Liston by his constant insulting remarks in the ring. Ali definitely brain washed George Forman by his persistant chatter - undermining George throughout the fight. Boxing is mental as well as physical and more power to the man that can use both to his advantage.

Rule 9.512 E.

Add word "not" between "shall" and "be".

Reason - The 8 count is for the protection of amature fighters but has no time or reason for professional fighters who make a living by winning.

A professional fighter who is way behind on points should be given every opportunity to score a knockout and win the fight.

If the Referee believes the opponent is in trouble and cannot defend himself, let him stop the bout but not give the opponent an 8 count rest and deprive the fighter of his only chance of winning.

Very truly yours,

Richard T. Ince

RTI:ras

DATE: December 7, 1977

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DATE 12-9-77

NANCY J. DUEHN

TO: Minnesota State Boxing Commission

FROM: Golden Gloves, Inc.

RE: Amateur Boxing in Minnesota

Amateur boxing in Minnesota has been a joint venture dating back to 1938. The partnership began with the sponsorship of Golden Gloves by the Minneapolis Star and Tribune Charities, Inc. This organization sponsored the Upper Midwest Tournaments and developed district and regional feeder tournaments. The joint venture relationship has continued to the present under various sponsorships.

Amateur boxing in Minnesota is under three jurisdictions: 1) Minnesota State Boxing Commission; 2) Minnesota Amateur Athletic Union Boxing Committee; and 3) Upper Midwest Golden Gloves. Golden Gloves, Inc., is the coordinator for the three jurisdictions. Let me explain Golden Gloves, Inc.'s role:

1) For Minnesota State Boxing Commission, Golden Gloves, Inc.: registers all boxers; certifies and assigns all coaches, certifies and assigns all officials (referees, judges, etc.); sanctions all bouts and tournaments; registers all clubs and gyms; carries blanket insurance and supervises payments and claims; processes and files all reports (bout results, gate receipts, medical reports, etc.), supervises and conducts all shows and tournaments; and, supervises all programs in Minnesota.

2) For Minnesota AAU, Golden Gloves, Inc. handles the same duties.

3) For Junior Olympic and Junior Golden Gloves programs, Golden Gloves, Inc. does the same.

4) For Golden Gloves programs, Golden Gloves, Inc., handles the same duties for programs in Minnesota, North Dakota, eastern South Dakota and western Wisconsin (15 counties).

Golden Gloves, Inc., is a Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation and is exempt from paying federal income tax. Golden Gloves, Inc. created eight regional organizations to supervise amateur boxing throughout the Upper Midwest. Each regional organization has a policy body and a director responsible for running Golden Gloves bouts and tournaments in its area. Each region holds an elimination tournament in February and brings its champions to Minneapolis for the Upper Midwest Golden Gloves Tournament. The eleven Upper Midwest champions represent this area in the National Golden Gloves Tournament. The National Golden Gloves champions go on to United States Pan American and Olympic boxing trials the years they are held. Money raised at the Upper Midwest Tournament is used to pay the expenses for conducting the tournament (hall rental, tickets, personnel, advertising, security equipment), to pay to bring the boxers to the tournament (travel, housing and meals), and to send the Upper Midwest champions to the National Golden Gloves Tournament.

We are making this report of our mutual relationship for the purpose of asking that it be continued. Golden Gloves sometimes must enforce rules and discipline individuals and organizations, but we always have informed you of the actions and asked for your support. We appreciate the cooperation of Mr. O'Hara who has worked and supported Golden Gloves' position as the controlling body for amateur boxing in Minnesota.

Overall changes are taking place in the jurisdiction of amateur athletics throughout the United States. The United States Olympic Committee now has sole jurisdiction of all amateur athletic events that lead to international competition (Pan Am, Olympics), with individual sports responsible for their own sports. For example, the AAU will not as a body control all the sports it has in the past and each controlling sports body may be changed by the Olympic Committee every four years. This new arrangement of course does not interfer with each state's control over individual sports in its state (the Minnesota State Boxing Commission still maintains the right to control amateur boxing in Minnesota).

We would appreciate meeting with the Commission to discuss compensation for our services to the Commission. The costs to prepare reports and perform other services for the Commission are absorbed by Golden Gloves, Inc. These costs have risen with inflation and are causing financial problems for Golden Gloves, Inc. We hope you will include reimbursement to Golden Gloves, Inc. when you prepare future Minnesota State Boxing Commission budgets.

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December 15, 1977

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George Beck, Esq.
Hearing Examiner
Room 300
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Mr. Beck:

Enclosed are proposed revisions to the proposed Board of Boxing rules arising out of our December 9 hearing.

On the subject of raising the various fees, I would suggest that if you do not receive Commissioner Gerald Christenson's approval by the close of business on December 19, you approve the proposed raises subject to such approval. They have this question under advisement at this time.

Sincerely,

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Special Assistant
Attorney General

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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO PROPOSED RULES
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§ 9.122 Medical examinations. Whenever an examination of a contestant by a physician is required by these rules, such examination shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. All examining physicians and physicians attending exhibitions, matches, or contests shall be assigned by the Board of Boxing and licensed by the Minnesota Board of Medical Examiners and shall report their written findings for each contestant to the Board of Boxing. All examinations, attendance of a physician, and reports shall be at the expense of the promoter or sponsor.

§ 9.212 C. Medical examination. No amateur boxer shall be permitted to take part in a boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest unless he has been examined and passed immediately before the contest by a physician.

§ 9.212 E. Attendance of physician. A physician must be in attendance at each amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match or contest. He shall examine each contestant immediately before the contest and after each knockout or technical knockout and during the course of each contest at the request of the referee.

§ 9.305 C. Medical examination; attendance of physician and authority to stop bout. Each contestant shall be examined prior to entering the ring by a physician. One physician must be in attendance at each exhibition, match or contest. . . .

§ 9.403 Buckets, etc. Three hours in advance of the first exhibition, match, or contest, there shall be provided by the sponsor or promoter a sufficient number of buckets and water bottles, fans, powder resin, resin box, stools for seconds, and such other articles as are required in the conduct of the contest and as the Board may deem necessary. The official representative of the Board shall have authority to order same without notice to and at the expense of the promoter if they are not so supplied. The Board may require at the time of filing for a franchise a deposit of $200 to cover said expenses should they arise.

§ 9.409 Ring costume. Contestants shall box in proper ring costume as determined by the Board or its official representative, including protective equipment, all of which shall be firmly adjusted previous to entering the ring. Long hair shall be secured.

§ 9.508 Scoring, scorecards, and decisions. All professional bouts shall be to a decision or draw, scored on the so-called ten point system. The decision shall be given to the contestant obtaining the majority vote of the referee and the two judges. . . .

§ 9.604 Physical examination. The medical examination of each female contestant shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. Each contract involving a female contestant must contain the attestation by each contestant that she is not pregnant and each contestant shall so attest by affidavit to the Board.

WOMENS BOXING FEDERATION

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Board's EXHIBIT NO. 11

DATE 12-9-77

NANCY J. DUEHN

WOMENS BOXING FEDERATION

The rules of the Federation pertaining to professional boxing contests between females-

1. There shall be no boxing contests between a male and a female, exhibitions approved by WBF.
2. A breast protector is mandatory for use by contestants in place of an abdominal protector.
3. Hair shall be safely secured in a manner that it shall not interfere with the vision or safety of either contestant.
4. Each contestant shall provide herself with two uniforms of contrasting color, body shirt, blouse, and shorts, NO leotards or other such costumes are permissible.
5. Contestants must sign in addition to the commission contract, and addendum indicating to the best of their knowledge that they are not pregnant.
6. Physical examination annually must include pelvic examination.
7. Contestants shall weigh in wearing lightweight robe or blouse and shorts.
8. Promoters shall provide adequate separate dressing room facilities.
9. In all contest or exhibitions 10 oz. gloves shall be used.
10. Each contest or exhibition shall have 2 min. rounds with a 1 min. rest between rounds.
11. Each contest or exhibition shall be for 4 rounds - 6 rounds - 8 rounds
12. All championship fights shall be for 10 rounds.

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FEMALE BOXERS

ADDENDUM

PURSUANT TO THE NEVADA STATE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BOXING, WRESTLING AND KARATE, THE FOLLOWING ADDENDUM SHALL BE SIGNED AND DATED BY EACH FEMALE CONTESTANT.

> "8. Contestants must sign in addition to the contract, an addendum indicating that to the best of their knowledge they are not pregnant and that the contest will not take place during a menstrual period."

I, _____ have read this addendum and my physical condition does not to the best of my knowledge indicate the circumstances listed in the section "8" listed above.

_____ _____
Name Date

_____ _____
Witness Date

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WOMEN BOXING WEIGHTS AND CLASSES

Up to 113 pounds	FLYWEIGHT
114 to 121 pounds	BANTAMWEIGHT
122 to 129 pounds	SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT
130 to 137 pounds	LIGHTWEIGHT
138 to 146 pounds	WELTERWEIGHT
147 to 154 pounds	MIDDLEWEIGHT
155 to 162 pounds	LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
163 to 170 pounds	HEAVYWEIGHT
171 and over	SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT

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FEMALE BOXERS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No applicant shall be contracted for or engage in contest between male and female.

2. Contests will be limited to four rounds of two minutes duration, except for World Title Bouts, which shall be six rounds. Each round shall be two minutes, with a one minute rest between rounds.

3. Custom fitted mouthpiece must be used of the same variety required of male boxers.

4. Ten ounce gloves will be worn.

5. Breast protector mandatory to be used as binder. Female contestants must wear foul-proof breast protectors: Plastic breast covers are adequate. Female contestants must also wear a pelvic protective girdle which shall cover the pubic area, ovaries, and coccyx.

6. Hair to be secured in a manner that will not interfere with the vision or safety of either contestant.

7. Each contestant will provide herself with two uniforms consisting of contrasting color, body shirt, blouse and shorts.

8. Contestant must sign, in addition to the contract, an addendum indicating that to the best of their knowledge they are not pregnant and that the contest will not take place during a menstrual period.

9. Promoters will provide adequate separate dressing rooms.

10. Minimum use of cosmetics.

11. Annual physical examination. Prior to each contest, examining physician may make abdominal examination and note any masses, a breast examination and note any masses.

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In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of Rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing Completely Recodifying and Enlarging upon the Now Existing Rules of the Board, Supervising and Regulating all Amateur and Professional Boxing and Sparring Exhibitions, Matches, and Contests Occurring in the State of Minnesota.

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER

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The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before George A. Beck, duly appointed as Hearing Examiner in this matter on December 9, 1977, in the Hearing Room of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Fifth Floor, Metro Square Building, in the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

This proceeding is a rules hearing held pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapter 15, to determine whether proposed rules should be adopted and given the force and effect of law. Copies of this Report are available for review from the State Board of Boxing and from the Office of Hearing Examiners.

Members of the Agency Panel included: Richard H. Plunkett, Chairman; Erwin Dauphin, Vice Chairman; Dr. Robert Powers, member; Robert Thompson, member; Jerome Coughlin, member; James J. O'Hara, Executive Secretary to the Board and Peder Hong, Special Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board.

Witnesses at the hearing included: Sean Clerkin, Peter Fillippi, Arthur J. Holsten, William Jaffa, George Reiter, Jr., Joe Daszkiewicz, LeRoy Benson, George Glover and Ron Peterson.

Based upon all the testimony, exhibits and written comments, the Hearing Examiner makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 23, 1977, the Board filed the following documents with the Chief Hearing Examiner:

a) A copy of the proposed rules;
b) A proposed Order for Hearing; and
c) A proposed Notice of Hearing.

2. On October 17, 1977, the Board filed with the Hearing Examiner a statement of the estimated length of the hearing and the number of people attending the hearing.

3. On October 31, 1977, the Notice of Hearing and a copy of the proposed rules were published at 2 State Register 916.

4. On October 25, 1977, the Board mailed the Notice of Hearing to all persons and associations who had registered their names with the Secretary of State for the purpose of receiving such notice.

5. On November 1, 1977, the Board filed the following documents:

a) The Order for Hearing;
b) The affidavit of receipt of the Secretary of State's list;
c) The Notice of Hearing as mailed;
d) Two affidavits of mailing;
e) The Certificate of delivery of the Secretary of State's list;
f) The Statement of Need and the Statement of Evidence, including the names of Board personnel who would represent the Board at the hearing; and
g) A Certificate of the Board's authorizing resolution.

The documents were available for inspection at the Office of Hearing Examiners from the date of filing to the date of the hearing.

6. The record remained open through December 19, 1977, for the receipt of written comments and statements.

7. The authority for the Board to promulgate these rules is contained at Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1, which reads in part as follows:

> The Board of Boxing shall have charge and supervision of all boxing and sparring exhibitions held in the state and have power:
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> (1) to promulgate rules governing the conduct of boxing and sparring exhibitions and the time and place thereof;
>
> (2) to issue licenses to individuals or organizations desiring to promote or conduct boxing or sparring exhibitions, and to suspend or revoke the licenses at its pleasure; every application for a license shall designate the territory in which the individual or organization intends to operate, and the

license granted shall entitle the licensee to conduct the exhibitions in that territory and in no other.

Minn. Stat. § 341.11, states as follows:

The board shall promulgate rules to govern the holding of amateur boxing exhibitions within the state. The board shall not promulgate any rules which, if followed by a participant, would adversely affect his amateur status in states other than Minnesota.

8. The great majority of the proposed rules are simply a recodification of the now existing rules of the Board of Boxing. The recodification is necessary due to the piecemeal amendment of the rules over the years which has resulted in a situation where no single authoritative published source of the Board's rules is available. The existing rules of the Board are also in need of reorganization for the sake of clarity and efficiency in their use.

9. The following rules represent no material change from the prior rules of the Board and drew no comment during the hearing process: 4 MCAR - section 9.101, Purpose; section 9.103, Applicability; section 9.104, Construction and Interpretation; section 9.105, Cases Not Covered; section 9.107, Basic Prohibitions; section 9.108, Applications; section 9.109, Granting Suspending and Revoking Licenses and Registrations; section 9.112, Supervision of Contests; section 9.114, Advance Reports; section 9.115, Filing of Contracts; section 9.117, Tickets; section 9.120, Fund Raising and Announcements; section 9.121, Post Contest Reports; section 9.123, Payments to Boxers; section 9.201, Jurisdiction; section 9.202, Amateur Registration and Licenses; section 9.203, Licenses, Registrations and License Fees; section 9.207, Ten Day Rule; section 9.208, Managers; section 9.209, Compensation; section 9.210, Rules; Section 6.211, Officials; section 9.213, Equipment; section 9.214, Ring Names; section 9.215, Acts or Take-offs; section 9.301, Jurisdiction; section 9.304, Form of Professional Franchise License; section 9.401, Rings, Ropes, Posts; section 9.402, Gong; section 9.404, Gloves; section 9.406, Protective Equipment; section 9.408, Shoes; section 9.410, Shaving; section 9.411, Inspections - Foreign Substances, Equipment; section 9.501, Weights; section

9.503, Professional Main Event Boxers - Reporting; section 9.504, Officials; section 9.505, Officials' Fees; section 9.506, Announcer; section 9.507, Timekeeper and Assistant Timekeeper; section 9.509, Officials' Decisions Final; section 9.513, Knockouts; section 9.514, Technical Knockouts; section 9.516, Major Fouls and Disqualifications; section 9.517, Low Blows and section 9.518, Miscellaneous Penalties. These proposed rules are necessary and reasonable.

10. Section 9.102, Definitions, are necessary to define terms which are used in the statute but not defined. The definitions drew no comments and are needed and reasonable.

11. Section 9.106, Complaints and Investigations, merely recognizes the applicability of the statute and is needed and reasonable.

12. Section 9.110, Non-Assignability, prohibits signing of any license registration or approval granted by the Board and is necessary where the character, competence, qualifications and experience of an applicant play a role in the granting or denying of a license. The rule drew no comment and is needed and reasonable.

13. Section 9.111, Compliance with other Agency Rules and Statutes, is needed to harmonize the rules of the Board with the requirements of the Department of Revenue relating to the five percent boxing tax and the requirements of the Department of Commerce in connection with charities registration. The rule is reasonable and needed and drew no comments.

14. Section 9.113, Inspectors, gives the Board the authority to inspect facilities and to inspect books and records pertaining to any aspect of boxing within the state. The rule is needed to permit the Board to comply with its broad statutory mandate to regulate all aspects of boxing within the state. The scope of the Board's regulation runs from conditions relating to the training of boxers in preparation for matches (Minn. Stat. § 341.13) to the matches themselves (Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1)

to the qualifications of license holders (Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1(2)) and to the collection of taxes (Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1(2)). The Board is also the recipient of complaints concerning boxing and has investigatory powers pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 214.10. The rule is reasonable given the heavily regulated nature of boxing as a sport; however, the Board may want to consider adding language which makes it clear that where a disciplinary action may result, the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 214.10 must be followed.

15. Section 9.116, Minnesota Championships, authorizes the Board to declare a bout to be for the Minnesota Championship. The rule is necessary to avoid fraud or confusion in the advertising of a bout as a Minnesota Championship. The rule codifies historical practice and is reasonable.

16. Section 9.118, Seating-Media, Commissioners and Officials, governs seating at ringside. This rule expands on prior rules by adding requirements of two rows of ring tables at certain bouts, the placing of name tags, the limitation of photographers at ringside, and gives the Board authority to arrange for seating at the promoters' expense. The rule is needed due to occasions of inadequate and disorderly seating and overcrowding at ringside. The rule is reasonable.

17. Section 9.119, Security and Ushers, requires the promoter or sponsor to provide adequate security and sufficient ushers. The rule is needed to keep order and codifies current and past practice in the state. It is reasonable.

18. Section 9.122, Medical Examinations. As proposed, this rule represented no material change from previous rules of the Board. However, amendments were suggested orally at the hearing by Board members concerning this particular rule. As amended, the rule would read as follows:

> § 9.122 Medical examinations. Whenever an examination of a contestant by a physician is required by these rules, such examination shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. All examining physicians and physicians attending exhibitions, matches, or contests shall be assigned by the Board of Boxing and licensed by the Minnesota

Board of Medical Examiners and shall report their written findings for each contestant to the Board of Boxing. All examinations, attendance of a physician, and reports shall be at the expense of the promoter or sponsor.

The amendment deletes specific tests which the physician must administer in favor of more general language and also makes it clear that the Board of Boxing shall assign a physician. The rule together with the amendment is reasonable and needed.

19. Section 9.205, Form of Amateur Franchise License. This rule is very similar to the previous rule (Minn. Rule AC 7) which specifies a form of professional franchise license. The proposed rule adds basic requirements governing amateur franchise licenses. The rule is reasonable and needed.

20. Section 9.206, Financial Statements and Returns. This rule is new and requires that amateur franchises conducting solicitations or operating in Minnesota comply with the applicable requirements of the Department of Commerce. The rule is needed and reasonable, however, the word "regulations" in the rule should be changed to "rules" since the former has been deleted from Chapter 15 of Minnesota Statutes.

21. Section 9.212, Rules Governing Safety. This rule represents no material change from previous rules of the Board of Boxing. However, the rule drew comment at the hearing. In regard to 212(B), George Reiter stated that the Golden Gloves program may consider going to three minute rounds at sometime in the future. He was advised that the language of the rule permits exceptions. In regard to 212(C), which requires that an amateur boxer be examined by a physician immediately before a match, Peter Fillippi stated that this rule should be changed to require a physical examination only once a year or once a month. Fillippi stated that most amateur boxers are high school students who participate in other strenuous sports which require a physical examination only once a year. Arthur J. Holsten pointed out that the Amateur Athletic Union rules require a medical examination prior to the contest also. George Reiter stated that as a referee, he would not want to participate in a match unless the

the boxer had had a physical examination immediately prior to the contest.

Based upon oral comments at the hearing by a Board member, the Board submitted written amendments which would delete the last eight words of 212(C) and which would substitute the following sentence for the first sentence of 212(E):

> A physician must be in attendance at each amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match or contest.

With these amendments, the entire rule is needed and reasonable.

22. Section 9.302, Licenses. The proposed rule increases the fee for referees from $10 to $25, and increases the fee for managers from $5 to $10, and increases the fee for seconds from $2 to $5 and sets the fee for judges at $10. The increase in license fees and in the professional franchise license fee are proposed in order to allow the Board to become more self-sustaining. The Board has a budget of approximately $22,000 per year, of which $4,000 is generated by fee income at present. It is estimated that the fee increase contained in these proposed rules will add approximately $2,500 to the Board's fee income annually. The Department of Finance approval of this fee increase was received one day after the close of the record. The rule is needed and reasonable.

23. Section 9.303, Professional Franchise Licenses. This proposed rule changes the duration of professional franchise licenses from one year to three months in order to give the Board more frequent review of franchise licenses and to open up opportunities in the event of inactive licenses. The fees have also been raised for the reasons stated in the preceding Finding of Fact. The rule drew no comment and is needed and reasonable.

24. Section 9.305, Rules Governing Safety. According to the Board's Statement of Need, this rule contained no material change from prior rules. However, the proposed rule drew several comments. In oral comments at the hearing and by a written submission subsequent to the hearing, the Board proposed that the first two sentences of 305(C) be replaced by the following language:

> Each contestant shall be examined prior to entering the ring by a physician. One physician must be in attendance at each exhibition, match or contest.

Joe Daszkiewicz comments that the last sentence of 305(C) gives too much power to the referee. He suggested that referees should be required to consult with the boxer's corner before making a decision in this regard. This rule is a restatement of previous Minn. Rule 39 (s) and as such, does not change the law in this state. Mr. Daszkiewicz also commented on 305(E), which provides that any boxer who has sustained six consecutive defeats shall be subject to investigation review and examination by the Board and its physician. Mr. Daszkiewicz observed that a fighter might sustain six consecutive defeats by fighting in someone else's home town and yet not be badly injured. (Ex. C, p. 1) This proposed rule essentially restates Minn. Rule AC 40(g). The Board pointed out that the proposed rule does not require that a fighter cease fighting or even that an investigation be commenced due to six consecutive defeats, but merely permits the Board to act. With the amendment, the proposed rule is reasonable and needed.

25. Section 9.403, Buckets, etc. This rule has been changed from Minn. Rule AC 33 to specifically set out the Board's authority to order required boxing equipment three hours in advance of the first exhibition, match or contest without notice to the promoter and at the promoter's expense. This rule is needed since in the absence of such equipment, a proper contest cannot be conducted and it is desirable for the Board's official representative to inspect these materials promptly after the Board's 5:00 p.m. meeting on fight days. At the hearing, the Board proposed an amendment to require a deposit to cover any expenses in connection with this rule. The rule as amended would read as follows:

> § 9.403 Buckets, etc. Three hours in advance of the first exhibition, match, or contest, there shall be provided by the sponsor or promoter a sufficient number of buckets and water bottles, fans, powder resin, resin box, stools for seconds, and such other articles as are required in the

> conduct of the contest and as the Board may deem necessary. The official representative of the Board shall have authority to order same without notice to and at the expense of the promoter if they are not so supplied. The Board may require at the time of filing for a franchise a deposit of $200 to cover said expenses should they arise.

As amended, the rule is needed and reasonable and drew no comment. The Board may wish to add language which makes it clear that the deposit shall be refunded if no expenses arise.

26. Section 9.407, Bandages. This rule represents no material change from the prior rule, Minn. Rule AC 37; however, Mr. Daszkiewicz commented that there would be problems in regard to enforcing the rule permitting only one layer of tape across the knuckles. The rule is needed and reasonable.

27. Section 9.409, Ring Costume. As proposed, the rule represented no material change from Minn. Rule AC 49; however, by written comments subsequent to the hearing, the Board proposed that the following sentence be added to the proposed rule: "Long hair shall be secured." This would not appear to be a substantial change and as amended, the rule is needed and reasonable.

28. Section 9.502, Weigh-Ins and Examinations. This rule codifies current practices related to Minn. Rule AC 44, with respect to failure to appear. The proposed rule drew no comment and is needed and reasonable.

29. Section 9.508. Scoring, Score Cards and Decision. The proposed rule represented no material change from Minn. Rule AC 39(a); however, at the hearing the Board proposed an amendment which would replace the second sentence with the following:

> The decision shall be given to the contestant obtaining the majority vote of the referee and the two judges.

The amendment was offered to clarify the existing practice in the state and is needed and reasonable.

30. Section 9.510, Seconds. This rule represents no material change from prior rules Minn. Rule AC 39(g) and Minn.

Rule AC 47. Joe Daszkiewicz requested that language be added to this rule in 510(A) to make it clear that the seating for seconds allow good vision of the fight. He suggests that the following language be added to the second sentence of 510(A): "Either to the left or right of the corner posts so as to assure good vision and ample room." Mr. Daszkiewicz states that at present, the seconds are often placed behind the ring post which results in obstructed vision, and does not permit the second to properly help his fighter. Although the rule is reasonable and needed as proposed, the Board may want to consider adding language to deal with this problem.

31. Section 9.511, Referee Discretion. The proposed rule represents essentially no change from prior Minn. Rule AC 39. Joe Daszkiewicz took exception to the language in the proposed rule which permits the referee to "disqualify a contestant who commits a foul and to award a decision to the opponent." He suggested that the following language be inserted in place of the proposed language:

> The referee shall have the authority to take a round away from or to disqualify a contestant who is guilty of repetition of major fouls and the referee shall notify the judges and contestants of his decision. In the event of a referee taking a round away, the judges may do likewise or not as they see fit. In the event of a disqualification by the referee, such disqualification terminates the contest.
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> The following shall be considered major fouls and gravity of the act shall be left to the discretion of the referee.
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> 1. Deliberately hitting an opponent after the bell has sounded ending the round.
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> 2. Hitting an opponent who is down or is rising to his feet after having been down.
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> 3. Repeatedly hitting below the belt.
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> 4. Holding an opponent with one hand while hitting with the other hand.
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> 5. Butting with the head or shoulder or using the knee.
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> 6. Hitting with the inside or butt of the hand, wrist, or elbow.
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> 7. Striking deliberately at the part of the body of an opponent with is over the kidneys.

8. Deliberately hitting the back of the neck of an opponent.

9. Failure to obey the referee or unsportsmanlike conduct.

(Ex. C, p. 2) Mr. Daszkiewicz's proposal would require a repetition of major fouls before a disqualification could be made. Although the rule as proposed appears to be reasonable, the Board may consider Mr. Daszkiewicz's proposed alternative. It should be noted, however, that major fouls are already defined in Section 9.516, and the definition language suggested by Mr. Daszkiewicz would appear to change some minor fouls to major fouls. One problem with the rule as proposed is that it does not distinguish major from minor fouls in regard to disqualification.

Mr. Daszkiewicz also comments that in regard to disqualification for low blows, that no contest should be terminated due to a low blow. He believes that it is impossible to incapacitate a boxer by a low blow when he is equipped with a foul proof abdominal guard. Mr. Daszkiewicz suggests that the referee warn the offender to raise his punches, but not be allowed to disqualify him. (Ex. C, p. 3) The rule as proposed, however, is needed and reasonable and does not change the law in this state.

32. Section 9.512, Knockdowns, Mandatory Eight Count, Standing Eight Count and Waiver Thereof. The rule as proposed represents no material change from Minn. Rule AC 39 and 40, except that 512(E) concerning the standing eight count is new. Although that the Board feels that this rule codifies current practice, several witnesses disagreed. The proposed rule presumes that the standing eight count is in effect unless both fighters agree to waive it. The standing eight count rule allows the referee to stop the fight if he observes one fighter to be defenseless, even though still standing, and to administer an eight count. The Board believes that the standing eight count is necessary to protect fighters.

Former fighter and referee LeRoy Benson stated that this rule would take away the ability of a puncher (as opposed to a skilled boxer) to finish a fight after he had hurt his opponent. Although such a rule is appropriate for amateurs, Benson believes it is not for professionals. He also believes that it gives too much discretion to the referee, and could invite a fix. George Glover, a coach and a corner man, stated that strong punchers like Marciano and Graziano would be handicapped under such a rule and that such a rule would give too much of an advantage to the skilled boxer. He stated that there is no need to protect a professional in this manner since professionals are mature and the contests are usually equally matched. He stated that this rule might well prevent a puncher from winning fights after he had suffered a couple of knockdowns. Joe Daszkiewicz stated that a professional fighter who is behind on points should be given every opportunity to score a knockout and that this rule would prevent that. He stated that if the referee believes one boxer is in trouble, and can't defend himself, he should stop the bout but not give the boxer an eight count rest and deprive his opponent of his only chance of winning.

Referee George Reiter, however, stated that he felt the rule would give him another tool to use as an alternative to simply stopping the fight. It is concluded that the proposed rule is necessary since it aids the referee in preventing serious harm to a fighter. The rule also is reasonable except that language should be added which defines the standing eight count rule and specifies when the referee is to use the standing eight count. This would help to prevent the referee abusing his discretion in the use of the standing eight count, a possibility which concerned many of the public witnesses.

33. Section 9.515, Minor Fouls. This proposed rule represents no material change from Minn. Rule AC 42. Mr. Daszkiewicz commented, however, that the language concerning "use of abusive or insulting language" should be deleted since the use of language

may be a phychological means of defeating an opponent and properly should be. The rule as proposed is needed and reasonable.

34. Section 9.601 through 611 are all new rules. They are based principally upon the Nevada and New Jersey rules governing female boxing. The need for the rule arises because of the imminence of female boxing in Minnesota. The weights listed in section 9.606 are the same as the Nevada rules for the sake of national uniformity. The differences from the rules governing male boxing are due to the difference in strength and physical anatomy of female as against male athletes. An amendment was offered at the hearing to proposed rule section 9.604, which would replace the first sentence with the following language: "A medical examination of each female contestant shall include all matters the examining pnysician may deem necessary and appropriate." This language was suggested so as not to restrict the scope of the physician's examination. The proposed rules governing women's professional boxing receive no comment and together with the amendment, they are needed and reasonable.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Hearing Examiner makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS

1. That the Board of Boxing gave proper notice of the promulgation of the proposed rules.

2. That the Board of Boxing has statutory authority to take the action proposed, to wit, the promulgation of the proposed rules.

3. That the Board of Boxing has fulfilled all relevant, substantive and procedural requirements of law or rule, except that the Department of Finance approval of the fee increase was not submitted until after the close of the record.

4. None of the amendments to the proposed rules suggested by the Board constitute a substantial change.

5. The Board of Boxing has demonstrated the need for and reasonableness of the proposed rules by an affirmative presen-

tation of facts in the record.

Based upon the foregoing Conclusions, the Hearing Examiner makes the following:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the proposed rules be adopted by the Board of Boxing, with consideration given to the Findings of Fact herein.

Dated: December 28, 1977

George A. Beck

GEORGE A. BECK
Hearing Examiner

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0412, subd. 4, this Report shall be available for review to all affected individuals upon request for at least five days.

The Board of Boxing shall, if it proposes to adopt the rules as originally proposed or amended, submit the complete hearing record, including its Findings and Order, to the Chief Hearing Examiner no earlier than five days subsequent to the receipt of this Report. This submission shall clearly indicate any changes made to the rules as originally proposed, preferably in the format that will be submitted to the State Register for publication. The Chief Hearing Examiner shall complete his review and submit his report to the Board on the issues of substantial changes in the rule and compliance with Minn. Stat. § 15.0412 within ten calendar days. Thereafter, the Board shall be responsible for filing the rules with the Attorney General and for notifying persons who have indicated that they wish to be notified of such filing.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF BOXING
PROPOSED RULES FOLLOWING HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

CHAPTER ONE - GENERAL RULES

4 MCAR § 9.101 PURPOSE.

These rules are adopted pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 341.05, subd. 1 and § 341.11 (1976) and are designed to supervise and regulate all amateur and professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests occurring in the State of Minnesota. They are a complete recodification of the prior rules of the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.102 DEFINITIONS.

A. 'Board' means the Board of Boxing.

B. 'Exhibition' means any boxing or sparring event or bout at which direct or indirect admission is charged or at which prizes or compensation are given to the boxers.

C. 'Contest' means any boxing or sparring bout at which scoring is done.

D. 'Match' means any boxing or sparring bout at which victory is sought or declared.

4 MCAR § 9.103 APPLICABILITY.

These rules shall apply to all amateur and professional boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests and related activities occurring in or affecting professional and amateur boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests held or proposed to be scheduled and held in the State of Minnesota.

4 MCAR § 9.104 CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION.

These rules shall be construed to effectuate the purposes of Minn. Stat. §§ 341.01-.15 (1976), as amended from time to time. Where ambiguities or conflicts appear, they may be interpreted by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.105 CASES NOT COVERED.

If questions or situations arise which are alleged not to be provided for by these rules, they shall be determined by at least a quorum of the Board in such a manner as they think best, just and conformable to the usage and best interests of the State of Minnesota and the sport of boxing.

4 MCAR § 9.106 COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.

The Board shall entertain and dispose of duly submitted complaints as specified in Minn. Stat. § 214.10 (1976), as amended.

4 MCAR § 9.107 BASIC PROHIBITIONS.

A. Franchise License Required. No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or be promoted or sponsored except by a current and valid licensee of the Board.

B. Prior Approval of Dates, Places, and Contestants Required. No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or be promoted or sponsored within the State of Minnesota without the prior approval of the Board as to date, place, and participants. Any such exhibition, match, or contest receiving such approval

shall be conducted strictly in accordance with these rules and such conditions as the Board may see fit to impose.

C. Licenses and Registrations Required. No professional or amateur franchise, sponsor, organization, promoter, nor any manager, referee, judge, timekeeper, assistant timekeeper or other official, nor any professional boxer or second shall participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest in the State of Minnesota without a current license or approval, as the case may be, from the Board and no amateur boxer or coach shall participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest in the State of Minnesota without a current registration with the Board. All activity conducted pursuant to such licenses, registrations, or approval shall be conducted strictly in accordance with these rules and such conditions as the Board may see fit to impose.

D. Amateur Sponsorships and Professional Promotions Distinguished. No amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be sponsored by other than an amateur franchise licensee and no professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be promoted by other than a professional franchise licensee.

4 MCAR § 9.108 APPLICATIONS.

All applications for licenses and registrations shall be in writing and all questions propounded by the Board shall be answered fully and truthfully. All applications shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of the appropriate

fee. All papers and documents filed with the Board shall be the property of the Board. Prior to acting upon any application, the Board may, in its discretion, examine under oath the applicant, any officer thereof, and any other witnesses. The form of the application shall be prescribed by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.109 GRANTING, SUSPENDING AND REVOKING LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS.

The granting of all licenses, registrations, and approvals is a matter of Board discretion and the Board may impose such conditions as it sees fit as a part of any license, registration, or approval.

All licenses, registrations, or approvals granted by the Board may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board. Suspensions and revocations shall occur according to such procedures as the Board deems necessary under all the circumstances and in light of the regulatory powers and purposes of the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.110 NON-ASSIGNABILITY.

No license, registration, or approval granted by the Board is assignable in any respect.

4 MCAR § 9.111 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER AGENCY RULES AND STATUTES.

All licensees of the Board shall comply with pertinent statutes and rules of the other agencies of the State of Minnesota.

4 MCAR § 9.112 SUPERVISION OF CONTESTS.

All amateur and professional exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by licensed and approved referees

and judges. At all boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests contestants, referees, timekeepers, assistant timekeepers, seconds, examining physicians, and announcers shall at all times be subject to the control of the Board. The Board may appoint an official representative to insure that the rules of the Board are strictly observed. No amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall occur or take place except in the presence and supervision of the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.113 INSPECTORS.

The Board or its duly authorized representatives shall have the authority upon demand to inspect all boxing or sparring facilities, training camps, gymnasiums, and auditoriums in Minnesota, all related activities and all books and records pertaining to any aspect of boxing or related activity occurring or proposed to occur in whole or in part in the State of Minnesota.

4 MCAR § 9.114 ADVANCE REPORTS.

Each promoter of any professional boxing exhibition, match, or contest must file with the Board a statement in writing prior to any public announcement of an exhibition, match, or contest and, in any case, at least five days prior to the holding of any such exhibition, match, or contest, which shows the name of the club, the place or city where such exhibition, match, or contest shall be held, the name and location of the building wherein the same shall be held, the estimated seating capacity thereof, the names, addresses, and

weights of the main event and semi-windup contestants, together with such other information as the Board may require.

4 MCAR § 9.115 FILING OF CONTRACTS.

Each promoter of any professional boxing exhibition, match, or contest must file with the Board at least five days prior to the holding of any such contest, exhibition, match, or contest any and all contracts involving contestants. All professional contestants must be signed to a written contract. Contracts with professional main event boxers must be accompanied by certified checks for the amounts of forfeits at the time of filing said contracts with the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.116 MINNESOTA CHAMPIONSHIPS.

No bout may be advertised as a Minnesota championship unless the Board, in its sole discretion, declares the bout to be for the Minnesota championship.

4 MCAR § 9.117 TICKETS.

A. Admission. No person shall be admitted to a boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest without a ticket, except duly authorized Board inspectors who shall be admitted with proper badge and credentials.

B. Press Tickets. All press tickets issued shall be marked "Press." All complimentary tickets shall be marked "Complimentary." Twenty tickets marked "Press" shall be reserved for members of the Board, its counsel, and a representative of the Department of Revenue. No more than sixty "Press" tickets may be issued for any one fight in cities of the first

class, not more than thirty in Rochester, and not more than ten elsewhere, outside of Board tickets.

C. Price. All tickets, exclusive of press and complimentary tickets, shall have the price plainly printed thereon and shall have a coupon attached which may be held by the purchaser thereof. The price of tickets shall be printed in large type and displayed at all ticket sellers' windows and shall not be varied.

4 MCAR § 9.118 SEATING - MEDIA, COMMISSIONERS, AND OFFICIALS.

Holders of press tickets, commissioners, and officials shall be seated at ring side tables. It shall be the promoter's responsibility to place name tags or designations on the tables to insure orderly seating. At bouts expected to draw large media attention, two rows of ring side tables shall be provided. There shall be at least four feet between the ring side tables and the first row of seats. If said seating and designations are not in place at least three hours prior to the first exhibition, match, or contest, the Board or its official representative may arrange for same without notice and at the promoter's expense. A maximum of four photographers may be at ring side at any one time and then only at designated places and subject to the control of the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.119 SECURITY AND USHERS.

It shall be the duty of the promoter or sponsor to keep order and to provide adequate security and adequate ushers to insure proper seating.

4 MCAR § 9.120 FUND RAISING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

No fund raising shall be permitted and no public announcements made at any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest, except with the prior approval of the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.121 POST-CONTEST REPORTS.

The franchise licensee who promotes each amateur or professional boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall furnish in writing to the Board within forty-eight hours following the event a statement showing the names of all contestants and the result of each contest held, together with the amount of the gross gate.

4 MCAR § 9.122 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Whenever an examination of a contestant by a physician is required by these rules, such examination shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. All examining physicians and physicians attending exhibitions, matches, or contests shall be assigned by the Board of Boxing and licensed by the Minnesota Board of Medical Examiners and shall report their written findings for each contestant to the Board of Boxing. All examinations, attendance of a physician, and reports shall be at the expense of the promoter or sponsor.

4 MCAR § 9.123 PAYMENTS TO BOXERS.

No payments may be made by a promoter or sponsor to a boxer until approved by the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.124 REPEALER.

The prior rules of the Board not contained herein are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER TWO - RULES GOVERNING AMATEUR BOXING

4 MCAR § 9.201 JURISDICTION.

All amateur boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board and subject to such conditions as it may in its discretion impose.

4 MCAR § 9.202 AMATEUR REGISTRATION AND LICENSES.

All amateur boxers and coaches must be registered with the Board in a form to be specified by the Board and amateur referees, judges, seconds, and franchises must be licensed by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.203 LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, AND LICENSE FEES.

All amateur licenses for referees, judges and seconds, franchises, and registrations of boxers expire one year from the date of issue unless revoked by the Board. The fees shall be:

Referees. $10.00

Judges $10.00

Seconds . . . . . $ 2.00

Boxers. . . . . no fee

4 MCAR § 9.204 AMATEUR FRANCHISE LICENSES.

A. Amateur franchise licenses shall be granted in conformity with these rules and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

B. Such licenses shall have a duration of one year unless otherwise specified by the Board.

C. The fee for said license in cities of the first class having a population of over 150,000 shall be $150.00; in cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, $50.00; in all other cities and towns, $25.00.

4 MCAR § 9.205 FORM OF AMATEUR FRANCHISE LICENSE.

The form of amateur franchise license shall be as follows:

"State of Minnesota, Board of Boxing. To all whom it may concern: Amateur Franchise License No. ____. WHEREAS, due application was made for an amateur franchise license in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules of the Minnesota Board of Boxing, and the said Board of Boxing having duly considered said application and ordered the issuance of the license thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, the State of Minnesota, by and through its Board of Boxing, does hereby grant unto _____ a license to conduct, hold, or give amateur boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests within the city, village, or township of _____, State of Minnesota, and not elsewhere, in accordance with the provisions of law aforesaid, and subject to such rules and regulations, and amendments thereof, as the Board of Boxing may from time to time prescribe.

Unless revoked or suspended, this license is for a period of one year from the date set forth hereunder.

This license may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board.

This license is not assignable to any other party.

All amateur boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests conducted under the auspices of this license shall be governed by the rules of the Board of Boxing, the laws of the State of Minnesota, and, to the extent not in conflict, the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Board of Boxing has caused these presents to be signed by its Chairman and Secretary and has affixed its seal this ____ day of _____, 19__.

(SEAL) BOARD OF BOXING

By _____
Chairman

And _____
Secretary"

4 MCAR § 9.206 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RETURNS.

Financial statements and returns shall be filed by each amateur franchise licensee as required by the laws and promulgated rules of the State of Minnesota and its respective agencies.

4 MCAR § 9.207 TEN DAY RULE.

An amateur desiring to box as a professional must file written notice ten days prior to the date on which his application for a professional license shall be entertained.

4 MCAR § 9.208 MANAGERS.

No amateur is required to have a manager. No manager of an amateur boxer will be recognized unless he has presented a legally valid contract with the boxer to the Board and such

contract has been approved and filed with the Board and a manager's license issued.

4 MCAR § 9.209 COMPENSATION.

A. Limit. The maximum compensation paid to an amateur shall not be in excess of $5.00, exclusive of travel and subsistence.

B. Special Prizes. Sponsors of any tournament or inter-city match shall be allowed to give a special prize to the contestants in addition to the regular compensation, providing such prize has the prior approval of the Board.

C. Advance Filing. Sponsors of any tournament, exhibition, match, or contest to be attended by boxers from outside the place of their legal residence must file in the office of the Board at least 24 hours preceding the time of the event a schedule of compensation, travel, and subsistence money proposed to be paid each boxer.

D. Sworn Statement. Within 48 hours after the holding of the event, the franchise holder, sponsor, or promoter shall forward to the Board in a form specified by the Board a sworn statement that the rules of the Board pertaining to compensation, travel, and subsistence paid and promised to be paid to each amateur boxing was not in excess of the amount set forth in the schedule filed with the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.210 RULES.

The official rules of the Amateur Athletic Union shall

govern all amateur exhibitions, matches, and contests except when in conflict with these rules.

4 MCAR § 9.211 OFFICIALS.

All amateur exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by a referee and judges licensed by the Board. Unless waived by the Board, all such exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the presence of the Board or its official representative. All other officials shall be approved by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.212 RULES GOVERNING SAFETY.

A. Junior Class Amateurs - Limits. Junior Class amateurs are those amateurs who have not reached sixteen years of age. Junior Class amateurs shall not be allowed to box more than three rounds of one minute duration.

B. Senior Class Amateurs - Limits. Senior Class amateurs are those between sixteen years of age and twenty-six. Senior Class amateurs shall not be allowed to box more than three rounds of two minute duration except in authorized tournaments.

C. Medical Examination. No amateur boxer shall be permitted to take part in a boxing or sparring exhibit, match, or contest unless he has been examined and passed immediately before the contest by a physician.

D. Frequency. No amateur boxer shall be permitted to participate in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest on more than two days in five, or more than one contest on any one day except in duly sanctioned and authorized tournaments.

E. Attendance of Physician. A physician must be in attendance at each amateur boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest. He shall examine each contestant immediately before the contest and after each knockout or technical knockout and during the course of each contest at the request of the referee.

F. Authority to Stop Bout. A referee must stop a bout when either contestant shows marked superiority and the other opponent is outclassed.

G. Cut Eyes. In a tournament, when a bout is stopped because of a cut eye, the decision shall go to the boxer then leading on points. In a non-tournament bout, the bout shall be ruled no contest if one of the participants suffers a cut eye in the first round. If the injury occurs in the second or third round, the boxer leading on points shall be awarded the decision.

4 MCAR § 9.213 EQUIPMENT.

Equipment shall be as required by A.A.U. rules.

4 MCAR § 9.214 RING NAMES.

No ring names shall be allowed.

4 MCAR § 9.215 ACTS OR TAKEOFFS.

Any acts or take-offs or insincerity on the part of an amateur boxer may subject the boxer to immediate suspension.

CHAPTER THREE - RULES GOVERNING PROFESSIONAL BOXING

4 MCAR § 9.301 JURISDICTION.

All professional boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board and subject to such conditions as it may in its discretion impose.

4 MCAR § 9.302 LICENSES.

All referees, judges, boxers, managers and seconds shall be licensed in accordance with the following schedule. Such licenses shall expire one year from the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked by the Board.

Referees	$25.00
Judges	$10.00
Boxers	$ 5.00
Managers	$10.00
Seconds	$ 5.00

4 MCAR § 9.303 PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE LICENSES.

A. Professional franchise licenses shall be granted in conformity with these rules and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

B. Such licenses shall have a duration of thirteen weeks (one-quarter year) unless otherwise specified by the Board.

C. The fee for said license shall be $250.00 per quarter in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Bloomington. In other locations the fee shall be:

1. In cities of the first class having a population of less than 150,000, but more than 100,000, $125.00 per quarter.

2. In municipalities having a population of less than 100,000 but more than 10,000, $50.00 per quarter.

3. In municipalities having a population of less than 10,000, $25,00 per quarter.

4 MCAR § 9.304 FORM OF PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE LICENSE.

The form of professional franchise license shall be as follows:

"State of Minnesota, Board of Boxing. To all whom it may concern: Professional Franchise License No. ____.

WHEREAS, due application has been made for a license in accordance with the terms of the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules of the Board of Boxing, and said Board having duly considered the said application and ordered the issuance of a license thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, the State of Minnesota, by and through the Board of Boxing, does hereby grant unto : _____ a license to conduct, hold, or give boxing and sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests within the city, village, or township of _____, State of Minnesota, and not elsewhere, in accordance with the provisions of law aforesaid, subject to such rules and amendments thereof as the Board of Boxing may from time to time prescribe, for a period of thirteen weeks

(one-quarter year) from the date hereof unless revoked or suspended or unless a different duration is specified herein.

No boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest shall be of more than fifteen rounds not to exceed three minutes each.

All boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests held pursuant to this license shall be governed by the rules of the Board of Boxing and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

This license may be suspended or revoked at the pleasure of the Board.

This license is not assignable to any other party.

In the event this license pertains to a city or governing entity other than a city of the first class, the consent required by Minnesota Statutes § 341.08 must be obtained from the governing body thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Board of Boxing has caused these presents to be signed by its Chairman and Secretary and has affixed its seal this ____ day of _____, 19__.

(SEAL) BOARD OF BOXING

By _____
Chairman

And _____
Secretary"

4 MCAR § 9.305 RULES GOVERNING SAFETY.

A. Age and Length of Bouts. No professional boxer shall be permitted to engage in any boxing or sparring exhibition, match, or contest without a license issued by the Board. No license will be granted to any boxer under eighteen years of age or to any boxer over thirty-six years of age without the express consideration of the Board. Professional boxers only eighteen years of age shall be limited to ten round bouts or less. No bout shall exceed fifteen rounds.

B. A-1 Condition. Each contract between a promoter and a boxer shall include a clause in which the boxer and his manager certify that the boxer is in A-1 condition and is not concealing an illness or injury.

C. Medical Examination; Attendance of Physician and Authority to Stop Bout. Each contestant shall be examined by a physician prior to entering the ring. One physician must be in attendance at each exhibition, match, or contest. Such physician shall examine each contestant immediately before the bout and after each knockout or technical knockout and at other times as indicated. The referee shall be the judge in cooperation with the ring physician as to the fitness of a contestant to continue when he is seemingly taking undue punishment or is badly injured.

D. Intervals. No boxer participating in a bout of less than ten rounds shall be permitted to engage in consecutive bouts with less than three days intervening between such contests.

Boxers engaging in main events shall not engage in such bouts without an intervening period of seven days.

A minimum of sixty days interval shall be required before a boxer who has been knocked unconscious shall be allowed to box again. When a bout is stopped because it has become one sided or a serious facial laceration has occurred, an interval of thirty days is required before a boxer shall be allowed to box again.

E. Medical Investigations. In case of repeated knock-outs or severe beatings, a boxer shall be retired for his own physical welfare. Any boxer who has sustained six consecutive defeats or who has received a serious concussion shall be subject to investigation, review, and examination by the Board and its physician.

F. Main Event Contestants. In each application for a main event bout, the results of the last six bouts for each contestant shall be included in a sworn statement signed by the boxer, his manager, and promoter.

4 MCAR § 9.306 WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION.

The Board shall presume, unless rebutted, that all suspensions issued by the World Boxing Association should be recognized.

CHAPTER FOUR - EQUIPMENT RULES GOVERNING PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS

4 MCAR § 9.401 RING, ROPES, POSTS.

The ring shall be no less than 16 nor more than 20 feet square within the ropes, the ring floor to extend beyond the ropes

a distance of not less than 18 inches. The ring floor, height of ring, ring posts and ring ropes shall meet standards of and be approved by the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.402 GONG.

The gong must be not less than eighteen inches in diameter, to be adjusted securely on a level with the ring platform, the timer to use a metal hammer in indicating the beginning and the end of rounds, so that the contestants and referee can hear the sound of the bell.

4 MCAR § 9.403 BUCKETS, ETC.

Three hours in advance of the first exhibition, match, or contest, there shall be provided by the sponsor or promoter a sufficient number of buckets and water bottles, fans, powder resin, resin box, stools for seconds, and such other articles as are required in the conduct of the bouts and as the Board may deem necessary. The official representative of the Board shall have authority to order same without notice to and at the expense of the promoter if they are not so supplied. The Board may require at the time of filing for a franchise a deposit of $200.00 to cover said expenses should they arise. Said deposit shall be refunded if no expenses arise.

4 MCAR § 9.404 GLOVES.

Each glove shall weigh not less than eight ounces for contestants from 112 to 175 pounds, and not less than 10 ounces for contestants over 175 pounds. Gloves for principal contestants shall be adjusted in the ring under the supervision of the referee, the laces to be knotted on the back of the wrist.

4 MCAR § 9.405 SCALES.

Scales for weighing contestants shall be provided by the sponsor or promoter and shall be thoroughly tested and approved prior to use.

4 MCAR § 9.406 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

No contestant shall be allowed to enter the ring without all normal and suitable protective equipment as determined and approved by the Board or its official representative, including equipment which shall obviate the necessity of making any claims for low blows.

4 MCAR § 9.407 BANDAGES.

Each hand shall be allowed 10 yards of gauze bandage. Each boxer shall be permitted to use as much tape, one inch in width, as the Board decides shall be necessary. Only one layer of the tape shall be permitted across the knuckles of each hand to hold the gauze in place.

4 MCAR § 9.408 SHOES.

Shoes shall be of soft material and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles, or hard heels.

4 MCAR § 9.409 RING COSTUME.

Contestants shall box in proper ring costume as determined by the Board or its official representative, including protective equipment, all of which shall be firmly adjusted previous to entering the ring. Long hair shall be secured.

4 MCAR § 9.410 SHAVING.

Boxers must be clean shaven twenty-four hours before participating in any bout unless this requirement is waived by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.411 INSPECTIONS - FOREIGN SUBSTANCES, EQUIPMENT.

The referee or the Board's official representative shall inspect the bandages, gloves and protective equipment of the contestants and make certain that no foreign substances have been applied either to the gloves, bandages, protective equipment or to the body of the contestant to the detriment of an opponent, and that the contestant's equipment is in order.

CHAPTER FIVE - RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS

4 MCAR § 9.501 WEIGHTS.

Unless authorized by the Board, all exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the following weight classifications, the difference in weights allowable indicated in parenthesis:

Flyweight. . . . . (3)	112 pounds
Bantamweight . . . . (4)	118 pounds
Featherweight. . . . (5)	126 pounds
Lightweight. . . . . (6)	135 pounds
Welterweight . . . . (7)	147 pounds
Middleweight . . . . (8)	160 pounds
Light Heavyweight. . (10)	175 pounds
Heavyweight.	All Over

4 MCAR § 9.502 WEIGH-INS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Weigh-ins shall occur at 12 noon on the day of the exhibition, match, or contest under the supervision of the Board or its official representative. All boxers shall be examined by a physician. Failure to appear at a scheduled weigh-in and examination may subject the contestant to a fine in an amount to be determined by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.503 PROFESSIONAL MAIN EVENT BOXERS - REPORTING.

Professional main event boxers must appear in the city in which the exhibition, match, or contest is to be held 72 hours before fight time unless excused by the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.504 OFFICIALS.

All boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be officiated by a licensed referee and two licensed judges, who shall be appointed by the Board. Unless waived by the Board, the judges shall be licensed referees. They shall be seated at ring side opposite each other.

4 MCAR § 9.505 OFFICIALS' FEES.

Officials' fees shall be in a uniform amount approved by the Board and shall be the obligation of the promoter.

4 MCAR § 9.506 ANNOUNCER.

The announcer shall announce the names of the contestants, their correct weights, and such other matters as shall be directed or approved by the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.507 TIMEKEEPER AND ASSISTANT TIMEKEEPER.

There shall be a timekeeper and a separate knockdown assistant who must be seated outside the ring close to the gong. The timekeeper shall indicate the beginning and ending of each round by striking the gong with a metal hammer. The knockdown assistant shall begin his count when a contestant is knocked down and shall continue counting unless the opponent does not occupy the farthest neutral corner. The timekeeper shall provide himself with a whistle and accurate stopwatch before the bout. Ten seconds before the beginning of each round the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of contestants by the blowing of a whistle.

4 MCAR § 9.508 SCORING, SCORECARDS, AND DECISIONS.

All professional bouts shall be to a decision or draw, scored on the so-called "ten point system." The decision shall be given to the contestant obtaining the majority vote of the referee and the two judges. Following each bout, scorecards shall be deposited with the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.509 OFFICIALS' DECISIONS FINAL.

The decisions of the referee and judges shall be final.

4 MCAR § 9.510 SECONDS.

A. Designation and Seating. Seconds shall be designated prior to a bout and only seconds shall be allowed in the corners. A chair or stool shall be made available for each second,

taped "seconds," and seconds shall sit on the main floor and not the platform during the rounds; provided, however, that seconds shall be seated in such location as shall assure them good vision and ample room. It shall be the duty of the referee to enforce this rule.

B. Number. There shall not be more than three seconds for each contestant.

C. Coaching. Seconds shall not coach boxers during the progress of rounds.

D. Other Activity. Seconds must remain seated and silent during rounds and shall not spray or forcefully throw water on a boxer or in any other way assist him. Fans may be used between rounds. The swinging of towels is prohibited. During a bout, seconds shall permit no one in the ring except as allowed by these rules.

E. Substances. Excess grease, oil, or other substances which might handicap an opponent are prohibited.

4 MCAR § 9.511 REFEREE DISCRETION.

The referee shall have the discretion: to stop a bout at any stage and make a decision if he considers it too one-sided or one contestant is apparently outclassed; to stop a bout if he considers the competitors are not in earnest, in which case he may disqualify one or both the contestants; to disqualify a contestant who commits a major foul and to award a decision to the opponent; to determine in cooperation with the ring physician the fitness of a contestant to continue and to stop a bout if he

is seemingly taking undue punishment or is badly injured; to declare a technical knockout when a contestant fails for any one of numerous reasons, such as cuts, injuries, or admission of overwhelming superiority on the part of his opponent, to answer the bell for a succeeding round; to disqualify a boxer for continuously and deliberately striking an opponent with low blows; to disqualify the offender for a fourth offense after warning said boxer three times for minor fouls; to disqualify a boxer for hitting an opponent who is down or who is getting up; and to declare a knockout.

4 MCAR § 9.512 KNOCKDOWNS, MANDATORY EIGHT COUNT, STANDING EIGHT COUNT AND WAIVER THEREOF.

A. Clear Knockdowns. When a boxer is clearly knocked down, he shall be required to take a mandatory count of eight whether or not he has regained his feet before the count of eight has been reached. Should a boxer slip or fall down or be pushed down, he shall be ordered to his feet immediately. Failure to rise may subject him to disqualification.

B. Mandatory Eight Count. While a mandatory eight count is in progress, the boxer scoring the knockdown must retire to the farthest neutral corner indicated by the referee and remain there until the eight count is completed. Should he fail to do so, both the referee and timekeeper shall stop counting until he returns to the corner.

C. Counting. When a contestant is down, the timekeeper shall immediately begin counting while the referee sends the boxer

scoring the knockdown to the farthest neutral corner. The referee shall then return to the fallen boxer and pick up the count from the timekeeper and count in unison. The count shall not continue while the opponent does not occupy the farthest neutral corner.

D. Deemed Knockdowns. A contestant shall be deemed down when any part of his body other than his feet is on the ring floor, he is hanging helplessly over the ropes, or he is rising from a down position, provided that a boxer hanging over the ropes is not officially down until so announced by the referee.

E. Standing Eight Count Rule. The standing eight count rule shall be in effect unless both contestants shall agree before the start of each bout that it shall be waived. The "standing eight count rule" provides that in the event a contestant is standing but is clearly without proper reflexes to the point of being defenseless, helpless, and subject to the clear and distinct probability of undue punishment, the referee shall proceed as if the contestant had been knocked down and the contestant shall be deemed "down" and subject to an eight count.

4 MCAR § 9.513 KNOCKOUTS.

If the contestant fails to rise before the count of ten, the referee shall declare him the loser by knockout. Should a contestant who is down arise before the count of ten is reached and again go down without being struck, the referee

shall resume the count where he left off. When a boxer is knocked out, the referee should count the full ten, thus avoiding the recording of a technical knockout which would be confusing and misleading to commissions in the other states. When a boxer has been knocked out, he shall not be touched or moved except by the direction of the ring physician. Should a contestant leave the ring during the one-minute period between rounds and fail to be in the ring when the gong rings to resume boxing, the referee shall count him out the same as if he were down. If a contestant who has been knocked or fallen out of the ring during a contest fails to return immediately, the referee may count him out as if he were down.

4 MCAR § 9.514 TECHNICAL KNOCKOUTS.

If the referee stops a contest because it is one-sided, or because of a badly cut eye, or should a contestant finish any one round of a contest and fail for any one of numerous reasons, such as cuts, injuries or admission of overwhelming superiority on the part of his opponent, to answer the bell for the succeeding round, the proper termination of the bout shall be a technical knockout. Should a contestant be knocked down three times in the same round, the contest shall be terminated and ruled a TKO, unless this rule is waived by the Board for a specific contest.

4 MCAR § 9.515 MINOR FOULS.

Contestants shall break clean and must not strike a blow while breaking from clinches. Contestants must not hold and hit.

Butting with the head or shoulders, wrestling or clinching, or illegal use of elbows shall not be allowed. There shall be no unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the contestants. This shall include the use of abusive or insulting language.

A penalty of one point may be imposed by the referee for the following deliberate conduct: maintaining a clinch; holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the free hand; butting with the head, or illegal use of the shoulders and elbows; hitting on the breakaway after being ordered to break clean by the referee; hitting with the inside or heel of the hand and wrist; wrestling or roughing at the ropes; use of the rabbit and backhand punches; striking at that part of the body over the kidneys, except when an opponent deliberately turns his back to avoid being hit in the stomach over the liver and over the heart; use of abusive or profane language; refusal to obey warnings of the referee or any physical actions which might injure a contestant by illegal tactics; biting or kicking.

4 MCAR § 9.516 MAJOR FOULS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS.

A boxer may be disqualified by the referee if: he deliberately knees an opponent in the groin, deliberately hits an opponent who is down or who is getting up or continuously and deliberately strikes an opponent with low blows, or for a fourth minor foul after three warnings.

4 MCAR § 9.517 LOW BLOWS.

A bout shall not be terminated by a low blow. A boxer may be penalized three points for low punching. The referee shall

count out boxers who fall to the floor claiming fouls as a result of the low blow. A boxer may be disqualified for continuously and deliberately striking an opponent with low blows.

4 MCAR § 9.518 MISCELLANEOUS PENALTIES.

A. Deliberate Fouls. If a bout is terminated by the referee because of a deliberate foul, the offending contestant shall receive only such percentage of his compensation or purse as the Board shall designate. The remainder of such purse shall be deemed a fine and be forfeited to the Board of Boxing.

B. Refusal To Enter Ring. If a boxer refuses to enter the ring unless he is paid in advance, his purse shall be turned over to the Board or its official representative. If he then refuses to enter the ring he shall be barred from boxing in Minnesota.

C. Forfeiture of Fees. In the case of suspension or revocation of a license, the license fee shall be forfeited to the Board.

CHAPTER SIX - GENERAL RULES GOVERNING WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL BOXING

4 MCAR § 9.601 JURISDICTION.

All professional women's boxers, promoters, managers, seconds, and boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests are under the jurisdiction of the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.602 INCORPORATION.

Except to the extent inconsistent with specific provisions of Chapter Six of these rules, Chapters One, Three, Four, and Five of these rules shall apply to women's professional boxers, promoters, managers, seconds, and boxing or sparring exhibitions, matches, and contests.

4 MCAR § 9.603 CERTAIN EXHIBITIONS, MATCHES, AND CONTESTS PROHIBITED.

There shall be no boxing exhibitions, matches, or contests between a male and a female boxer.

4 MCAR § 9.604 PRE-BOUT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF NON-PREGNANCY.

The pre-bout physical examination of each female contestant shall include all matters the examining physician may deem necessary and appropriate. Each contract involving a female contestant must contain the attestation by each contestant that she is not pregnant and each contestant shall so attest by affidavit to the Board.

4 MCAR § 9.605 ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

Prior to receipt of an original boxing license or the annual renewal of said license, each female boxer shall have a medical examination which includes a pelvic examination.

4 MCAR § 9.606 WEIGHTS.

Unless authorized by the Board, all exhibitions, matches, and contests shall be conducted only in the following weight classifications, the difference in weights allowable indicated in parentheses:

Flyweight	(5).	113 pounds
Bantamweight. . . .	(6).	121 pounds
Featherweight . . .	(6).	129 pounds
Lightweight. . . .	(6).	137 pounds
Welterweight. . . .	(7).	146 pounds
Middleweight. . . .	(8).	154 pounds
Light Heavyweight .	(8).	162 pounds
Heavyweight	(8).	170 pounds
Super heavyweight		all over

4 MCAR § 9.607 SEPARATE DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES.

Promoters shall provide adequate separate dressing room facilities for female boxers.

4 MCAR § 9.608 UNIFORM.

The female boxing uniform shall consist of body shirt, blouse, and shorts.

4 MCAR § 9.609 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

No contestant shall be allowed to enter the ring without a breast protector whose suitability shall be approved by the Board in addition to such other normal and suitable protective equipment as determined and approved by the Board or its official representative.

4 MCAR § 9.610 GLOVES.

Each glove shall weigh not less than ten ounces.

4 MCAR § 9.611 ROUNDS.

Each exhibition, match, or contest shall have two minute rounds with a one minute rest between rounds. No exhibition, match, or contest shall be more than ten rounds.