



Registration of Contestants over 35 Years of Age

Scope:

The Commission notes that there is no upper age limit on the registration of Contestants in the *Combat Sports Act 1987* (the Act) or *Combat Sports Regulations of 2004* (the Regulations).

In the interest of Contestants' health and safety, it is the policy of the Commission that all Contestants over the age of 35, are to be medically and physically fit and meet the requirements of registration.

Definitions:

Act – means Combat Sports Act 1987.

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

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

Regulations means Combat Sport Regulations 2004.

Legislative background:

Section 16(3) of the Act permits the Commission to ask an applicant to provide any additional information the Commission needs to decide on an application for registration.

Section 25 of the Act allows the Commission to impose any condition or restriction on the registration of a contestant that it thinks fit.

Section 23(e) of the Act allows the Commission can cancel or suspend a registration of a contestant not complying with the Act.

Application:

This policy applies to all contestants over the age of 35 years up to the age of 50 years.

Related Procedure:

To help safeguard their health and safety, Contestants between the ages of 35 and 50 will be required to undertake a Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR Q) as part of their Certificate of Fitness. Based on the outcome of this PAR Q, the Contestant may be required to undertake further tests to prove their fitness at the direction of their examining medical practitioner.

Process:

The Commission may decline a registration if it feels that a Contestant is not medically or physically fit to be registered in that class or whose health and safety may be at risk.

In the interests of health and safety contestants over the age of 50 will not be registered.



The Commission may require that Contestants between the ages of 35 and 50 undergo specific detailed medical examinations or wear additional protective equipment.

Additional Procedure Links:

Guidelines and Conditions of Registration
Contestant Preparation Standards and Guidelines
Certificate of Fitness
PAR-Q Test