**Section 1370.40 Promoters**

a) No owner, officer, principal, association, partnership, corporation or limited liability company shall promote any contest without that person or a principal of that business obtaining a license from the Division.

b) Responsibilities of promoters shall include:

1) Full responsibility for all aspects of the contest and for meeting all deadlines for submission of contest permit and promoter licensure applications; and

2) Supervision of their agents, employees and representatives, the conduct of those agents, employees and representatives, and any violation of the Act or this Part related to the contest. The Division shall deem any violation by an agent, employee or representative of a promoter a violation by the promoter.

c) Promoters shall not permit another to use their license.

d) Promoters shall provide notification to contestants of the weigh-in time and location. The promoter shall also be responsible for notifying contestants when to report to their dressing room on the day of the contest; that time shall be approved by the Division.

e) Promoters shall provide notification to contestants of proper attire and equipment, as defined in this Part.

f) Promoters shall provide compensation to the referees, physicians, timekeepers and judges in the form of certified checks, money orders, or another Division-approved form of payment. Compensation for referees, judges, timekeepers and physicians shall be delivered to the Division, prior to commencement of the first bout, at a Division specified time and location. A Division representative will forward payment to the officials and provide a receipt to the promoter.

g) Promoters shall provide compensation to the contestants. The promoter shall deliver the purse to each contestant directly after the contestant has competed in his or her scheduled bout in a manner determined by the Division and in the presence of a Division representative. The Division representative will serve as a witness of the payment of the purse and provide a receipt to the contestant and promoter unless the receipt is declined.

h) Failing to provide payment as set forth in subsections (f) and (g), providing payment on an account that is insufficiently funded, or providing payment more than 24 hours after the conclusion of the contest to the Division, may result in immediate suspension or revocation of the promoter's license or other disciplinary action as the Division may deem proper

i) Promoters shall arrange for at least one ambulance to be on-site, at all times, at each bout, along with 2 licensed emergency medical technicians (EMTs) at least one of whom shall be an emergency medical technician-paramedic (EMT-P), a stretcher, oxygen and proper resuscitation equipment as required by Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Center Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 515). No bout shall continue without the presence of the 2 EMTs, at least one of whom shall be an EMT-P, and the equipment required by the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Code.

j) A promoter may not be a contestant in a contest he or she is promoting.

k) Promoters and organizations associated with the contests shall be deemed to have knowledge of the applicable laws and rules of the State. The promoter shall be responsible for ensuring that all requirements of this Part are strictly carried out.

l) Promoters shall provide all materials necessary to conduct the contest, including but not limited to such items as:

1) the fighting area;

2) stools, buzzer or whistle, bell or gong, timer, gloves, gauze, tape for hand wraps and properly calibrated scales;

3) a foul proof cup, clean towels, shoe laces, a professional mouthpiece, and medical tape;

4) clean dressing room facilities, including washroom and shower for contestants and officials. Separate facilities shall be provided for male and female contestants;

5) 3 small platforms or elevated chairs for the judges;

6) at minimum, 2 buckets and 2 appropriately sized bottles for use by the contestants;

7) Disposable garbage bags in garbage cans in each dressing room and ring or cageside; and

8) Cleaning solution used to disinfect the ring, cage or other surfaces contaminated by blood, other bodily fluids and debris. There shall be at least one person designated by the promoter who shall be responsible for immediately cleaning blood, other bodily fluids and debris from the ring, fighting area and other areas before, during and after each bout.

m) Promoters shall be responsible for ensuring the maintenance of adequate public safety for all contests. Failure to ensure adequate public safety may result in cancellation of a contest, discipline against a promoter's license, denial of future contest permits, or any combination of these actions.

n) For adequate public safety, the promoter is responsible for ensuring that no liquid refreshments or bottled or canned drinks, unless poured into disposable cups by vendors at the time of sale, are permitted in any hall or facility where any contest is being held. If the contest is staged out-of-doors, disposable cups also must be used on the site of the contest.

o) At the discretion of the Division, chairs may be required to be attached so that they are not portable, for the safety of contestants, officials and the public.

p) Spectator seats shall be at least 8 feet from the apron of the fighting area platform or at a distance approved by the Division. A physical barrier approved by the Division shall be placed 8 feet from the fighting area platform and shall have no more than 4 entry points. Security shall be placed at each of these entry points. The space immediately within 8 feet of the fighting area platform shall be under the jurisdiction of the Division for use by designated working officials, contestants, their seconds, timekeepers, judges, referees, physicians, announcers, medical representatives and others approved by the Division. Promoters are responsible for seeing that the working area is controlled and free of non-essential personnel.