

**[ GAB, July 08, 1993 ]**

**AMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING  
PROFESSIONAL BOXING IN THE PHILIPPINES**

Pursuant to the powers vested in the Games and Amusements Board under Section 7 of Executive Order No. 392, s. 1950 in connection with Executive Order No. 120, s. 1948, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 871, the following Rules and Regulations Governing Professional Boxing are hereby promulgated:

Article 1. Definitions

In the interpretation of these Rules and Regulations, unless the context indicates a different meaning, the word

"Board" means the Games and Amusements Board.

"Promoter" means any individual, association, partnership or corporation engaged in the promotion of boxing.

"Contest" refers to boxing contest.

"Professional Boxer" means one who competes in a contest for a purse and shall hereinafter be referred to as the boxer.

"Purse" means the money prize paid to the boxer.

"Card" means the boxing program.

"Matches" means the pairings of boxers in a contest.

"License" means the privilege given in a professional boxing to a person for the exercise of his profession.

"Permit" means the written authorization to hold a contest.

"Gross Income" means the proceeds from sales of tickets and earnings from films, radio and television.

Article 2. Licenses

The Board may issue licenses to qualified persons holding contest and to individuals participating therein directly or indirectly.

The grantee of a license issued by the Board shall pay the following fees: (Pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 325 and approved under Cabinet Resolution No. 3, Series of 1990).

a. Promoter	-	P 500.00
b. Boxing Manager	-	500.00

c. Referee	-	300.00
d. Boxers: (4 to 6 rounds)	-	100.00
(8 and above)	-	300.00
e. Trainer	-	200.00
f. Matchmaker	-	200.00
g. Stadium Physician	-	200.00
h. Announcer	-	200.00
i. Second	-	200.00
j. Boxing Judge	-	200.00
k. Timekeeper	-	100.00
l. Permit	-	200.00

Boxers excepted, each applicant for a license shall be required to certify that he or she has not been convicted of a crime punishable under the Revised Penal Code or other penal statutes/decrees.

Licensees must be renewed annually not later than the last of February of every calendar year. A penalty of fifty percent (50%) of the basic license fee shall be imposed on late renewals. If the last day of February falls on a non-working day or special or legal holiday, licenses may be renewed without penalty on the next succeeding working day.

#### Article 3. Permit Fees, Bonds and Deposits Required of a Promoter

"No boxing contest or exhibition shall be held without a permit issued by the Board, the fee for which shall be P200.00.

In addition to the above, the promoter concerned must file the following:

- a. A cash or certified check deposit to cover the equivalent of *one-half of one percent (½ of 1%)* of the estimated gross receipts based on the full sitting capacity of the building, stadium or structure wherein the contest will be held. All incomes from radio, television and motion picture rights shall be included in the estimate of the gross receipts.
- b. A cash bond, or a certified check payable upon demand *by the Board* to cover the aggregate purse of the boxers less the advance which shall not exceed thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the purse.
- c. A cash bond, or a certified check payable upon demand to cover the compensation of referees, stadium physicians, announcers, timekeepers and other officials entitled to compensation." (As amended on July 8, 1993)

#### Article 4. Promoter's Responsibilities

The following shall be the responsibilities of a promoter:

- a. Undertake the means necessary to insure peaceful and orderly fights. He shall contact the government authorities of the town or city where the contest will be held and shall see to it that the necessary number of agents of the law for the purpose are assigned therein.

b. Submit to the Board or its regional offices the complete card for approval at least ten (10) days before the date of the contest.

c. Submit to the Board contracts of boxers participating in the card, contact with the owner: operator of the coliseum/stadia or other venue where the fight will be held and the affidavit of the printers of admission tickets. The printer's affidavit shall contain the following: 1) Number and classification of tickets printed; 2) Prices of each and every such tickets; number of patron and sponsor tickets printed, if any, and prices thereof which shall not be less than the highest priced ticket for the contest; 3) Number of complimentary tickets printed which shall not exceed three hundred (300).

d. *Obtain the permit for the contest not later than five (5) days before the day of the contest.*

*In case the promotion is cancelled due to the fault of the promoter, first offense is a suspension of six months, second offense, revocation of the promoter's license.*

e. See to it that there shall be no substitution of boxers except when a request to that effect is filed within *three (3) days* and approved by the Board.

See to it that no additional bout or bouts is/are allowed unless approved by the Board.

f. See to it that boxers are paid their purses immediately after the contest, or if the purse is on percentage basis, after the percentage is determined by the Board, but not more than thirty (30) days after the contest.

g. Furnish new gloves for all *championship contests*.

h. Have on hand three (3) sizes, for emergency use, three pairs of bright green and three (3) pairs of bright red trunks of neat, clean and presentable appearance to be used when both boxers appear with trunks of the same, or nearly the same color.

i. Provide for the use of all boxers a sufficient number of water buckets, fans, powdered resin for canvas, stool for seconds and such other articles as are required in the conduct of the contests. A bucket used by a boxer shall not be used again until it has been washed and cleaned.

j. Make provisions for the announcement of all rounds. *Scores and names of judges to be announced before the final decision.*

k. Submit to the Board a written report on the results of the contests as well as a *statement of receipts and expenditures*. *Unsold tickets will only be considered if returned within the period of fifteen (15) days after promotion.*

l. Pay the one percent (1%) share of the Board within ten (10) days after the date of the promotion. (As amended on July 8, 1993).

## Article 5. Withholding of Purse by a Promoter

At least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the boxers purse shall be retained by the promoter.

The promoter shall, within forty-eight (48) hours after the contest, deposit with the Board sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the boxers' purse, the same to be disposed of by the Board, in any of the following cases when the boxer:

- a. Participated in a "no-contest" bout.
- b. Violated the terms and condition of his contract with the promoter.

## Article 6. Advanced Publicity

A promoter shall not release publicity on any contest without prior consultation with and written approval of the Board.

## Article 7. Purses

Promoter shall pay for the services of boxers the amount agreed upon and said payment shall be made only to the duly recognized manager, the latter being recognized by the Board as the accredited manager of the boxer or to the boxer himself if he has no recognized manager.

Boxers shall not "cut back" any part of the amount paid them to any manager, second, official of the Board, promoter or matchmaker shall accept such a "cut-back" if the same is ordered by a boxer.

Purses on winner take-all basis are not sanctioned by the Board.

## Article 8. Contracts and Agreements Between Boxers and Promoters

Promoters are prohibited from entering into contracts with unlicensed managers and boxers.

Where a boxer has a duly licensed manager, contracts not bearing the signature of such manager will be regarded as null and void except in the following cases:

- a. If there is a pending case before the Board between the manager and boxer in connection with their Boxer-Manager's Contract. In this case, the promoter who engaged the services of said boxer shall be required to deposit with the Board the share of the registered manager *for safekeeping. The case should be resolved within two (2) months.*
- b. If the registered manager is not duly licensed for the current year. In such a case, the boxer shall be allowed to sign the contract for himself and the manager shall not be entitled to any share of the purse.
- c. *Non-appearance of any boxer would mean a suspension of six months. Second offense would be a revocation of his license.*

All contracts, opinions, agreements, etc., to receive official recognition, shall be registered with and approved by the Board at least ten (10) days before the contest to which the contracts, options, agreements, etc., relate.

No option for more than one (1) contest shall be allowed and in no case shall such option be more than six (6) months from the date of the grant thereof or from a particular fight.

If two or more promoters file disputed claims for the service of a boxer, the boxer concerned shall not be allowed to perform until such claims are decided by the Board.

Contracts between promoters and boxers shall include a clause in which the contestant and/or manager certify that the boxer is in A-1 shape and is not concealing any illness or injury.

Any promoter, manager or boxer found guilty of violating any provision of a contract entered into shall be subject to disciplinary action. (As amended on July 8, 1993).

#### Article 9. Contractual Fulfillment of Boxers

Boxers shall fulfill the commitments made by them or by their managers which are embodied in their written contracts.

In case of the non-appearance of a boxer or his disqualification of any cause, the boxer appearing for the contest who is not disqualified shall proceed to fulfill his commitments against a suitable opponent approved by the Board. He shall not be dropped from the card without receiving from the promoter the agreed purse in full.

#### Article 10. Matchmaker

Contest shall be made only by a licensed matchmaker who should have no connection with any boxer or stable of boxers.

A matchmaker shall see to it that boxers are evenly matched in ability and in weight.

A matchmaker shall see to it that the style of the boxers shall be suitable and conducive to an interesting contest *to be approved by the GAB matchmaker*. (As amended on July 8, 1993).

#### Article 11. Contracts and Agreements Between Managers and Boxers

Before a manager can sign for a boxer, his contract to any as such, shall be registered, filed with and approved by the Board.

A fee of *Fifty Pesos (P50.00)* shall be charged for such registration.

Contracts between managers and boxers must be for a definite term which in no case shall exceed five (5) years, renewable by mutual consent of the parties. *For a new boxer, a maximum of eight (8) years*. Its provision must be accomplished in the prescribed form prepared by the Board.

Contracts between managers and boxers shall be subject to cancellation for cause by the Board.

All contracts between managers and boxers where the boxers are under eighteen (18) years of age shall be signed by the boxer's parent or legal guardian.

All releases from contracts between boxers and managers must be duly notarized and shall be filed with and approved by the Board. (As amended on July 8, 1993).