



# Contest Area Safety

## Scope:

To continue to support health and safety of those surrounding the contest area.

## Definitions:

**Act** – means *Combat Sports Act 1987*

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

## Legislative background:

Section 10(b) Functions of the Commission;

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

## Application:

This policy applies to all contests deemed to be contests under the Act.

## Process:

### 1.0 - Glass Ringside

1.1 - There will be no glass allowed within two and a half metres (2.5m) of the apron. All beverages are to be served in plastic bottles / cups or aluminium cans.

1.2 - Trainers will be permitted to carry glass vial(s) of Adrenaline as the likelihood of injury from a broken vial is minimal.

### 2.0 - Exclusion Zone Barrier

2.1 - The use of a barrier (rope, stanchion or fence type) offers a visual barrier between authorised personnel and the public. The barrier also allows for safe access and egress around the contest area. Barriers must be set at 2.5m from the apron.

2.2 - Where a contest area is set up on a stage or platform, rope or tape type barriers will not be required.

2.3 - Where the use of a barrier (rope, stanchion or fence type) does not allow for safe access and egress (traps the public into sections) then security personnel must be placed at each corner of the contest area.

### 3.0 - Non Registered Personnel Ringside

3.1 - Promoters may have a nominal number of non registered personnel ringside. Non registered personnel must have a specific task to undertake ringside otherwise they will be asked to move outside the 2.5m exclusion zone.

Promoters must also ensure that non registered personnel do not interfere with Commission Representatives, Officials or the Medical Practitioners ability to undertake their duties.



### 3.2 - Non Registered Personnel:

- AV Staff
- MC / Commentators
- Film crew (i.e. Fox Sports)
- Medical Practitioners assistant – must be qualified and over the age of 18 years
- Shadow Officials
- Maximum of 3 Photographers.
- Media

3.3 – Promoters must notify the Commission 5 days prior to the event if there are non-registered personnel that are outside the scope of this policy, seated at ringside.

3.4 - Where film crew(s) are required, promoters must ensure that they have been adequately advised on where and when they are allowed within a contest area. Promoters must also ensure that provisions are made so that they do not block the vision of a Medical Practitioner or Official.

3.5 - Promoters or security staff must take direction and act on requests from Duty Commissioners if there is an issue with any of the non registered personnel.

3.6 - Seating for Commission staff, Officials and Medical Practitioner(s) takes precedence over non registered personnel.

### 4.0- Contest Area Layout

4.1 - Contest areas are to have appropriate seating for Commission staff, Medical Practitioner(s) and Officials. It has become increasingly common for Officials to be placed amongst Commission staff and the MC, Timekeeper etc. By doing this, Judges are being distracted and are not able to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. The Medical Practitioner must be seated next to the neutral corner/stairs.

4.2 – Where a boxing ring or enclosure is placed against a stage, an exclusion zone of 2.5m must be placed between the apron and the first row of spectators.

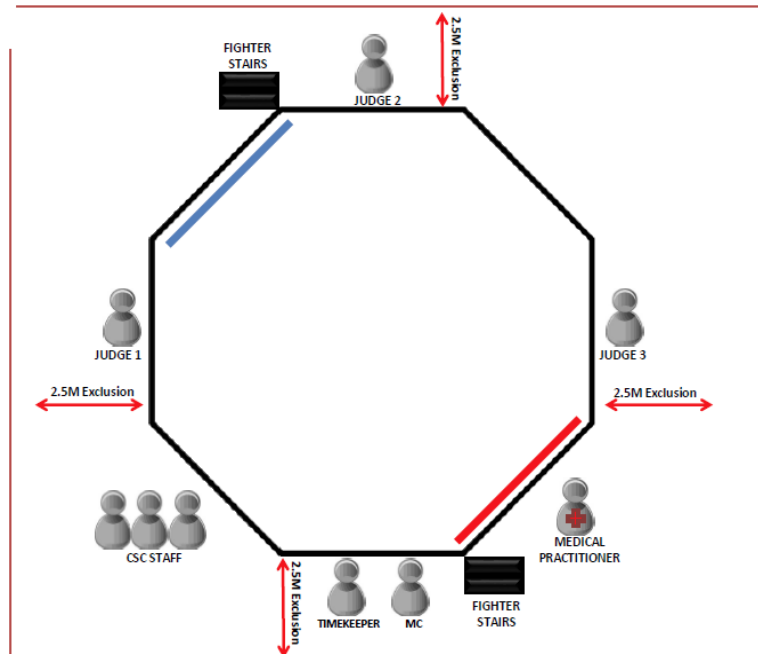
### 5.0 - Additional Procedure Links:

Commission Rules  
Code of Conduct

## 6.0 – Diagrams

### Contest Area layouts

#### Enclosure



#### Boxing Ring

