



Suspension of Registration

Scope:

All registered Contestants and Industry Participants are bound by the *Combat Sports Act 1987* (the Act) and their conditions of registration as per Part III and IV of the Act.

Where the Combat Sport Commission (the Commission) finds that a Contestant or Industry Participant has breached the Act or conditions or participates in a sham contest, the Commission may impose a suspension as per s.23 and s.33A of the Act.

Each breach of the Act will be considered on a case by case basis. A person aggrieved by a decision of the Commission or the Minister may apply to the State Administrative Tribunal for a review of the decision as per s.53A of the Act.

Legislative background:

This policy is concerned with Part III and IV of the Act

Section 23 of the Act allows the Commission to cancel or suspend the registration of Contestants.

Section 33A of the Act allows the Commission to cancel or suspend the registration of Industry Participants.

Section 53A of the Act provides for a person aggrieved by a Commission decision to appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal.

Application:

This policy applies to all registered Contestants and Industry Participants.

Related Procedure:

Conditions of Suspension

If the conditions of a suspension are breached, the individual will be required to appear before the Commission at a convened tribunal hearing. If an individual fails to appear, the Commission will make a decision regarding their suspension in their absence.

Process

Where a Contestant or Industry Participant receives a suspension, the individual is suspended in all classes and cannot act in any capacity until the suspension is completed.

The following conditions must be upheld for the period of any suspension for any class or capacity listed below;

Contestant:

Whilst under suspension, a Contestant cannot:

- Compete in a contest;
- Be issued a clearance to compete in another jurisdiction;
- Assist a Trainer in the preparation of another Contestant at a contest; or
- Assist a Trainer ringside or enter the contest area



Trainer:

Whilst under suspension, a registered Trainer cannot:

- Assist a Contestant during a weigh-in;
- Act as a Trainer during a contest;
- Participate in the wrapping of a Contestant's hands or general preparation at a contest;
- Vocalise instructions from the audience during a contest; or
- Enter the contest area for the entirety of the promotion.

Promoter:

Whilst under suspension, a Promoter cannot:

- Promote a contest;
- Apply for a promotion permit; or
- Assist in the promotion of another contest.

A permit may only be submitted once the suspension period has been completed and 42 days prior to the promotion.

Match Maker:

Whilst under suspension, a Matchmaker cannot:

- Act in the capacity of a Matchmaker for a promotion; or
- Be named as a Matchmaker on a promotion permit.

Manager:

Whilst under suspension, a Manager cannot:

- Negotiate contests for a Contestant; or
- Assist a Contestant to enter into a contract.

Official:

Whilst under suspension, an Official cannot:

- Act in an official capacity of a Referee, Judge or Timekeeper; or
- Be listed on a promotion permit.

All Contestants and Industry Participants under suspension must not enter the 2.5m exclusion zone.

Additional Procedure Links:

Code of Conduct for Contestants and Industry Participants.
Guidelines and Conditions of Registration