



# Officials Development

## Scope:

This officials' development policy is to assist sanctioning bodies, whenever possible, with funding to run official development courses to enhance the skills and knowledge within the combat sports industry. The funding by the Commission shall be made to a maximum of three times within a financial year.

For the purposes of this policy, an Official is a Referee, Judge or Timekeeper as outlined in the *Combat Sports Regulations 2004* (the Regulations).

## Definitions:

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

**Industry Participant:** A person who, otherwise than as a contestant, is involved, in a capacity that is prescribed, in conducting or assisting to conduct a contest.

## Legislative background:

*Combat Sports Act 1987* (the Act)

*Combat Sports Regulation 2004*

The Act provides that a function of the Commission;

Section 10(1)(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 Commission supported seminars and sanctioning bodies who wish to provide officials development training courses.

The Commission wishes to ensure that consistent and collaborative industry training is provided.

## Process:

Sanctioning bodies are to apply to the Commission in writing outlining the following:

- Time, date and location of the seminar;
- Seminar outline (course outline);
- Names of the course presenters and their location i.e. local, interstate, international;
- Qualifications or experience of course presenters; and

## Requirements:

The sanctioning body must have an approved set of rules and must include combat sports health and safety guidelines and codes of behaviour into the course outline. Seminars must be open to all industry members.



The Commission may provide funding at the following rate:

- \$400 per Interstate presenter
- \$400 per International presenter
- \$200 per Local presenter

Funding for official's development will only be made available for each sanctioning body including its affiliates, through an official representative for that sanctioning body.

Where there is capacity, the Commission may consider providing funding over and above the above stipulated rates to assist in covering the cost of flights and accommodation for interstate and/or international course presenters.

The Commission requires that upon funding, the sanctioning body and/or seminar organisers acknowledge the Commissions support in the advertising and course materials.

The Commission has the discretion to attend the seminar to ensure that appropriate and correct information is being provided.

**Additional Procedure Links:**

Code of Conduct for Contestants and Industry Participants  
Guidelines and Conditions of Registration  
Commission Rules  
Request for Development Funding