**Section 1370.510 Attire and Equipment for Contestants** – **Boxing**

a) Attire and Equipment for Contestants

All contestants shall comply with the following:

1) Contestants shall wear athletic shorts that do not extend below the knee, as specified in the bout agreement.

2) Each contestant shall have available for the contest 2 uniforms of contrasting colors, consisting of a body shirt, athletic jersey and shorts. No leotard or other such costume is permitted.

3) Shirts or gis shall not be worn by a contestant during a bout.

4) Knee pads, elbow pads, chest protectors (for male contestants), and shin guards shall not be allowed.

5) Shoes shall be of soft material and not fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles or hard heels.

6) All contestants shall wear an individually fitted mouthpiece, which shall be subject to examination and approval by the Division.

A) All contestants shall have available 2 mouthpieces; and

B) A round will not begin until both contestants have their respective mouthpieces in place.

7) Male contestants shall wear a foul-proof groin protector.

8) Female contestants:

A) shall wear a breast protector during the contest with both contestants wearing the same type. The breast protector shall be subject to examination and approval by the Division; and

B) may wear a pelvic protector at the option of the contestant.

9) A contestant shall be prohibited from wearing any attire or equipment that contains any metal substance.

10) All equipment and attire are subject to approval by the Division. An inspector or other Division official may direct a contestant to change any attire or equipment that he or she determines gives unfair advantage or is a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the other contestant or the public.

b) Bandages/Handwraps

In all weight classes, seconds must adhere to the following for wrapping hands:

1) Hand bandages shall be restricted to 15 yards of soft gauze bandage not more than 2 inches in width, held in place by not more than 6 feet of surgeon's tape, ½ inch in width, for each hand. Any deviation must have the approval of the Division official.

2) Bandages shall be evenly distributed across the hand.

3) The binding of surgeon's tape must not be applied within ½ inch of the knuckles of the contestant's hand.

4) Bandages and tape shall be placed on the contestant's hand in the dressing room prior to the bout in the presence of the inspector. The opposing contestant for a title may also witness the bandaging of the opponent's hands. This privilege may be waived.

5) The Division official shall approve all bandages and taping prior to gloves being placed on any contestant and after gloves are removed. Under no circumstances are gloves to be placed on the hands of a contestant before approval by the inspector.

c) Gloves

1) Contestants competing against each other in the same bout shall wear gloves that are of the same weight.

2) The brand of glove used in a contest must be approved by the Division prior to the contest. Gloves shall be whole, clean and in good condition. Broken gloves are prohibited during any bout or contest.

3) Gloves that are padded in the palm or fingertip area are prohibited.

4) All gloves shall be inspected and approved by the inspector prior to each bout. The inspector or a designee of the Division may inspect gloves at any time.

5) All gloves shall be furnished by the promoter. Webbed gloves with attached thumbs must be worn and must be approved by the Division or its designee. For all title bouts, gloves shall be new. Promoters must have extra sets of gloves in each size used during the contest to be used in case gloves are broken or in any way damaged during the course of a bout. Promoters are prohibited from furnishing gloves provided by a contestant.

A) Gloves shall be appropriate in weight for the contestants and shall be no less than 8 ounces and no more than 12 ounces in weight.

B) Male boxing contestants who are over 147 pounds shall wear gloves that are, at minimum, 10 ounces in weight.

C) Male boxing contestants who are 147 pounds and under shall wear gloves that are, at minimum, 8 ounces in weight.

D) Female contestants shall wear gloves that weigh at least 10 ounces.