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PROMOTERS GUIDE TO COMBATIVE SPORTS EVENTS

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# MMA Promoter Guide

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# Rules and Statutes

It is very important when one considers application for a promoter license, to take the time to familiarize oneself with the laws and rules of Oregon pertaining to combative sports.

Oregon State Athletic Commission statutory authority is contained in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 463 – Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts and Entertainment Wrestling, these laws can be found online at: [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills\\_laws/ors/ors463.html](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors463.html)

Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) is the official compilation of rules and regulations having the force of law in Oregon. These are the regulatory and administrative corollary to the Oregon Revised Statutes, and can be found at: [http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars\\_200/oar\\_230/230\\_tofc.html](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_200/oar_230/230_tofc.html)

# Pre- Event Preparation

**STEP 1: Submit at least 60 days prior to event**

Check Submit: ✓	Requirements:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Event Application</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Seating Plan Filed w/ Director</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Register Fight Card w/ ABC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fight Card Weights</b>

Event applications should be submitted a minimum of 60 days prior to the event date. A seating plan must accompany an event application. Upon submission of the event application, OSAC staff will immediately ask physicians and officials for their availability. Once a physician has accepted the event, and there are sufficient officials available for the event, OSAC will email the promoter an official event approval. This approval will provide event details including date, time and location of weigh-in and pre-fight medicals as approved by the director. Please take the time to review the details to avoid any issues as the event date approaches.

**MMA Event Application**

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/901\\_1\\_Promoter\\_Event\\_Application\\_MMA.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/901_1_Promoter_Event_Application_MMA.pdf)

Upon approval of the event and the seating plan, we ask that the promoter register their fight card on the ABC Mixed Martial Arts Database. It is very important that as bouts are scheduled, cancelled and as competitors change, the ABC site continues to be updated. The Executive Director must approve all bouts and is unable to do so if the card is not maintained on ABC.

- Letter to Promoters <https://abc.mixedmartialarts.com/includes/downloads/PromotersLetter.pdf>
- Instructions <https://abc.mixedmartialarts.com/includes/downloads/PromotersManual.pdf>
- Login <http://abc.mixedmartialarts.com>

Weights and weight class information is not relayed over the ABC MMA Database; please forward competition weights for each bout scheduled to OSAC.

# Event Prep Deadline

## STEP 2: Submit a minimum of 4 working days prior to event

Check✓ Submit:	Requirements:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensing of Competitors - Complete</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensing of Professional Seconds - Complete</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hotel reservations for officials if applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pro Competitor Contracts</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pay Officials Fees</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medical Insurance / Pre-filled and Signed Claim Form</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Paramedic and Dedicated Ambulance</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pre-fight Plan</b>

### LICENSING OF COMPETITORS

OSAC understands that the process of ensuring all competitors are licensed is a challenging and stressful affair for promoters. Promoters are encouraged to require competitors to become licensed as a precursor to being added to the fight card. It is our strong belief that in doing so, card modifications will be greatly reduced, competitor training time will be increased, and preparation for the official weigh-in can be conducted more safely over a longer period of time. A decrease in the need for last minute substitutions due to incomplete license applications would greatly reduce promoter stress.

All applications for competitor licensure must be complete 4 days prior to the commencement of the event. OSAC may make adjustments to this deadline based on holiday schedules or multiple events scheduled for the same date. As a benefit to the promoter, OSAC will provide a weekly update to the Competitor Requirements Form, with more frequent updates the two weeks leading up to the event.

### **NO MONEY OR PAPERWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE OR AT WEIGH-INS**

License Requirements: All competitors are required to hold a National MMA ID card and be licensed by the Oregon State Athletic Commission to participate in MMA events in Oregon. Requirements for licensure vary based upon license type. Both are issued by the athletic commission. The National ID is valid for 5 years. The OSAC license is valid for 1 year from issuance.

National MMA ID Card (required for all MMA competitors)

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/302\\_ABC\\_MMA\\_Application.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/302_ABC_MMA_Application.pdf)

No Fee

2 forms of valid government issued ID

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Amateur MMA

Oregon Application for Amateur MMA

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/301\\_Amateur\\_MMA\\_License\\_Application.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/301_Amateur_MMA_License_Application.pdf)

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\$10 Fee (Can be paid by phone)

Blood Results collected within the past 30 days

HIV: HIV 1/2 serium AB (HIV 1/2 antibodies, EIA with confirmation, CPT Code 86703)

Hepatitis B: HBsAg (Hepatitis B surface antigen, CPT Code 87340)

Hepatitis C: HCAb (Hepatitis C antibody, CPT Code 86803)

Note: To avoid timing issues, competitors should get blood drawn and submit blood results and application as soon as possible.

Pro MMA

Oregon Application for Professional MMA

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/201\\_Pro\\_MMA\\_License\\_Application.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/201_Pro_MMA_License_Application.pdf)

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\$15 Fee (Can be paid by phone)

Blood Results collected within the past 30 days

HIV: HIV 1/2 serium AB (HIV 1/2 antibodies, EIA with confirmation, CPT Code 86703)

Hepatitis B: HBsAg (Hepatitis B surface antigen, CPT Code 87340)

Hepatitis C: HCAb (Hepatitis C antibody, CPT Code 86803)

Report of Physical Exam (completed by physician within 30 days of the application submission date)

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/101\\_Report\\_of\\_Physical\\_Exam.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/101_Report_of_Physical_Exam.pdf)

**Note:** To avoid timing issues, competitors should get blood drawn, physical exam and submit with blood results and application as soon as possible.

PROFESSIONAL SECONDS/MANAGERS

\*All Seconds/Managers for Professional bouts are required to be licensed by the Oregon State Athletic Commission or they will not be allowed to accompany the competitor to the cage, enter the cage between rounds, or sit cage side to coach a professional competitor.

Oregon Application for Professional Seconds

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/1103\\_Seconds\\_License\\_Application.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/1103_Seconds_License_Application.pdf)

\$15.00 Fee (Can be paid by phone)

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Managers Application

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/1101\\_Manager\\_Application.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/1101_Manager_Application.pdf)

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\$40.00 (Can be paid by phone)

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR OFFICIALS

Two weeks prior to the event, OSAC will provide the promoter with a list of officials requesting hotel accommodations. Hotel information should be provided to OSAC for notification to impacted officials.

## OFFICIALS FEES INVOICE

Approximately 2 weeks prior to the event OSAC will provide the promoter with an invoice for officials fees to be paid by the promoter in the form of an official check or by credit/debit card 4 days prior to the event commencement.

Fees are calculated as follows:

Referee:	\$.25 per mile*
Judge:	\$.25 per mile*
Timekeeper:	\$.25 per mile*
Inspector:	\$50 + \$.25 per mile*
Physician:	\$300

\*Mileage is calculated at \$0.25 per mile round trip from home address to venue and return to home address. Mileage is only applied to person's living  $\geq$  40 miles round trip from the venue. This number is calculated using map quest by OSAC staff.

The number of officials scheduled is based on the scope and scale of the event and any special circumstances/requirements of the event/venue. Televised events, pro bouts on the card, larger number of bouts on the card, etc., may require additional officials. OSAC strives to control costs to the promoter by assigning officials that live in close proximity to the event, but it is not always possible.

**NOTE:** Please be aware that these fees are subject to change as we continue to review and revise our administrative rules. We welcome the public to be involved in this rule making process. Licensed promoters are already receiving notification of the dates and times of meeting of the Rules Advisory Committee, meetings of the board that makes up the Oregon State Athletic Commission as well as Notifications of Public Hearings for rule changes. These meetings are also posted to the OSAC website calendar of events.

At a minimum there will be the following officials assigned to each event:

1 Referee  
3 Judges  
1 Timekeeper  
4 Inspectors  
2 Doctors

## PRO FIGHTER CONTRACTS

Contracts for professional competitors must be submitted for approval 4 days prior to the commencement of the scheduled event. Each contract must be signed by the promoter and the competitor.

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/MMA\\_Fighter\\_Promoter\\_Contract.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/MMA_Fighter_Promoter_Contract.pdf)

Contracts must contain at least the following components:

- Total Purse Amount
- The scheduled date, location and time of the contest or exhibition
- A 20% penalty for failure to make the agreed upon weight limit at the official weigh in conducted by the commission.
- Any deductions from the competitor's purse must be stipulated in the contract, or will not be allowed.

Competitors shall be paid in full according to their contracts. Any deduction from the purse for any reason must be documented in the contract and approved by the Executive Director.

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

The promoter of any Mixed Martial Arts event shall provide insurance coverage for each competitor to provide medical, surgical and hospital care for the competitors who are injured while engaging in a contest or exhibition.

Professional Coverage Minimums:

- \$20,000 for medical treatment of injuries sustained by the competitor while participating in the event.
- \$50,000 death benefit payable to the estate of any competitor should death occur from injuries received while participating in a mixed martial arts contest or exhibition.

Amateur Coverage Minimums:

- \$10,000 for medical treatment of injuries sustained by the competitor while participating in the event.

The competitor may not be required to pay a deductible for the medical, surgical or hospital care for injuries the competitor sustains while engaging in a contest or exhibition.

Please submit a prefilled and signed insurance claim form to save time in providing the information to an injured competitor after a bout.

## PARAMEDIC AND DEDICATED AMBULANCE

It is the promoter's responsibility to ensure safety for the competitors, officials and spectators. This includes the responsibility to provide an onsite ambulance. There must be at least one licensed paramedic.

## PRE-FIGHT PLAN

There must be a written pre-fight plan and route to remove an injured competitor from the ringside and arena. The promoter shall provide a copy of the plan to the Director no later than 4 days prior to the commencement of the event. The plan must include the location of nearest continuously physician-staffed emergency room and the location of the nearest neurosurgical facility.

# Private Security

Private Security Services – Anyone performing these duties must be licensed by the state of Oregon to perform such duties.

Means the performance of at least one of the following activities:

- (a) Observing and reporting unlawful activity;
- (b) Preventing or detecting theft or misappropriation of any goods, money or other items of value;
- (c) Protecting individuals or property, including, but not limited to proprietary information, from harm or misappropriation;
- (d) Controlling access to premises being protected or, with respect to a licensee of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, controlling access to premises at an entry to the premises or any portion of the premises where minors are prohibited;
- (e) Securely moving prisoners;
- (f) Taking enforcement action by detaining persons or placing persons under arrest under ORS 133.225; or
- (g) Providing canine services for guarding premises or for the detection of unlawful devices or substances.

## Certification/Licensure Types

**"Private Security Professional"** means an individual who performs, as the individual's primary responsibility, private security services for consideration, regardless of whether the individual, while performing private security services, is armed or unarmed or wears a uniform or plain clothes, and regardless of whether the individual is employed part-time or full-time to perform private security services.

### **"Executive Manager" means a person:**

- (a) Who is authorized to act on behalf of a company or business in matters of licensure and certification;
- (b) Who is authorized to hire and terminate personnel;
- (c) Whose primary responsibility is the management of certified private security professionals; and
- (d) Who has final responsibility for a company's or business's compliance with the ORS 181.870 to 181.991.

Each business, employer or entity with private security professional staff of at least one person must designate an individual to perform the duties of an executive manager as described in these rules. This provision applies to any business, employer or entity that provides private security services within this state, regardless of whether the business, employer or entity is located in or out of this state.

**"Supervisory Manager"** means an employee of, or a person supervised by, an executive manager who has as a primary responsibility the supervision of certified private security professionals.

You may contact the DPSST with any private security questions – Private Security at 503-378-5831 for information or check the website at <http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/PS/pages/index.aspx>

## Exemptions

There is an exemption for individuals that are providing crowd management or guest services. This would be described as a ticket taker, an usher, a parking attendant, or event staff.

This section applies only:

(a) To a person who is not:

(A) Armed;

(B) Permitted to initiate confrontational activities, including physical contact and the confiscation of property; or

(C) Hired with the primary responsibility of taking enforcement action as described in ORS 181.870 (8)(f);

(b) If there is at least one person on-site who is certified or licensed under ORS 181.878 for every 10 or fewer uncertified persons performing the services described in subsection (1)(k) of this section;

(c) If any enforcement action, as described in ORS 181.870 (8)(f), other than incidental or temporary action, is taken by or under the supervision of a person certified or licensed under ORS 181.878; and

(d) During the time when a crowd has assembled for the purpose of attending or taking part in an organized event, including pre-event assembly, event operation hours and post-event departure activities.

## Additional Requirements

(1) A person performing crowd management, event or guest services who is armed, permitted to initiate confrontational activities, hired with the primary responsibility of taking enforcement action as described in ORS 181.870(8)(f), or performing any other private security service must be certified or licensed as described in the Act and these rules. (meaning certified as a private security professional and meeting the requirement with having an executive manager)

(2) Crowd Management, Event Services, or Guest Service managers, contractors or companies who employ individuals to provide private security services must:

(a) Employ or contract with a licensed executive manager;

(b) Require individuals performing or expected to perform private security services obtain certification;

(c) Require all individuals who supervise certified private security professionals or crowd management, event or guest services staff to be licensed in accordance to OAR 259-060-0130;

(d) Provide one certified private security professional on-site for every 10 or fewer crowd management or event staff;

(e) Provide documentation confirming private security certifications, licenses and appropriate staffing ratio found in (1)(d) upon request; and

(f) Provide crowd management staff technological communication or visibility of a certified private security professional when action is needed as required in ORS 181.871.

(3) Pursuant to ORS 181.871, non-certified and non-licensed staff performing crowd management can only be used during a time when a crowd has assembled for the purpose of attending or taking part in an organized event, including pre-event assembly, event operation hours and post-event departure activities.

(4) Civil penalties may be assessed for violation of these rules in accordance with OAR 259-060-0450.

### Compliance

(1) The Department may cause administrative proceedings or court action to be initiated to enforce compliance with the Act and these rules.

(2) Violations. The Department may find violation and recommend assessment of civil penalties upon finding that a private security provider, individual, business or entity has previously engaged in or is currently engaging in any of the following acts:

- (a) Providing private security services without valid certification or licensure or Temporary Work Permit;
- (b) Failure to submit properly completed forms or documentation in a time frame as designated by the Department;
- (c) The falsification of any documents submitted to the Department;
- (d) Failure to cease providing private security services upon issuance of a cease and desist order, expiration of certification or licensure, notice of termination, suspension, denial or revocation;
- (e) Failure to complete required training as prescribed in OAR 259-060-0060;
- (f) Failure to report criminal charges as required in ORS 181.885;
- (g) Providing training without a valid certification;
- (h) Failure of a private security instructor to instruct the full Department-approved curriculum;
- (i) Failure to terminate employment as a private security provider of an individual whose application has been terminated, or whose certification or licensure has been suspended, denied or revoked, upon notice from the Department to do so;
- (j) Employing private security providers who have not completed the training and application process required under the Act and these rules;
- (k) Failure to employ a licensed executive manager;
- (l) Failure to provide technological communication or visibility of a certified security professional to crowd management staff;
- (m) Failure to provide documentation of one certified security professional to ten crowd management staff;
- (n) Expecting crowd management staff to perform security services duties other than the duties incidental to crowd management; or
- (o) Any other violation of requirements of the Act or these rules.

# Weigh-In

## STEP 3: Weigh In (OAR 230-030-150)

Check✓ Submit:	Tasks:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Date/Time/Location approved by OSAC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Table and chairs for commission use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Flat area surface for the official scale</b>

See OAR 230-030-150 for additional information regarding weigh-in requirements.

- No competitor will be allowed to weigh-in unless properly licensed.
- The official weigh-in must be within 24 hours of the commencement of the event.
- The weigh-in time and place must be approved by the Director, and conducted in the presence of the Director or an authorized representative.
- Scales approved by the Director shall be utilized for the official weigh-in.
- Championship or title bouts are not allowed a 1 pound allowance, the competitors must be at or below the agreed upon weight.
- Professional boxing or MMA competitor who fails to make the weight agreed upon in his or her bout agreement forfeits 20% of his or her purse to his or her opponent, if they are unable to make the agreed upon weight in the allotted time period, and the bout takes place. If the professional competitor is able to make the agreed upon weight or weighs less than 1 pound outside the agreed limits, no forfeit may be imposed or fine assessed upon the competitor.
- Any competitor late to the weigh-in may face disciplinary action for both the competitor and the competitor's manager.
- If competitor is 5% or more over the agreed upon weight, competitor may be disqualified and both competitor and manager may face disciplinary action.
- If competitor shows evidence of significant dehydration, of having taken diuretics or other drugs or having used any other harsh modality, the examining physician or medical personnel may disqualify the competitor and recommend disciplinary action.
- There is one official weigh in, no exceptions will be made for individuals unable to attend the official weigh in.

# Pre-Fight Medicals

## STEP 4: Prefight Medical Exams

Check✓ Submit:	Tasks:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Date/Time/Location approved by OSAC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Restroom Access</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Space w/ table and chair for physician</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Privacy</b>

- Competitors must be properly licensed to participate in Pre-Fight medical Exams
- Any competitor late to the pre-fight medical exams may face disciplinary action for both the competitor and the competitor's manager.
- If competitor shows evidence of significant dehydration, of having taken diuretics or other drugs or having used any other harsh modality, the examining physician or medical personnel may disqualify the competitor and recommend disciplinary action.

# Event Day Requirements

## STEP 5: Event Day

Check✓ Submit:	Tasks:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Provide Access passes for officials</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Inspection of the cage &amp; secure fenced area (230-140-0040)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Official fight cards for OSAC officials at rules meeting (15-20)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rules Meeting (230-030-0280)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Meeting with licensed security staff</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Water ringside for officials</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cleanser for Cage (bleach solution in chemical sprayer with wand is ideal) &amp; dedicated person to clean</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Towels for cage side (25)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dressing rooms for Red/Blue</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dedicated person to control the cage door</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Alcohol: only serve in paper/plastic cups (no cans/bottles allowed in venue) and no alcohol allowed inside secure fenced area.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No one under 18 allowed within the secure fenced area</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Immediately after event, disburse any purses to Pro-competitors w/ OSAC Rep</b>

### ACCESS PASSES

Promoter shall provide access passes to the OSAC representatives for each official.

## DISBURSMENT OF PURSE/WIN MONEY TO PRO COMPETITORS

Checks for Pro-Competitors should be ready and given to OSAC representative before commencement of the event. OSAC will disburse purse and any applicable win money after the completion of the event. Professional competitors will sign a purse receipt in approval of the amount and proof of receipt.

# Post Event Requirements

## STEP 6: Post Event (within 72 hours of event end)

Check/Submit:	Tasks:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Submit Ticket Sales and Gross Receipts Form</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Submit 6% Gross Tax on Receipts Calculated on "Ticket Sales and Gross Receipts Form"</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Review commissions noted concerns for future event improvement</b>

### TICKET SALES / GROSS RECEIPTS

Ticket stubs not audited by the Director's office must be retained by the promoter for six months, each show stored separately and available upon request.

ORS 463.320, the amount of the tax is six percent of the total gross receipts from the sale of tickets or other fees charged for admission to the event. The written report and six percent is due within 72 hours of the completion of the event.

### Promoter's Ticket Sales and Total Gross Receipts Tax Report

[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/901\\_4\\_Ticket\\_Sales\\_and\\_Gross\\_Receipts.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/OSAC/Documents/901_4_Ticket_Sales_and_Gross_Receipts.pdf)

Event financial information must be retained for a period of no less than 5 years.

Ticket stubs are to be kept for 6 months, each event stored separately, and available for review at the request of the commission.

Event records are to be kept and available for review for 5 years, and available for review at the request of the commission.

**Disclaimer: This promoter checklist is merely a tool to assist in the promoter's event planning process. It does not replace any governing rules or statutes set forth by the Oregon State Athletic Commission to regulate professional boxing, mixed martial arts, or entertainment wrestling. There is no substitute for familiarizing yourself with the governing rules and statutes.**