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**CHAPTER 385**
**SPORTS****BOXING CONTROL RULES, 1990**

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**(SECTION 10)**

*[Commencement 1st January, 1991]*

- 1.** These rules may be cited as the Boxing Control Rules, 1990 and shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 1991. Citation and commencement.
- 2.** For the purposes of these rules there shall be established a Bahamas Boxing Commission (hereafter referred to as “the Commission”) which shall consist of a Chairman and eight other members including a Vice Chairman to be appointed from time to time by the Minister and to which the provisions contained in the First Schedule shall apply. Establishment of Commission.  
  
First Schedule.
- 3.** (1) No member of the Commission shall take active interest in or associate with the administration or executive of any promoting body of professional boxing. Disqualification of Commission member.
- (2) No member of the Commission shall take active interest in or associate with any promoter or promoting body of professional boxing or accept payment of any kind from any such promoter or promoting body.
- (3) Any member of the Commission who violates the provisions of this rule shall automatically cease to be a member of the Commission.
- 4.** Subject to any provisions to the contrary in these rules the Commission may appoint such officers and employ and pay such persons and take such other steps as it thinks necessary and expedient for the proper carrying out of its duties. Commission may appoint officers and employ and pay other persons.
- 5.** (1) No person shall hold, assist in holding, or take any part whatsoever in any boxing contest or in the promotion thereof whether held for prizes or otherwise, unless a permit in writing has been first obtained from the Commission authorising the holding of such contest. Boxing forbidden except with the permission of the Commission.

(2) The Commission may at its discretion refuse to issue any permit referred to in paragraph (1) without assigning any reason for so doing or may attach any conditions to such permit as it thinks fit as to the holding of any boxing contest, or may cancel any such permit.

Free access to  
boxing

6. Any member of the Commission and any officer or member of the Royal Bahamas Police Force detailed for the purpose shall at all times have free access to any place in which any boxing contest is being or is about to be held.

Power of  
Minister to make  
boxing rules

7. The Minister may, after consultation with the Commission, prescribe boxing rules and other rules as to all or any of the following matters —

- (a) the registration and licensing and the revocation or suspension of licences of —
  - (i) promoters of professional boxing contests,
  - (ii) professional boxers,
  - (iii) professional seconds,
  - (iv) referees, judges and time keepers, and
  - (v) premises in which boxing contests may be held;
- (b) the information to be supplied to the Commission in respect of proposed boxing contests;
- (c) the provision of medical certificates by contestants;
- (d) the submission of articles of agreement signed by contestants;
- (e) the provision or deposit of prizes or prize money;
- (f) the forms of licences, permits, articles of agreement and any other documents to be furnished by or to the Commission;
- (g) the fees to be charged for any licence or permit and the accounts to be kept by the Commission; and
- (h) generally for carrying into effect any of the purposes or provisions of these rules:

Second Schedule

Provided that until varied or revoked by any such rules, the rules contained in Part I of the Second Schedule shall be in force.

- 8.** Any person who —
- (a) without being duly licensed in accordance with the provisions of these rules, holds, assists in holding, or takes part in any boxing contest;
  - (b) being duly licensed, holds, assists in holding, or takes part in a boxing contest unless it be held under and in accordance with the provisions of these rules;
  - (c) refuses to grant to any Commissioner or member of the Royal Bahamas Police Force free access as hereinbefore provided to any premises in which any boxing contest is being or is about to be held or obstructs any Commissioner or member of the Royal Bahamas Police Force while acting in the course of his duty under these rules,

Offences and penalties

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

**9.** The Commission may by permit in writing either generally or in respect of any specific contest exempt any scholastic institution or any amateur athletic or any other organised association or body from all or any of the provisions of these rules and may in its discretion revoke any such permit.

Exemption from provisions of rules

## FIRST SCHEDULE

### CONSTITUTION OF THE BAHAMAS BOXING COMMISSION

#### *Title and Constitution*

1. The body shall be called The Bahamas Boxing Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) and shall consist of a Chairman and eight other members including a Vice Chairman.

2. The Commission shall be appointed by the Minister responsible for sports.

#### *Objects*

3. The objects of the Commission are —
- (a) to control and regulate professional boxing in The Bahamas and to act as a boxing Board of Appeal;

- (b) to encourage professional boxing in The Bahamas and to promote and safeguard licence holders' interests locally and also in their dealings with boxers and their managers of other countries;
- (c) to promote and safeguard the interests of Bahamian professional boxers throughout the world; and
- (d) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

*Definitions*

4. In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Chairman” means the Chairman of The Bahamas Boxing Commission;

“Commission” means The Bahamas Boxing Commission established under Rule 2 of the Boxing Control Rules, 1990;

“Commissioner” means a member of The Bahamas Boxing Commission;

“meeting” means a conference at which the Chairman and four or more other members of the Commission are present;

“members” means the members of The Bahamas Boxing Commission.

*Chairman and Vice-Chairman*

5. (1) The Chairman and the members of the Commission shall be appointed for a period not exceeding three years.

(2) Any member of the Commission may, by letter addressed to the Minister and transmitted through the Chairman, resign membership of the Commission.

(3) Where a member of the Commission dies, resigns, has his appointment revoked, or automatically ceases to be a member by virtue of being disqualified under rule 3 (3) of the Boxing Control Rules, 1990 the Minister may appoint some other person in the place of such member.

(4) The Minister may by letter revoke the appointment of any member of the Commission if he thinks it expedient to do so.

*Proceedings of Commission*

6. (1) The Commission shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of business, and its meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Commission may determine.

(2) The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Commission.

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(3) The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman and four other members of the Commission shall form a quorum.

(4) The decisions of the Commission shall be by a majority of votes and in addition to an original vote, in any case in which the voting is equal the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the case may be, presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(5) The validity of any proceeding of the Commission shall not be affected by any vacancy among the members or by any defect in the appointment of a member.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the Commission may regulate its own proceedings.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### PART I RULES

#### *Interpretation*

1. In this Schedule, “Commission” means The Bahamas Boxing Commission established under rule 2 of the Boxing Control Rules, 1990 and a boxer’s “trial bout” means a bout consisting of boxing three two-minute rounds.

#### *Alteration of Rules*

2. The Commission may make recommendations to the Minister to alter or add to the rules in this Schedule.

#### *Licences*

3. (1) All bodies, corporations or individuals, engaged in promoting professional boxing, and all referees, boxers, boxers’ managers, match-makers, ring masters, marshalls, trainers, timekeepers and seconds shall apply for a licence so to act. A promoter, referee or timekeeper shall hold only the licence of his category and no other.

(2) All applications for a licence under paragraph (1) shall be made to the Commission, and all applicants, except those applying for a boxer’s licence must appear before the Commission for an interview.

(3) All licences shall be issued and held, varied, withheld or withdrawn at the discretion of the Commission.

(4) Any person or persons to whom a licence is issued, after payment of the fees as herein stated, shall be deemed to have read the rules in this Part, and shall further be deemed to have agreed to submit himself to those rules and to accept any decisions made under all or any of those rules.

(5) No licence holder shall be permitted to officiate at or take part in any contest or tournament held under the sanction of the Commission except in the capacity or capacities for which he is licensed, and no person other than a licence holder shall be permitted to officiate at or take part in any such tournament or contest in any of the capacities set out in paragraph (1).

(6) The expiry date of all licences shall be December, 31st of the year of issue.

(7) Renewal fees for licences shall be sent to the Commission which shall issue a receipt for such fees and any licence holder whose fee is in arrear shall automatically lose his right to function in his authorised capacity.

(8) A licence may be suspended or withdrawn —

- (a) if the Commission considers the holder's conduct undesirable;
- (b) if the holder fails to pay the annual renewal fee or fees after notification;
- (c) in the case of a boxer, if in the opinion of the Commission the boxer is not fit to box or to continue as an active professional boxer; or
- (d) in the case of a referee, if in the opinion of the Commission, the referee is not fit to continue as a referee.

(9) On a suspension of a licence, where the licensee is the holder of a championship, the decision as to whether he shall or shall not forfeit his championship shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Commission.

(10) No licence holder whose licence has been withdrawn or suspended shall be permitted to officiate or take part in a tournament or contest held under the sanction of the Commission.

(11) No licence holder is permitted to take part in any capacity at any promotion where the promoter does not hold a licence of the Commission, and no licence holder shall assist in any capacity at any promotion at which a licence holder or alien under suspension is due to appear.

#### *Disputes, Complaints and Arbitration*

4. (1) Subject to any laws which may apply, a licence holder must lodge any complaint to the Commission and any dispute arising between licence holders out of or upon any contract relating to boxing shall be referred to the Commission.

(2) The Commission shall give to the party or parties to a dispute reasonable notice of the dispute or complaint referred to in paragraph (1) and of the date of the hearing of such dispute or complaint and of the party's or parties' right to attend and to be

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legally represented at such hearing. The posting of a notice not less than seven days before the date of the hearing to the party's or parties' last known address shall be deemed to be reasonable notice within the meaning of this paragraph.

If the parties appear for the hearing of the dispute or complaint the Commission shall proceed to hear the same and shall make a determination in such manner as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit.

If the parties or either of them fails or declines to appear after notice has been given, the Commission may decide any such dispute or complaint notwithstanding the absence of the parties or either of them.

(3) Disobedience to any order made upon the hearing of a dispute by the Commission shall be deemed to be misconduct within the meaning of paragraph (2) of rule 5 of the rules set out in this Part upon the party guilty of such disobedience and any penalty imposed for such misconduct shall be in addition to or in substitution for any remedy at law available to the party aggrieved by such disobedience.

(4) The Commission may upon the determination of any dispute or complaint order that the expenses of attending the case or matter in the dispute shall be borne by all or any one of the parties interested.

#### *Conduct*

5. (1) The Commission may upon a complaint or upon its own initiative, invite any licence holder to appear before it in reference to any alleged misconduct on the part of such licence holder. Misconduct in this connection will include conduct detrimental to the interest of the public, and incompetence. Except under special circumstances, the nature of which shall be determined by the Commission whose decision shall be final, seven clear days notice shall be given to a licence holder called to appear under this rule.

Any person appearing before the Commission may be legally represented or have his case conducted by a licence holder provided that no licence holder who has taken part in any previous deliberations on the case in question shall be permitted to so act.

(2) In the event of a licence holder, either after being heard, or if he fails or declines to appear, in his absence, being adjudged guilty of the misconduct alleged against him, the Commission shall have power to withdraw his licence or to suspend the same for such period and between such dates as the Commission shall decide, or impose such other penalty, including a fine, as it may decide. In the event of a licence holder holding several licences being adjudged guilty of any misconduct which warrants suspension or withdrawal of any one licence, the Commission may suspend or withdraw all licences held by the licence holder.

(3) Subject to any provisions to the contrary in the rules set out in this Part, any licence holder committing a breach of any of those rules shall be liable to the same penalties set out in paragraph (2).

#### *Contracts*

6. (1) All contracts between boxers and managers shall be in writing and executed by the parties thereto in accordance with Form A as set out in Part II of this Schedule and shall be sent by the manager to the Commission's office for registration within ten days of execution, and no contract shall be valid until so registered.

(2) When a contract has been agreed between a promoter or his matchmaker or agent acting on the boxer's behalf, the terms of such a contract shall be incorporated in the form set out as Form B in Part II of this Schedule, and the promoter or manager shall not enter into any arrangement with the boxer or any person acting on the boxer's behalf so as to prevent the boxer from accepting an engagement from any other promoter, except for the length of time covered by Clause 12 of Form B and the option clause allowed for in the said Form B. It shall not be permissible to contract out of this rule.

#### *Finance*

7. (1) The Commission shall deal with Funds as directed by the Minister responsible for Sports.

(2) Where necessary or desirable, the Commission may, in consultation with the Minister, adjust or vary fees of licence holders.

(3) Funds to cover the cost of the administration of the Commission shall be provided by the Ministry responsible for Sports.

(4) The Funds allocated for the Commission may be applied as follows —

- (a) in payment of the current expenses and other disbursements incurred by the Commission in the conduct of its business or in relation thereto; and
- (b) Honorarium to the Chairman of the Commission on an annual basis.

#### *Steward*

8. (1) A steward may be appointed to officiate at any promotion.

(2) A steward's powers and duties shall be as follows —

- (a) to attend the weigh-in of the boxers;
- (b) to receive reports from any master of ceremony, marshall or any other person responsible for submitting reports to the steward;



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- (c) to see that all rules set out in this Part are carried out, and to settle any disputes which may arise within the rules;
  - (d) to make his report at the next meeting of the Commission following any contest or tournament; and
  - (e) if he thinks fit, to instruct the promoter to withhold payment to any boxer or boxers and to forward any such payment to the Commission's office, if, in his opinion, an enquiry should be held into any matters arising from the contest in which a boxer or boxers took part. The Commission hearing such enquiry shall have power to dispose of such money in its discretion, irrespective of any verdict the referee may have given.

*Promoters*

- 9. (1) All promoters shall be registered with the Commission.
- (2) The fee for registration shall be two hundred dollars per annum, and this shall include the fee for the licence issued.
- (3) The issue of a charity licence shall be at the sole discretion of the Commission and shall be upon such terms and conditions as the Commission may impose. No championship bout shall be held at a contest sanctioned under a charity licence.
- (4) A promoter shall deliver to the Commission's office, at least seven days before the date of a contest, the names of all boxers and officials engaged and the total amount of purse monies. Also, when time permits, details of substitution must be advised.
- (5) The name of the promoter shall be printed on all handbills, posters, advertisements and programmes unless permission is otherwise given.
- (6) Promoters shall declare in writing to the Commission their authorised agent or match-maker, whose signature shall alone be recognized for signing contracts. A promoting company, partnership, association, club, charitable organization or promoting body shall appoint a licensed match-maker who shall solely be responsible for the promotion.
- (7) To ensure sufficient boxing, promoters may advertise two emergency bouts. In the event of emergencies, boxers not taking part in a contest shall be paid not less than twenty-five per centum of the sum agreed.
- (8) In cases of disputes promoters shall furnish all details required by the Commission.
- (9) The Commission shall be allowed access to a boxer's dressing room, and seats shall be reserved near the boxer's corner for the Commission's sole use.

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(10) In the event of disqualification of a boxer at a contest, the promoter shall withhold the boxer's fee (other than travelling expenses) and send the same within twenty-four hours to the Commission's office, together with any claim for expenses incurred by the promoter through such disqualification. The money thus received shall be distributed at the discretion of the Commission, or without prejudice to the foregoing generality, be apportioned between —

- (a) the promoter (if his claim is found reasonable and correct);
- (b) the manager;
- (c) the trainer;
- (d) the sparring partner or partners; and
- (e) the boxer, and

the balance, if any, shall be put into a special Fund or into The Bahamas Boxing Commission Benevolent Fund.

(11) A promoter shall not engage a boxer unless the boxer holds a licence. The onus of seeing that a boxer is licensed is on the manager. A promoter shall not at any one time engage the services of a boxer for more contests than are permitted on Form B set out in Part II of this Schedule and shall not re-engage a boxer until the previous contract has expired. A promoter shall in all bills, programmes and contests use only the name of the boxer as it appears on the boxer's licence.

(12) No business shall be done with a manager unless —

- (a) he holds a licence; and
- (b) the boxer's name is entered officially on his licence.

(13) Promoters shall not accept the signature of a boxer when his licence shows that the boxer has an authorized manager. The suspension of a manager nullifies a contract with a boxer.

(14) Promoters shall engage referees only in accordance with the rules set out in this Part.

(15) Promoters, when engaging an amateur referee or timekeeper, must send the fee usually paid by the promoter for the services of a professional to the Commission.

(16) In contests of six rounds or under, only two seconds shall be allowed in the ring for each boxer, however, in other contests, three seconds shall be allowed for each boxer.

(17) All boxers must be examined by a doctor both before and after each contest and the doctor's reports must be sent in to the Commission if the Commission so requires. A doctor must be within call to give immediate attention to any boxer meeting with an accident during a contest.

(18) The Commission shall have power to prohibit any contest which in its opinion is not in the best interest of boxing.

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(19) The promoter, before engaging the services of a boxer, must in all cases firstly satisfy himself that the boxer is not committing a breach of the rules in this Part or of any previous contract for any engagement. In the event of a boxer engaged by a promoter, being at the time of the engagement or becoming after engagement a member of the Royal Bahamas Police Force or other Military Forces, the contract between the boxer and the promoter shall be deemed to be subject to the boxer's duties as a member of the Force enabling him to comply with the engagement; and if such duties prevent the boxer from fulfilling such engagement, neither the promoter, nor the boxer, nor the boxer's manager shall have any claim against the other as a result of such engagement not being fulfilled. Neither shall a promoter receive any payment from any licence holder by way of commission as a result of such engagement not being fulfilled. A promoter shall not appoint a nominee to act as a manager.

(20) Boxers in any one contest must be engaged at the same weight category.

(21) In all contests the contracted weight must be printed on bills and programmes, and in all cases the number of rounds and duration must be stated.

(22) A promoter may act as his own match-maker without paying an extra fee.

(23) A promoter engaging an alien boxer must be in possession of a valid work permit from the Immigration Department in respect of such boxer. During his stay, the alien boxer shall be subject to the condition that he does not take part in more than one boxing contest promoted in any fourteen days. Permission shall not be granted for more than two alien boxers to appear on any one programme unless under special or exceptional circumstances for which permission must be obtained from the Commission.

An alien boxer when appearing in The Bahamas must be represented by a licensed Promoter who is permanently residing in The Bahamas.

(24) A promoter shall not bill or arrange for a contest or publish in the press that a contest is for a championship or an eliminatory contest for a championship or arrange a contest under championship conditions before obtaining the sanction of the Commission.

(25) A promoter shall not bill a boxer or publish in the press that a boxer holds a particular title unless he has fully satisfied himself that the boxer is officially recognized as holding such title.

(26) Promoters shall be responsible for payment of weight forfeits.

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(27) In all contests weighing shall take place in accordance with rule 21 set out in this Part. A promoter may under special circumstances be granted permission to alter such time as specified in the said rule 21 but permission must first be obtained from the Commission. In every contest the boxer's weight (boxing trunks may be worn during weigh-in) must be announced from the ring immediately before the contest. All contests shall be contracted for a stipulated weight.

(28) A fee of one hundred dollars shall be paid to the Commission in respect of every tournament promoted by a licensed promoter in The Bahamas.

(29) Promoters, if requested to do so, must supply the Commission with all admission receipts taken at any promotion. When a bout is promoted for charity, and against such donation the donor is given a free seat or seats to attend the tournament, the value of the seat or seats so given must be deducted from the donation and treated as "gate receipts" and only the balance placed to the account.

(30) Promoters shall pay purse money to the boxer himself, or in the presence of the boxer's manager, to the boxer's representative if the boxer so desires. Every four-or six-round boxer shall sign for his purse money in a book kept by the promoter and the book shall be open to inspection by the Commission.

(31) Promoters may be required to submit to the Commission for approval, a list of dates upon which, and venues at which they wish to promote tournaments, together with such evidence as to the availability of halls or other matters as the Commission may require. The Commission shall have the power to withhold such approval so as to avoid any one tournament clashing with another tournament, and the decision as to what constitutes such clashing shall be a matter for the sole discretion of the Commission. In the event of a promoter failing to promote a tournament on a date applied for by him and approved by the Commission, the Commission shall have power, after investigating the circumstances, to impose such penalty on the defaulting promoter as it thinks fit. Such a penalty shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

(32) When boxers have entered the ring press photographers shall not be allowed to mount the steps, walk on the platform of the ring, or enter the ring until the contest has been terminated and the referee has given his decision. There shall be no amplification of any statement made from the ring before, during, or after any contest except by the official Master of Ceremonies, the promoter on special occasions, or by permission of the Commissioner-in-charge.

(33) Boxing gloves shall not be used more than twice at any one tournament.

(34) Belts or any emblems shall not be offered or advertised in connection with any contest or tournament sponsored in any way unless permission of the Commission is first obtained.

(35) A promoter shall ensure that a stretcher and other First Aid equipment is available for use at any venue where he so promotes.

*Match-Makers*

10. (1) All match-makers must be registered with the Commission.

(2) The registration fee shall be fifty dollars per annum, and such fee shall include the fee for the licence issued.

(3) The holder of a match-maker's licence is entitled to act as a ring master, marshall, or master of ceremonies in cases of emergency only. What constitutes an emergency shall be decided by members of the Commission or the steward present at the tournament.

(4) A match-maker shall obtain his authority in writing from a promoter before signing contracts on the promoter's behalf, and then shall sign only "for and on behalf of" the said promoter. No person other than a promoter (on behalf of his own promotion) or an appointed match-maker shall arrange or negotiate contests, or in any way carry out the duties of a match-maker.

(5) A match-maker, when obtaining authority as given in paragraph (4), shall see that his name is duly entered on the promoter's licence in the place provided therefor. This entry shall be made at the Commission's office.

(6) A match-maker shall not deduct any commission from a boxer's earnings.

(7) Match-makers failing to adhere strictly to paragraphs (17), (18), (19), (26) and (28) of rule 9 set out in this Part, shall be guilty of a breach of the rules in this Part.

*Boxers*

11. (1) Boxers must be registered with the Commission, and must be seventeen years of age or over, before taking part in a contest or exhibition. Every alien boxer must be in possession of a current boxer's licence issued by his National Federation or Control Board before being granted a Commission's boxer's licence. Furthermore, when considered necessary, an alien boxer shall undergo a trial bout against an opponent selected by the Commission before being granted a licence. The Commission may at its discretion grant licences to overseas boxers on production of evidence of suitable residential qualification in The Bahamas.

No boxer from an affiliated amateur club shall take part in his first professional contest within twenty-eight days of the receipt by the Commission of his application for a licence.

(2) The fee for registration shall be ten dollars per annum, and this shall include the fee for the licence issued.

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The licence must be carried by the boxer always when attending the hall or place of contest and when applying for contests at a promoter's office and must be produced as and when required by the promoter or the inspector.

(3) Boxers over seventeen years of age but under nineteen years of age shall not engage in a contest of more than twenty-four minutes actual boxing and boxers nineteen years of age but under twenty years of age shall not engage in a contest of more than thirty minutes actual boxing.

(4) No boxer shall be allowed to box in a contest within seven clear days from the date of his last contest. No boxer shall appear in a chief contest within fourteen clear days of his last contest. What constitutes a chief contest for the purpose of this paragraph shall be decided by the Commission.

The Commission shall have power to waive this rule (when a substitute is required only) in the event of a boxer winning the first of the two contests in two rounds or under, provided that such waiver shall not permit any boxer to engage in more than one contest on any one day.

No two boxers under the same management or agency shall, without first obtaining the permission of the Commission, be allowed to meet each other unless matched for a championship or eliminating contest for a championship.

(5) If after having contracted to box, a boxer is found neglecting his training, the Commission shall have the power to cancel the contest and to take any further action that the Commission deems necessary.

(6) In the event of illness during training for any specific contest, the boxer or his manager shall immediately inform the promoter, and, if the Commission thinks fit, the boxer must submit to an examination by a doctor appointed by the Commission. In the event of a doctor not passing a boxer fit to take part in a contest, or if a doctor reports after a contest that a boxer is not fit to continue boxing for any period owing to an injury, or if a contest is stopped by the referee, or by the retirement of a boxer, or if a boxer is counted out in a contest, the licence of the boxer shall be automatically suspended until he is certified fit by a doctor appointed by the Commission. Written certification of fitness must be received at the Commission's office at least twenty-four hours prior to the boxer's next contest.

Any boxer who fails to appear at a tournament at the time specified in the contract or otherwise notified to him in writing by the promoter or his match-maker for his appearance shall be deemed to have breached the rules set out in this Part.

Any boxer who loses four consecutive contests may be suspended until he appears before the Commission for an investigation. Both the boxer and his manager may be called before the Commission for such investigation.

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All boxers must be medically examined annually in accordance with Form B set out in Part II of this Schedule when their licences become due for renewal.

(7) If a boxer fails to make the stipulated weight as entered on the contract such failure shall be reported to the Commission by the promoter or inspector, and disciplinary action may be taken under paragraph (1) of rule 5 of the rules set out in this Part.

The boxer, in the absence of his manager, shall produce for inspection by the Commission official at the weigh-in, the signed boxer/promoter contract for the contest.

(8) A boxer must be particularly careful that his correct name is announced by the master of ceremonies before a contest, and if an error is made the boxer must correct it before commencing to box.

(9) All boxers must wear regulation shorts, and have available at least two pairs of boxing trunks of different colours. In cases of dispute with regard to a clash of colours, the Commission's decision shall be final. All boxers must wear jock straps and protectors under their shorts. No protection whatever must be worn on the body above the waist-line

No boxer shall use any substance for massage or for any other purpose which may be harmful or act as an irritant to his opponent before going into the ring.

(10) Boxers, when entering the ring, must have a clean appearance and all wearing apparel and towels must be clean when so entering the ring.

(11) A boxer who is disqualified by the referee at a contest shall not be entitled to receive his fee (other than bare travelling expenses) pending the decision of the Commission in the circumstances, when the Commission may deal with the money in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (15) and (16) of rule 9 set out in this Part.

(12) Boxers or their managers shall not give gratuities to any promoter or promoter's official.

(13) No boxer holding a Commission's licence shall take part in any contest or exhibition outside the jurisdiction of the Commission without first obtaining the Commission's permission. This does not apply, however, to holders of alien licences. Contracts for such contest or exhibition shall not be signed until permission has been granted by the Commission for the boxer to engage in such contest or exhibition. Application for such permission must be made to the office of the Commission at least fourteen days prior to the date of the contest.

(14) Non-payment of purse money to a boxer by a promoter must be reported to the Commission by the boxer or his manager within four days of the contest.

(15) A boxer selected to box in championship or eliminations for championship contests of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas must notify the Commission within seven days after receipt of notice of his selection if he does not wish to take part in such contests.

A boxer allowing his name to go forward for selection will be taken as having indicated his willingness that should a contest be submitted for purse offers he will accept any purse offer approved by the Commission. Failure to so accept shall be considered a breach of the rules set out in this Part.

(16) No licensed boxer shall be trained, coached, or advised within the rules set out in this Part by any person other than his manager or a person who is the holder of a Commission's trainer's licence.

(17) A boxer engaged to take part in the chief contest must be accompanied at the weigh-in and at the tournament by his manager or by a licence holder duly authorised by his manager.

#### *Referees*

12. (1) A referee must be registered with the Commission and on reaching the age of sixty-five years shall relinquish his licence. This age limit may, however, be extended under conditions, and at the absolute discretion of the Commission in any particular case.

(2) Fees for registration under paragraph (1) shall be as follows —

Class "B" Licence — \$10.00 per annum

Class "A" Licence — \$15.00 per annum

Class "A" Star Licence — \$20.00 per annum

(3) The Commission shall appoint all referees.

(4) In the event of a disqualification of a boxer the referee must report such disqualification to the promoter or the promoter's accredited representative immediately after the verdict is given and the referee must send full particulars in writing to the Commission within twenty-four hours of the contest taking place.

(5) Only official score cards in duplicate shall be used, the top copies of which shall be handed to the inspector at the conclusion of the contest.

(6) In chief contests the referee must satisfy himself as to who is the boxer's official second.

(7) In the event of a breach of the rules set out in this Part being committed by a second, which in the opinion of the referee is serious and prevents the referee from carrying out his duties properly, the referee shall have power to order the second from the ringside.



(8) The referee, who must officiate inside the ring, shall at the conclusion of the contest, walk to the corner of the winning boxer and raise the boxer's hand. In the event of a draw both boxers shall be called to the centre of the ring and the referee shall raise the hand of each boxer simultaneously.

(9) When a referee is appointed to officiate in a contest in which a foreign boxer is appearing, the referee shall interview the boxer before the contest in the boxer's dressing room in the presence of the agent or through an interpreter (if an interpreter is required) and the Commission's inspector and shall explain to the boxer the boxing rules pertaining to The Bahamas.

(10) Referees shall name the boxer at fault for holding. Parting the boxers by force should be avoided if possible.

(11) Referees shall not breach rule 20 (4)(c) and (5)(c) of the rules set out in this Part by granting extra time for rest. A referee may instruct the timekeeper to take time off for any stoppage other than a knock-down, but such instruction must be given immediately after the order, "stop boxing".

(12) Referees must determine whether a blow is foul without reference to medical opinion.

(13) If during a contest the timekeeper is taken ill at any time before the last round the referee shall stop the contest until another official has been appointed. The referee shall use his discretion as to whether or not he should order the boxers to restart the particular round or declare the round partly contested as a completed round.

(14) If the referee is injured or falls ill during a contest so as to be unable to continue, the following action shall be taken —

- (a) if a round is in progress, the timekeeper shall ring the bell and so stop the contest; and
- (b) the steward, or failing him the Commission, shall take the score card and appoint another referee to take over the contest. The new referee shall then use the card up to the last finished round and continue the contest from there, starting any interrupted round again. At the conclusion of the contest the new referee shall judge the contest in accordance with the card. If there is no other referee available, the inspector may himself continue the work of refereeing or appoint another licensed member present who is known to have qualifications to act as referee.

(15) Referees when officiating in the ring shall wear clean white shirts and preferably dark trousers. Referees should not wear jackets or waistcoats when officiating.

#### *Boxers' Managers*

13. (1) Managers or agents of boxers must be registered with the Commission.

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(2) The fee for registration shall be one hundred dollars per annum and such fee shall include the fee for the licence issued.

(3) The holding of a manager's licence shall empower the said manager only to train and second boxers whose names are officially entered in his (manager's) licence.

(4) Every manager must enter into and hold a contract (which must be set out in the form appearing as Form A in Part II of this Schedule) with every boxer for whom he wishes to act. The term of such contract shall not exceed three years. A copy of the contracts must be sent by the manager to the Commission together with the licences of both parties within fourteen days of the date of execution and no contract shall be valid until it has been registered with the Commission. Details of any proposed sale, or part thereof, transfer or release relating to a boxer/manager contract shall be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may, in its discretion, require the parties to appear before it before approving any of the transactions. A contract between a boxer and manager shall remain in force for the term therein stated notwithstanding that the boxer shall during that time be or have become a member of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Royal Bahamas Police Force or Her Majesty's Prison Forces, but the arrangement of contests shall be subject to the implied condition that the boxer's duties as a member of such Forces permit his taking part in such contests, and if his duties do not so permit, no claim shall be made by either boxer or manager against each other.

Joint-management of a boxer will not be recognised by the Commission and managers shall not enter into such joint-management contracts.

(5) After each contest the manager must make a detailed written financial statement to the boxer.

(6) In the event two boxers under contract to the same manager take part in the same contest, separate terms must be made in respect of each boxer and both boxers' signatures must be obtained.

(7) When the sum received by a boxer for a contest is twenty-five dollars or under, the manager may deduct not more than ten per centum to cover his commission and expenses. When the sum received by a boxer for a contest after deducting reasonable training and travelling expenses exceeds twenty-five dollars the manager shall deduct twenty-five per centum from the net sum as commission.

(8) A manager applying for a licence as a promoter must return his manager's licence and take out a promoter's licence. In this event he must obtain cancellation of all boxer's contracts. For the transfer he shall pay the additional fee of one hundred dollars and the renewal fee for the substituted licence shall become due on the same date as the renewal fee for his manager's licence would have become due.

(9) A manager shall not appoint a nominee to act as a promoter.

(10) Managers, when engaging the services of a person to act as a trainer to professional boxers preparing for a contest, must first see that the person engaged holds a Commission's licence as a trainer.

The boxer's manager shall appoint the chief second who alone shall declare, if he thinks it necessary, the retirement of the boxer, nevertheless, the referee shall always have full control of the contest and power to stop it at any time.

(11) Licences other than those specified in this rule may be issued subject to the discretion of the Commission.

(12) Managers shall not give gratuities to any promoter's official.

(13) A manager shall be responsible for the settlement of all gymnasium fees incurred by his boxer.

(14) The manager, or in his absence the boxer, shall produce for inspection by the Commission official at the weigh-in, the signed boxer/promoter contract for the contest.

(15) In the event of a manager being unable to attend on a boxer at the weigh-in or the tournament, any payment to a person nominated to carry out the manager's duties shall be paid by the manager from his commission.

#### *Agents for Alien Boxers*

14. (1) Agents for alien boxers must be registered with the Commission.

(2) The fee for registration shall be one hundred dollars per annum and such fee shall include the fee for the licence issued.

#### *Trainers*

15. (1) All trainers must be registered with the Commission.

(2) The fee for registration shall be twenty-five dollars per annum and such fee shall include the fee for the licences issued as trainer and as second.

#### *Ring Masters and Whips*

16. (1) All ring masters and whips must be registered with the Commission.

(2) The fee for registration shall be five dollars per annum and such fee shall include the fee for the licence issued.

(3) Ring masters and whips must ascertain the weights of all boxers boxing in contests at which they are officiating, and report the weights to the promoter's office after each tournament.

(4) Ring masters and whips must see that all boxers are passed by the doctor as being in a fit state to enter the ring, and must examine the boxers' licences and see that they are in order.

(5) It shall be the duty of the ring master or whip to obtain the doctor's signature against the name of each boxer at any tournament declaring the boxer fit to take part in a professional boxing contest. The onus is on the promoter to see that this duty is carried out.

#### *Seconds*

17. (1) All seconds must be registered with the Commission.

(2) The fee for registration under paragraph (1) shall be ten dollars per annum and such fee shall include the fee for the licence issued.

(3) When acting officially all seconds must observe rule 24 of the rules set out in this Part and any other rule made under the Sports Act and relating to boxing and must obey all orders and rulings of the referee.

(4) A second, if ordered by the referee to leave the ringside, must do so in an orderly manner.

(5) The chief second shall be responsible for all persons engaged in his corner and shall alone have power to declare the retirement of the boxer if thought necessary. Such declaration shall not be made during the time a boxer is taking a count. When assisting a boxer, seconds must be suitably dressed to the satisfaction of the promoter and inspector, that is, they must wear clean white sports shirts or clean white cardigans or clean white sweaters. Waistcoats or jackets shall not be worn, and braces, if worn, must be concealed. Clean white towels only are to be used.

#### *Timekeepers*

18. (1) All timekeepers must be registered with the Commission and on reaching the age of sixty-five years, shall relinquish their licences, but this age limit may be extended under conditions, and at the absolute discretion of the Commission, in any particular case.

(2) The fee for registration under paragraph (1) shall be five dollars per annum and such fee shall include the fee for the licence issued.

(3) The timekeeper must have in his possession two stop watches of such make that each second is plainly discernible.

#### *Masters of Ceremonies*

19. (1) All masters of ceremonies shall be registered with the Commission.

(2) The fee for registration under paragraph (1) shall be gratis.

(3) Before announcing contestants, masters of ceremonies must verify that the names given are correct.

*Boxing Rules*

20. (1) All contests shall be decided in a three-roped or four-roped ring with the ropes joined in the centre at each side, and not less than eighteen feet or more than twenty-two feet square and not less than eighteen inches margin of ring floor outside the ropes. The floor shall be covered with canvas over a safety mat approved by the Commission and corner posts are to be padded. Boxers must touch gloves before the commencement of the contest and at the beginning of the final round and must defend themselves at all times.

(2) Contestants must be stripped to the waist, box in regulation boots without heels or spikes, and wear coloured shorts. The boxing gloves shall be of a weight of not less than eight ounces each. Breaking by twisting, removal of padding by fingering and thumbing from the potential part of the glove is prohibited. Contestants shall weigh on the day of the contest. The gloves shall be of a weight of ten ounces for preliminary bouts.

Bandages are permitted for the protection of the hands and if used, must not exceed one roll of 2” soft bandage (W.C.W.) and/or 3’ of 1” zinc oxide plaster tape for each hand. Such bandage must not be applied over the knuckles on the hand.

(3) In all contests a referee (who must officiate inside the ring) and a timekeeper shall be appointed.

In all contests of six rounds or under, two seconds for each boxer shall be allowed in the ring. In other contests, four seconds shall be allowed for each boxer. No boxer is allowed more than four persons in his corner. The seconds shall not give any advice or assistance to the contestants during the progress of any round.

(4) (a) Contestants shall be medically examined immediately after the weigh-in on the date of the contests.

(b) In all contests the number of rounds shall be specified. No contest shall exceed fifteen rounds nor be of less than twelve minutes’ duration except in the case of novice competitors when the contest may be of eight minutes’ duration. Rounds shall be of three minutes’ duration except in contests of ten rounds and under when the rounds may be of two minutes’ duration.

(c) The interval between the rounds shall be one minute.

(5) (a) The referee shall award a maximum number of ten marks at the end of each round to the better contestant and a proportionate number to the other contestant, or, when equal, the maximum number of marks to each contestant.

(b) Marks shall be awarded for “attack”; that is direct clean hits with the knuckle part of the glove of either hand on any part of the front or sides of the head or body above the belt (the belt is an imaginary line drawn across the body from the top of the hip

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bones), and “defence” that is, guarding, slipping, ducking or getting away. Where contestants are otherwise equal, the majority of marks shall be given to the one who does the most part of the leading off or who displays the better style.

(c) If a contestant is down he must get up unassisted (unless the referee decides it is a slip) within ten seconds; his opponent meanwhile shall retire to the farthest neutral corner and shall not resume boxing until ordered to do so by the referee. A man is to be considered down even when he is on one foot or both feet, if at the same time any other part of his body is touching the ground, or when he is in the act of rising. A contestant failing to continue the contest at the expiration of the ten seconds shall not be awarded any marks for that round, and the contest shall then terminate.

(d) In the event of the count being interrupted by the bell signifying the end of the round, the contest and count shall continue either until the boxer who is down rises or until the “out” is reached, in which case the contest shall terminate.

(e) The count shall not continue when the bell signifies the termination of the final round of the contest.

(f) When ordered by the referee to “break” both boxers shall immediately take one step back before recommencing to box. A boxer shall not strike his opponent on the “break”.

(6) The referee shall have power to disqualify a contestant for any of the following acts —

- (a) hitting below the belt,
- (b) using the “pivot blow”;
- (c) hitting on the back of the head or neck;
- (d) kidney punching;
- (e) hitting with the open glove, the inside or butt of the hand, or with the wrist or elbow;
- (f) holding, butting or careless use of the head;
- (g) shouldering;
- (h) wrestling, or roughing;
- (i) not trying;
- (j) persistently ducking below the waist line;
- (k) failing to break when so ordered, or striking or attempting to strike an opponent on the break;
- (l) deliberately striking an opponent when the opponent is dropping to the floor or when the opponent is down;
- (m) ungentlemanly conduct; and
- (n) any other act or conduct which the referee may deem “foul”.

A contestant disqualified for any cause whatever shall not be entitled to any prize or remuneration, except in accordance with paragraph (11) of rule 11 of the rules in this Part.

(7) The referee shall have power to stop the contest if in his opinion a contestant is outclassed or accidentally disabled.

(8) The referee shall decide —

- (a) any question not provided for in the rules in this Part; and
  - (b) the interpretation of any of the rules in this Part on matters arising during the time the contestants are in the ring,
- and the referee's decision shall be final.

*Championships of The Bahamas Standard Weights*

21. (1) The following shall be the standard weights for championships of The Bahamas —

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Flyweight.....           | 112 lbs and under         |
| Bantamweight.....        | 118 lbs and under         |
| Featherweight.....       | 126 lbs and under         |
| Lightweight.....         | 135 lbs and under         |
| Junior Welterweight..... | 141 lbs and under         |
| Welterweight.....        | 147 lbs and under         |
| Junior Middleweight..... | 154 lbs and under         |
| Middleweight.....        | 160 lbs and under         |
| Light Heavyweight.....   | 175 lbs and under         |
| Cruiserweight.....       | 190 lbs and under         |
| Heavyweight.....         | Any weight above 190 lbs. |

ALL CONTESTANTS SHALL WEIGH IN AT 11:00 A.M. FOR  
AFTERNOON PROMOTIONS AND AT 1:00 P.M. FOR  
EVENING PROMOTIONS

When a contestant is overweight he shall be allowed one hour agreed time of weighing to attain the correct weight. If he is still overweight after the hour has expired, no further weighing shall be allowed and the championship title shall automatically be withdrawn from such contest.

The official Bahamian championships shall be controlled by the Commission, and shall be contested under the rules set out in this Part. No boxer may at the same time hold two Bahamian titles in different weight categories. The boxer, on winning a second title, shall declare which one he shall retain and the relinquished title shall automatically be declared vacant.

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In the event of a Bahamian champion becoming world champion (at the same or any other weight) the Commission may declare the champion's Bahamian title or titles vacant; if the boxer in question subsequently loses the world championship he shall be entitled to claim consideration as the first contender for the Bahamian title or titles which the Commission vacates under this rule.

(2) When arranging a championship contest and before advertising the same, the promoter must obtain the necessary confirmation from the Commission that the legitimate champion is participating in the contest, and that the arrangements made are strictly on championship lines as laid down by the Commission. In all championships and eliminating contests the promoter must forward contracts to Head Office within forty-eight hours of the signing and receiving of the same. Also, in a championship contest, the referee and timekeeper must be appointed by the Commission, and one or more inspectors appointed by the Commission shall be present to officiate at the weighing of the two boxers. The referee, directly after a championship contest or eliminating contest for a championship, shall hand over his score card to the chief inspector. The inspector shall hand it to a member of the Commission when making his report. In the event of purse offers being submitted to the Commission, the purse shall be divided sixty per centum to the champion and forty per centum to the contender. In the event of there being no champion, sixty per centum to the winner and forty per centum to the loser, and in the event of a "draw" fifty per centum to each.

(3) Championship contests shall be of fifteen rounds of three minutes each round, with one minute rest between each round. Final eliminating contests for championships shall be twelve rounds or three minutes each round with one minute rest between each round; however, these contests may be varied if the Commission so decides, but shall not be less than ten rounds of three minutes each round.

(4) A contestant for a Bahamian championship must be a Bahamian citizen who is normally resident and domiciled in The Bahamas; provided that a contestant whose birth has taken place abroad during the temporary employment or residence of his Bahamian father overseas shall not be excluded. Birth certificates, if required, must be supplied by boxers to the Commission.

(5) The winner of any championship contest shall retain possession of the title subject to the following conditions under which he forfeits his claim —

- (a) if he is defeated in a championship contest sanctioned and controlled by the Commission and at the weight at which he won his title;
- (b) if he is convicted of a felony or a misdemeanour;
- (c) if he is proved guilty to the satisfaction of the Commission of gross misconduct as a boxer;



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- (d) if he refuses to defend his title after the receipt of a challenge approved and a date limit given for such title match by the Commission;
  - (e) if he is for any reason, including the above contingencies, unable or unwilling to defend his title when required by the Commission so to do, in which case the Commission may, at its discretion, declare the title vacant and select two boxers to meet for the vacant title, or alternatively, commence an eliminating series in connection with the vacant championship;
  - (f) if he ceases to be a licensed member of the Commission;
  - (g) if he refuses to accept sixty per centum of a purse approved by the Commission.

In the event of the Commission declaring the title vacant, it shall have power to impose any penalty upon the immediate past champion which in its discretion is appropriate.

(6) A champion shall not be called upon to defend his title until the expiration of six months from the date of winning or successfully defending the title, except in the case of area championships where he may be called upon to defend his title after four months.

Contenders for championships or contenders' managers, when arranging a championship contest, shall not agree to grant a return championship contest to the champion in the event of the title changing hands. Champions are not allowed to "stipulate" a return championship contest in the event of their being defeated.

A champion shall not arrange to take part in a contest at a weight less than 2 lbs over his championship weight without first obtaining the permission of the Commission. In the case of the heavyweight champion being defeated in a contest not recognised by the Commission as a championship contest, and the opponent being an eligible contender for the title, the Commission may declare the title vacant. No boxer contesting a championship contest shall engage in a contest within twenty-eight days of the date fixed for such championship contest except by permission of the Commission.

In the event of a championship or eliminating contest being submitted for purse offers the boxers concerned must not, without permission of the Commission, arrange for or engage in any other contest until the purse offers have been considered by the Board.

(7) In the event of the champion wishing to defend his title within the six months specified in paragraph (6), the Commission's approval must first be obtained.

(8) The actual weight of both boxers shall not be taken when a champion is boxing in a contest at a weight over the championship weight when his opponent is a possible contender for the title

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held by the champion. Both contestants have only to prove they are not more than the agreed weight. Only when a champion, boxing at a weight over the weight of his division, exceeds the weight contracted for must his net weight be taken. A champion, other than the heavyweight champion, must only engage in a contest at a nominated weight and must not engage in a contest at a weight over the limit weight of a class above except with an opponent in that class. Boxers chosen by the Commission for eliminating contests for championship shall not, after being so chosen, box in contests at less than 2 lbs over the championship weight until the championship series is ended. If his opponent weighs in under the championship weight, the exact weight of the chosen title contender shall not be taken unless he is overweight.

(9) A championship can be lost by default, forfeit, or inability to pass the scale, but a championship can only be won in a contest.

(10) Eliminating contests for championships must be contested in accordance with the rules set out in this Part.

(11) The names of seconds must be declared to the inspector before the contest and no alteration or addition is allowed during the contest.

(12) Gloves used in championship contests must be sent directly to the office of the Commission at least twenty-four hours before the fight. An inspector appointed by the Commission shall take charge of the gloves and hand the same to the master of ceremonies when the boxers are in the ring.

(13) In championship contests bandages approved by the Commission shall be used. Bandages must be adjusted before an inspector of the Commission and stamped when fixed.

(14) In the event of the Commission declaring that a series of eliminating contests shall take place to find the contender to meet a champion at any weight, and before the final of the series has taken place, should another boxer not in the eliminating contest prove himself to the satisfaction of the stewards to be of equal merit to the other contenders, the Commission may approve a contest between the champion and such other boxer as being for the championship on the following conditions —

- (a) that the champion and the boxer both agree that in the event of either of them being declared the winner of the championship to forego the provisions of paragraph (6) of this rule and to meet the finalist of the series on a date fixed by the Commission;
- (b) that in the event of the champion retaining his title, and should purse offers be asked for and submitted to the Commission, the provisions of paragraph (5)(f) of this rule will stand;
- (c) that in the event of the boxer winning the title, should purse offers be asked for and submitted to the Commission, the boxer shall agree that the purse approved shall be divided sixty per centum to the winner and forty per centum to the loser;

(d) that in the event of the champion or boxer refusing to accept the purse approved by the Commission on the conditions as laid down in the rules set out in this Part, the said champion or boxer so refusing shall forfeit his claim to the title, and the Commission may nominate another boxer to meet the winner of the eliminating contest, and the winner of such contest shall be recognised as the champion.

(15) The Commission may withdraw the name of a boxer from an eliminating series in the event of the boxer being defeated after the series has been declared. The Commission may, at its discretion, substitute the name of the winner or another boxer.

(16) In the event of a championship contest being declared a 'draw' the champion shall have no right of claim under paragraph (6).

(17) The Commission shall supply belts for championships of The Bahamas.

(18) In the event of a contest being arranged and advertised to be contested at a championship weight, the Commission shall have power to declare such contest as for the championship and enforce all championship conditions.

(19) In the event of championships or eliminating contests being held, where a boxer participating in such championships or eliminating contests resides outside a distance of one hundred miles of the venue at which the contest takes place he shall report to the promoter the night before the contest.

*Commonwealth, North American and World Championships*

22. (1) Commonwealth, North American and World's championships, when promoted in The Bahamas, must be organised and controlled strictly in accordance with the rules set out in this Part.

(2) A promoter, before staging a Commonwealth, North American or World's championship, must first obtain the sanction of the Commission. In all championships and eliminating contests the promoter must forward contracts to the Commission's office within forty-eight hours of the signing and receiving of the same. In the event of purse offers for Worlds championships being submitted to the Commission, the purse shall be divided seventy-five per centum to the champion and twenty-five per centum to the contender. In the event of there being no champion, sixty per centum to the winner and forty per centum to the loser, and in the event of a "draw", fifty per centum to each.

(3) The Commission shall appoint the referee, timekeeper and inspector for World's, Commonwealth or North American championship contests when such contests are decided in The Bahamas.

(4) For all British Commonwealth and World's championship contests taking place in The Bahamas, the Commission shall supply a belt, cup or emblem to the winner.

(5) Championship contests shall be of fifteen rounds of three minutes to each round, with one minute's rest between each round. Final eliminating contests for championships shall be of twelve rounds of three minutes to each round, with one minute rest between each round.

All other eliminating contests shall not exceed twelve rounds of three minutes to each round with one minute's rest between each round, but such contests may be varied if the Commission so decides, but shall not be less than ten rounds of three minutes to each round.

*Medical Examination of a Boxer Preliminary to Contest*

23. The following observations and instructions shall be carried out at the medical examination of a boxer —

(1) Cardiovascular:

PULSE: The pulse should show no irregularity of rhythm other than sinus arrhythmia or occasional extra systoles and its rate at rest should not exceed ninety beats per minute.

HEART: There should be no cardiac enlargement. There should be no cardiac murmurs, though the presence of cardiac murmur does not necessarily imply valvular disease; however, it would be wise to have a second opinion if a murmur is heard.

(2) Respiratory:

There should be no dyspnoea at rest. Chest expansion should not be less than two and one half inches. There should be no adventitious sounds on auscultation.

(3) Inquiry should be made into any recent history of injury and examination of any part indicated as having suffered injury, particularly facial wounds. Examination should be made of hands and forearm. Examination should be made for tenderness and oedema over carpal scaphoid. Examination should be made for oedema and tenderness, limited movements, and deformity over first metacarpals.

Fingers should be examined to ensure that there is sufficient movement in all joints to allow for a fist being made in a glove. Elbows should be examined for limited movements and tenderness.

(4) Ocular:

It is not practicable to make an ophthalmic examination on the day of the tournament but obvious visual defect should be noted.

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*Equipment to be Carried by Seconds when Working in a Corner*

24. The following equipment shall be carried by seconds when working in a boxer's corner —

1. White petroleum jelly.
2. Sterile cotton wool (best quality).
3. Sterile gauze in small packets (sealed).
4. Surgical spirit (NOT methylated).
5. Orange, cherry or dental stick swabs.
6. Solution of Adrenalin 1/1,000, or such haemostatic as shall have been approved by the Commission as being scientifically efficient and without danger.
7. Blunt-edged surgical (bandage) scissors.
8. Ice-bag.
9. 1-inch elastoplast roll.
10. Soft bandage.

NO STIMULANT OTHER THAN COLD WATER  
SPRINKLED ON THE BODY OR USED AS A  
MOUTH WASH SHALL BE USED.

Seconds are NOT to use the following —

- (a) Iron Chloride Solution;
- (b) Monsol;
- (c) Ammoniated Liniments for massage preliminary to contest; or
- (d) Alcohol.

*The Bahamas Boxing Commission Benevolent Fund*

25. There shall be established, in accordance with rules 26 to 29 of the rules set out in this Part, a fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”).

*Title of Fund*

26. The Fund shall be known as The Bahamas Boxing Commission Benevolent Fund.

*Objects of Fund*

27. (1) The objects of the Fund shall be to raise monies to relieve distressed persons actively engaged or who have been actively engaged in the sport of boxing, and their dependants, by means of gifts, loans, allowances, annuities, or burial expenses, in such cases and under such circumstances as the Benevolent Fund Committee in its absolute discretion shall think fit.

(2) The members of The Bahamas Boxing Commission for the purpose of administering the Benevolent Fund shall be called the Benevolent Fund Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) and the Committee shall consist of all members of the Commission, and any persons outside that body whom the Committee may elect for that purpose.

The Committee shall elect its Chairman as it thinks fit from time to time. The Committee shall raise such monies as it thinks fit from time to time.

(3) The Committee shall have power to delegate any of its power to raise funds to a subcommittee or subcommittees not necessarily consisting of members of the Committee.

#### *Raising of Funds*

28. (1) The Committee shall raise such monies as it thinks fit by subscriptions, donations, legacies, proceeds of entertainment, and in such other ways as it may find desirable. The Committee may incur expenses with the object of raising money for the Fund.

(2) The Committee may from time to time make rules and regulations as to how applications for relief are to be made, and how such applications shall be dealt with, and may from time to time revoke or alter such rules and regulations and make new rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Commission.

(3) The Committee may pay all expenses as may be necessary to administer the Fund, provided that no money shall be paid to any member of the Committee except out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred and vouched for. All monies received by the Committee shall in the first instance be paid into a separate banking account, to be opened in the name of the “Bahamas Boxing Commission Benevolent Fund”, and may be dealt with by the Committee in the first instance by cheque drawn by a trustee of the Fund, and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) All monies exceeding five hundred dollars which are not likely to be required for immediate use are to be paid over to the trustees and dealt with by them as the Committee may from time to time in its absolute discretion think fit, and in particular may be placed on deposit in any bank approved by the Committee.

(5) The Committee shall have absolute discretion as to what portion of the Fund shall be invested, and what portion shall be devoted to current applications and expenses. The Committee shall report annually to The Bahamas Boxing Commission.

#### *Trustees of Fund*

29. The trustees of the Fund shall be the members of The Bahamas Boxing Commission.

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*General Provisions*

30. The Committee shall have power to appoint a Secretary, and may entrust to him any sum of money from time to time as it thinks fit.

**PART II (Rule 6 — Part I of Second Schedule)**

FORMS

**FORM A**

BOXER AND MANAGER: ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

BAHAMAS BOXING COMMISSION

Full Names and Addresses must be entered.

AN AGREEMENT made and entered into this day of One thousand nine hundred and between of (hereinafter referred to as “the Manager”) of the first part, and of (hereinafter referred to as “the Boxer”) of the second part, and of

(hereinafter referred to as “the Guardian”) of the third part WITNESSETH that the said parties hereby agree to enter into the relationship of Manager and Boxer for a period of years from the date hereof.

Not to exceed 3  
years

The Manager hereby agrees to act as Manager for the Boxer and to exercise every possible effort to secure contests and other avenues whereby the Boxer may profit, such as exhibition bouts, music hall, theatrical or cinema film contracts, or engagements as sparring assistant to other boxers in training, or literary contributions to daily, weekly, monthly, annual or other publications, whether actually written by the Boxer or merely such as for which he will accept the full responsibility, or wireless and television broadcasting from which monetary profit may accrue to the Boxer. The Manager agrees wherever possible to negotiate terms for any recommendation the Boxer may truthfully be invited to subscribe to for any advertised commodity or preparation. The Manager hereby undertakes to secure the most advantageous terms and conditions in each transaction and to render a full account of same to the Boxer.

The Boxer on his part agrees that he shall be managed and directed exclusively during the term of his contract by the Manager, and accordingly, to accept all and every match, exhibition, or sparring, music hall, theatrical, cinema film, wireless and television broadcast, literary or other contract as outlined above, made or entered into on his account by the Manager for the term of this contract. The Boxer further pledges that he will keep himself in the

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fittest possible physical condition for the due fulfilment of any of the above-mentioned obligations into which the Manager may have entered on his behalf, and further, that he will not during the term of this contract accept or enter into any arrangement with any other person for any of the above-mentioned purposes without first obtaining the written sanction of the Manager.

It is hereby further agreed by and between the Manager and the Boxer that for any matches, contests, exhibitions, sparring, music hall, theatrical, or cinema film engagements into which the Boxer shall be entered by the Manager, the receipts on account of each engagement shall be divided as follows —

- (a) when such receipts shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars the Manager shall be entitled to ten per centum to cover his expenses and commission and the Boxer shall be entitled to ninety per centum;
- (b) when the receipts, after deducting reasonable training and travelling expenses, and when applicable, the percentage payable to the Commission shall exceed fifty dollars the Manager shall be entitled to twenty-five per centum and the Boxer to seventy-five per centum,

and in each case the percentage shall be the percentage of the whole of the net receipts.

It is agreed that the division of monies applies to all matches, contests, exhibitions, sparring, music hall, theatrical, or cinema film engagements anywhere in The Bahamas, and it is agreed that the division of monies in all other parts of the world shall be thirty-three and one-third per centum to the Manager and sixty-six and two-thirds per centum to the Boxer after all legal and necessary expenses have been defrayed.

It is further agreed that the division of any profits which may accrue from literary contributions, television, film or wireless broadcasting, whether personally or otherwise contributed or broadcast, or from testimonials or other extraneous sources of income incidental to the Boxer's status in his profession, shall be in the portion of twenty-five per centum to the Manager and seventy-five per centum to the Boxer.

Upon expiration of a contract between a Manager and a Boxer, both parties shall be free to negotiate a new contract. No contract shall exceed three years.

This Contract is conditional on the parties hereto being and remaining members of The Bahamas Boxing Commission and shall become void on either of the parties ceasing to be a member thereof except in respect of a claim arising previously thereto.

In case any dispute shall arise as to any matter arising under or out of this contract, and whether the contract has been abandoned, rescinded or determined by forfeiture or otherwise, and whether the



claims arise under the contract or from the breach, rescission or abandonment thereof, the dispute shall be referred for decision in accordance with rules made under the Sports Act and relating to arbitration in boxing matters and shall be subject to the provisions of the same rules as to Appeal but nothing herein shall prevent either party from applying to any court of law for an injunction to prevent a violation of any clause of this Agreement.

This Agreement is acknowledged to be an exact copy of the copy filed with The Bahamas Boxing Commission and all matters shall be settled in accordance with the said filed copy.

The said Boxer being a minor (under eighteen years) I, his legal Guardian, give my consent to this Agreement and agree to become a party to same and guarantee that the said boxer will fulfil his part of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands the day and year first written above.

WITNESS to the signature of the Manager.

Address .....

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Manager's Signature

WITNESS to the signature of the Boxer .....

Address .....

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Boxer's Signature

WITNESS to the signature of the Guardian .....

Address .....

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Guardian's Signature

THE BAHAMAS BOXING COMMISSION .....  
copy received ....., 20 .....

**FORM B**

**PROMOTER AND BOXER: ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT**

**BAHAMAS BOXING COMMISSION**

AN AGREEMENT made this ..... day of ..... 20 .....  
between ..... of .....  
(hereinafter called "the Promoter") of the one part and of  
(hereinafter called "the Boxer") of the other part

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WHEREBY IT IS AGREED THAT:

1. The Boxer shall appear and box at on the afternoon/evening in a contest of rounds of minutes each round against of or such substitute boxer (hereinafter called “the opponent boxer”) as hereinafter provide in accordance with rules made under the Sports Act and relating to boxing.

2. The Boxer shall weigh-in at lbs at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. at \_\_\_\_\_ on the date of the contest. If overweight, the Boxer shall be allowed one hour to attain the agreed weight. If he is then overweight after the one hour has Expired he shall pay a weight forfeit to the opponent boxer of \$

3. The Promoter shall provide in his agreement with the opponent boxer that the opponent boxer shall weigh-in at lbs. (under similar conditions to the Boxer) and if overweight, the opponent boxer shall pay a weight forfeit to the Boxer of \$

4. The Promoter shall be responsible for the collection and payment of weight forfeits. The payment of forfeit money shall in no way prevent the Commission from taking any action it deems necessary under rule 5 or 11 of the rules set out in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Boxing Control Rules, 1990.

5. If the opponent boxer is not more than 5 lbs. above the stipulated weight, the Boxer will box him and shall be paid the agreed weight forfeit.

6. In the event of the Boxer failing to appear and box or to weigh-in as provided above (except under circumstances set out under clause 15(1) of this Agreement), in consequence of which the contest does not take place, he shall pay to the Promoter the sum of \$ damages and any such additional amount as may be assessed by The Bahamas Boxing Commission after being satisfied that such additional amount in damages has been incurred.

7. In the event of the Promoter failing to supply a duly qualified opponent the Promoter shall pay to the Boxer \$ in damages and any such additional amount that may be assessed by The Bahamas Boxing Commission after being satisfied that such additional amount in damages has been incurred.

8. In consideration for boxing as above the Promoter shall pay to the Boxer the sum of \$ or per centum of the gross receipts if the Boxer wins the contest, or \$ or per centum of the gross receipts if the said contest is drawn. For the purpose of this Agreement it is agreed that gross receipts do not include entertainment tax and any fee payable in respect of any broadcast, television or film.

9. In the event of an Agreement being entered into for the said contest to be broadcast or televised, whether by any person, firm or corporation, either in The Bahamas or elsewhere, the Promoter

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shall pay to the Boxer twenty-two and one half per centum of the fee so received. In the event of the contest being filmed twenty-two and one half per centum of the fee shall be paid to the Boxer. Fees in respect of any broadcast, television or film shall be treated as being separate and apart from the purse money mentioned in clause 8. In cases of television or broadcast of boxing contests where the fee is paid for a period of time as distinct from a specific contest forty-five per centum of the fee shall be divided among the boxers concerned in the broadcast or television. In the event of any dispute arising from the allocation of such fees the sum payable to the boxers shall be forwarded by the Promoter within twenty-four hours of receipt to The Bahamas Boxing Commission, which shall decide in its absolute discretion as to the allocation thereof.

10. The Boxer shall, on the signing of this Agreement, deposit the sum of \$ with The Bahamas Boxing Commission as a guarantee of his appearance and his compliance with the conditions. In the event of the contest taking place, the sum deposited shall be returned to the Boxer.

11. The referee shall be appointed by the Commission.

12. The Boxer shall not box publicly or take part in any other boxing bout within thirty days of the date of the contest without the consent in writing of the Promoter.

13. The Boxer, within eight hours of the contest, shall be certified in a fit condition to box by a duly qualified medical officer appointed by the Commission.

14. The Boxer shall, from the date hereof until the contest, conform in all respects to the reasonable arrangements made by the Promoter for or in any way concerning the contest, and shall not be guilty of any act or conduct calculated or which might reasonably be expected to render him unfit to carry out the terms of this contract in all respects, and shall carry out all reasonable requirements of the Promoter which are put forward for the success of the contest and the fitness of the Boxer.

NOTE: Promoters, Managers and Boxers should particularly note lines 3 and 4 of the first paragraph of clause 9.

15. (1) In the event of the Boxer being declared medically unfit to fulfil this engagement he shall immediately notify the Promoter. Furthermore, subject as hereinafter provided, the Boxer agrees not to enter into any other agreement other than those reported to the Promoter before the time of such unfitness before he has fulfilled this contract.

(2) In the event of the contract not being fulfilled within twenty-eight days of reporting fit nothing shall prevent the Boxer from entering into an agreement to box before the date agreed for the fulfilment of this contract, subject always to there being no contravention of clause 12 of the re-arranged contest.

(3) In the event of the Promoter, for adequate reasons, not giving a date to the Boxer in accordance with the above provisions, the deposit shall be returned to the Boxer and thereafter each party shall be at liberty to enter into such other arrangements as he may desire, and this contract shall be considered at an end.

(4) The decision as to what constitutes adequate reasons for purposes of the above-mentioned paragraph shall be a matter for the Commission whose decision shall be final.

(5) If, however, the Boxer’s unfitness is caused by his own misconduct, such misconduct shall be reported to and dealt with by The Bahamas Boxing Commission.

16. In the event of the said [ ] being unable to appear through any cause whatever, the Boxer agrees to box a substitute of similar skill to be mutually agreed upon. If the parties are unable to mutually agree on a suitable substitute, The Bahamas Boxing Commission, whose decision shall be final, shall select an opponent.

17. Representatives of The Bahamas Boxing Commission and the Promoter shall have access to any place where training is being carried out to witness the training of the Boxer at any time after the signing of these Articles.

18. The Boxer shall be at the place of contest on at o’ clock.

19. seconds are allowed free admission with the Boxer, and should the Boxer be working on percentage he is entitled to bring extra persons to look after his financial interests.

20. In the event of the venue of the contest being in the open air and the tournament is postponed owing to rain or other weather conditions, the Promoter shall pay to the Boxer such reasonable expenses as may be agreed upon, or failing agreement, as The Bahamas Boxing Commission may decide.

21. After all deposits have been repaid this contract shall be null and void in the event of the stated venue being not available by reason of strikes, *force majeure*, or by order of any authorised authority, or in the event of any decision of The Bahamas Boxing Commission affecting the contest or any of the parties concerned therewith, causing it to be impossible to hold the contest.

22. In case any dispute shall arise as to any matter arising under or out of this contract, and whether the contract has been abandoned, rescinded or determined by forfeiture or otherwise, and whether the claims arise under the contract or from the breach, rescission or abandonment thereof, it shall be referred for decision to The Bahamas Boxing Commission.

AS WITNESS WHEREOF the parties herein mentioned have hereunto set their hands the day. and year first before written.

Witness ..... Promoter’s .....

Signature .....

Witness ..... Boxer’s or .....  
 Authorised Manager’s Signature .....  
 Witness ..... Guardian’s .....  
 Signature.....

OPTION CLAUSE

The Boxer agrees to grant the Promoter an option of two further contests under the same terms and conditions, both to take place within seven weeks of the content provided for at clause 1, provided that —

- (a) the option is taken up by the Promoter within two days of the contest provided for at clause 1;
- (b) the first such further contest shall take place within three weeks of the original contest;
- (c) the Promoter within two days after the first such further contest shall fix the date of the second optional contest;
- (d) the opponent in both such further contests shall be mutually agreed upon and in the event of the parties being unable to reach agreement the matter shall be referred to the Commission, whose decision shall be final; and
- (e) in the event of the option being taken up and the money received being a “percentage” sum, the Boxer agrees not to box elsewhere until this contract is fulfilled.

Boxer’s or Authorised Manager’s Signature .....  
 Witness .....

NO SIGNATURE — NO OPTION

Guardian’s Signature .....

DETAILS OF ENGAGEMENTS ALREADY ARRANGED  
(SEE CLAUSE 15(1))

Date of Contest ..... Promoter Opponent .....  
 Remarks .....

**SPORTS (ADVISORY COUNCILS) RULES**

*SI 82/1965*

(SECTION 11)

*[Commencement 3rd April, 1965]*

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Sports Title  
(Advisory Councils) Rules.

**2.** In these Rules, unless the context otherwise Interpretation  
requires —