**Section 1371.400  Application for a License as a Contestant**

a) The Division may deny an application for licensure if the applicant fails to meet the qualifications specified in this Section, fails to pass a required examination, or otherwise fails to complete training to the satisfaction of the Division.

b) No contestant shall participate in a contest without being licensed.

c) Contestants shall be separately licensed for either boxing or martial arts/mixed martial arts.

d) An applicant for a license shall complete an application provided by the Division, which shall include the fee set forth in Section 1371.20.

e) An applicant must be at least 18 years of age.

f) An applicant must show proof of State residency.

g) Disclose in writing, on a form provided by the Division, a complete medical history including any prior or existing medical conditions.

h) All fees involved with medical examinations and/or tests required in this Section shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

i) Licensees shall comply with all applicable federal regulations governing martial arts or mixed martial arts.

j) Proof of good moral character. The applicant shall notify the Division of any criminal convictions other than minor traffic violations. The Division may consider any criminal convictions or discipline in another jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed when determining if the applicant is qualified for licensure.

k) When the accuracy or sufficiency of any submitted documentation of stated experience is questioned by the Division or the Board because of lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure may be requested to:

1) Provide the necessary information; and/or

2) Appear for an interview before the Board to clarify information or clear up any discrepancies or conflicts in information.

l) All contestants must submit proof of completion of a physical examination by a physician. The examining physician shall conduct examinations and tests necessary to attest to the fitness of the applicant to engage in contests. No less than 48 hours before competing in any contest, each contestant shall provide to the Division certified copies of medical tests performed by a laboratory; all physical exam and laboratory results submitted shall be no more than 6 months old from the date of submission. These submissions shall include, but not be limited to:

1) EKG results with the attending physician's findings;

2) Chest x-ray results with the attending physician's findings;

3) CT/MRI brain scan report (without contrast) with the attending physician's findings;

4) A urine, blood or other test indicating no prohibited drugs;

5) A blood test that verifies the applicant is free from sexually transmitted diseases;

6) A blood test that verifies the applicant is HIV negative;

7) A blood test that verifies the applicant is Hepatitis B (HBsAg) negative;

8) A blood test that verifies the applicant is Hepatitis C (HCVAb) negative;

9) An eye examination by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches who specializes in ophthalmology; and

10) Any other test a physician may require.

m) Physical examinations of female contestants shall also include a pelvic, abdominal and breast exam.

n) First Time Contestant (Amateur Contestant Desiring to Turn Professional)

In addition to the application requirements set forth in subsections (c) through (m), the application for licensure by a first time contestant shall be completed on forms provided by the Division and shall include:

1) A government issued photo identification (e.g., driver's license, passport);

2) Proof of age (e.g., driver's license or copy of birth certificate);

3) Social Security Number or tax identification number, as appropriate;

4) For amateur contestants becoming professional contestants, documentation of 2 years of martial arts or mixed martial arts experience as an amateur, including the total number of bouts and a breakdown of wins and losses. The applicant shall have a minimum of 5 bouts or demonstrate exceptional fighting ability as determined by the Division.

o) Professional Contestant Licensed in Other Jurisdictions

In addition to the application requirements set forth in subsections (c) through (k), (l)(6) through (10) and (m), the application for licensure by a contestant licensed in another jurisdiction shall be completed on forms provided by the Division and shall include:

1) A federal identification card;

2) Proof of active licensure in another jurisdiction;

3) Proof of age (e.g., driver's license or copy of birth certificate); and

4) Social Security Number, or tax identification number as appropriate.

p) A contestant over age 35 who has not competed in a contest within the last 36 months, or as otherwise determined by the Division, may be required to appear before the Board to determine his or her fitness to participate in a contest.