

Chapter 22 Wrestling Events

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2200 APPLICABILITY

2200.1 This chapter applies to wrestling events, professional and amateur, in the District of Columbia and to the participants in these events.

2200.2 Chapter 20 of this title (Boxing and Wrestling General Rules and Procedures) supplements this chapter.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753 (May 20, 1988).

AUTHORITY: Unless otherwise noted, the authority for this chapter is Section 7 of the District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission Act, D.C. Law 1-20, D.C. Code § 2-606 (1981).

2201-2202 [RESERVED]

2203 CONTRACTS

2203.1 No person shall promote a professional event in the District without having first entered into a valid written contract, conforming to the requirements of this chapter with each contestant or manager.

2203.2 A contract required by this section shall include the following information;

- (a) The contestant's name;
- (b) The amount of compensation to be paid to the contestant;
- (c) A certification by the contestant or the contestant's manager that the contestant is in excellent physical condition and that the contestant is not concealing any illness or injury; and
- (d) A statement by the contestant that the contestant will report immediately to the Commission if the contestant is approached by any person regarding a bribe or a fake or sham event.

2203.3 The promoter shall provide the Commission with the originals or certified copies of all contracts between the promoter and all contestants at least five (5) days before the event.

2203.4 No contract shall provide for, contemplate, or be conditioned upon the performance by a contestant of services other than participating in one contest.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3754 (May 20, 1988).

2204 PROVISION OF NAMES OF CONTESTANTS

2204.1 The promoter of a wrestling event shall furnish the Commission the names of each contestant at least four (4) days before the event.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3754 (May 20, 1988).

2205 ARRIVAL; FAILURE TO PERFORM CONTRACT

2205.1 A contestant shall report to the inspector in the dressing room at least one (1) hour before the contestant is scheduled to enter the ring.

2205.2 A contestant who fails to perform in a contest for which the contestant or the manager has signed a contract and who does not furnish an acceptable reason, or doctor's certificate in case of physical disability, to the Commission is subject to disciplinary action.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3754 (May 20, 1988).

2206 DRESSING ROOM

2206.1 The inspector is in charge of and shall supervise all activity in the dressing room of each contestant.

2206.2 The inspector shall ensure that contestants and seconds are dressed in accordance with this chapter.

2206.3 No person shall enter the contestants' dressing rooms except contestants, managers, seconds, inspectors, promoters, the promoters' representatives, Commissioners, or any individual the Commission may deem appropriate to ensure compliance with these regulations.

2206.4 The inspector shall ensure that at any time while one contest is in progress the next set of contestants is ready, to enter the ring.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3754 (May 20, 1988).

2207 APPEARANCE OF CONTESTANTS

2207.1 Contestants shall be clean and neat in appearance.

2207.2 The skin of each contestant shall be free from grease, lotions, or other foreign substances.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3754 (May 20, 1988).

2208 ANNOUNCERS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INTRODUCTIONS

2208.1 The announcer shall announce for each contest the names of the contestants, their weights, and other matters as directed by the Commission.

2208.2 The announcer shall announce the decision, and, when the decision has been made by the judges, whether the decision was unanimous.

2208.3 The announcer shall not introduce any person other than the contestants or make any other special announcements without permission from a member of the Commission.

2208.4 The announcer shall not announce a decision to terminate a contest without the approval of the referee.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3755 (May 20, 1988).

2209 THE RING

2209.1 The ring in an event shall be at least sixteen feet (16') square and at most twenty feet (20') square within the ropes. The ring's floor shall extend beyond the ropes at least twenty-four inches (24"). The ring shall be padded with felt, corrugated paper, matting, or other soft materials to a thickness of at least one and one-half inches (1 ½"). This padding shall extend at least one foot (1') beyond the ring's ropes with a top covering of canvas, duck, or similar material tightly stretched and laced into the ring's platform. Material that tends to gather in lumps or ridges may not be used.

2209.2 The ring shall not be more than four feet (4') above the floor of the building or grounds of an outdoor arena and shall have steps for contestants. The ringposts shall not be more than four inches (4") in diameter, extending from the floor of the building or from the ground to the ringpost height of fifty-eight inches (58") above the ring's floor and shall be wrapped in soft material.

2209.3 The ring shall have four (4) ropes. Each rope shall be at least one inch (1") in diameter. The lowest rope shall be thirteen inches (13") above the ring's floor; the second lowest rope shall be twenty-six inches (26") above the ring's floor; the third lowest rope shall be thirty-nine inches (39") above the ring's floor; and the highest rope shall be fifty-two inches (52") above the floor. They shall be held together in the center on each side of the ring with a string extending from the top to the bottom rope. The ropes shall be wrapped in soft material.

2209.4 The promoter shall provide a first aid stretcher which shall be kept under the ring's platform at all contests and ensure the availability of an ambulance on site during the contest.

2209.5 The promoter shall provide a timekeeper's gong, also referred to as the "bell", which is at least ten inches (10") in diameter and adjusted securely on a level with the ring platform.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3755-56 (May 20, 1988).

2210 TICKETS

2210.1 No person, except members of the Metropolitan Police Department assigned to duty at an event, may be admitted to the event without a ticket.

2210.2 Each ticket, except those for the working press, officials, employees, and official photographers, shall have the price, name of the promoter, date, and place of the event printed plainly on it.

2210.3 No promoter shall sell a ticket at a price other than the price which appears on the ticket.

2210.4 No promoter shall change a ticket price or the place or date of an event without the approval of the Commission.

2210.5 Tickets of different prices shall be printed on cardboard of different colors.

2210.6 An inspector shall check the number and location of ticket boxes at the gates, ensure that the ticket boxes are sealed and padlocked, and open the ticket boxes and count the tickets after the event.

2210.7 Each ticket issued to the press shall be marked "Press".

2210.8 A maximum of two percent (2%) of the tickets to an event may be complimentary.

2210.9 Each complimentary ticket shall be marked "Complimentary".

2210.10 The promoter shall provide to the Commission, prior to the commencement of an event at which admission is charged, a manifest or report on the number, kind, and price of tickets printed for the contest.

2210.11 Each ticket shall be separated from the stub when entering through a gate. No person without a stub may occupy a seat.

2210.12 After each event where an admission fee is charged, the promoter and the inspector shall submit and sign a detailed report on the results of the event, attendance, number of tickets sold at various prices, and total gate receipts.

2210.13 At each event, representatives of the promoter and the inspector of the Commission shall supervise the gates and the gate receipts.

2210.14 The inspector shall ensure that the box in which tickets are deposited has two (2) padlocks. The Commission or its officials shall have the key or combination of one lock and the promoter shall have the key or combination of the other lock.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3756-57 (May 20, 1988).

2211 PROTECTION OF CONTESTANTS

2211.1 In case of serious injury to a contestant, the Commission may conduct an investigation to determine if there has been a violation of this chapter on the part of any person.

2211.2 The examining physician shall attend to the contestants at the immediate ringside until the conclusion of the final contest on a program.

2211.3 After the final contest on a program the examining physician shall go to the dressing room and ascertain whether any contestant has been injured in the ring.

If so, the physician shall ensure that the contestant receives the necessary medical treatment.

2211.4 Before engaging in any contest each contestant shall be physically examined at a time and place designated by the Commission by a licensed physician appointed by the Commission. An inspector shall ensure that all contestants comply with this requirement.

2211.5 No contestant may take part in an event without the approval of a licensed physician appointed by the Commission. The physician shall certify the facts of the physical examination.

2211.6 The Commission may revoke or take other action against a contestant's license if it finds that the contestant, at any time before or during an event, has used any drug, alcohol, or stimulant that alters the physical or mental state or the performance of a contestant.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3758 (May 20, 1988).

2212 APPEAL OF DECISION

2212.1 A contestant may appeal the decision of a referee to the Commission if the contestant believes the referee was unfair in any ruling.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3758 (May 20, 1988).

2299 DEFINITIONS

2299.1 As used in this chapter, the following terms and phrases have the meanings ascribed:

Contest--a single wrestling match.

Contestant--a wrestler taking part in a specific contest.

Event--a wrestling contest, match, exhibition, or showing.

2299.2 The definitions in § 2299 of Chapter 22 of this title are incorporated by reference into and are applicable to this chapter.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking at 35 DCR 3753, 3758 (May 20, 1988).