



Suspension of Registration

Scope:

All registered Contestants and Industry Participants are bound by the *Combat Sports Act 1987* (the Act) and their conditions of registration as per Part III and IV of the Act.

Where the Combat Sport Commission (the Commission) finds that a Contestant or Industry Participant has breached the Act, code of conduct, conditions of registration or participates in a sham contest, the Commission may impose a suspension as per s.23 and s.33A of the Act. Each breach will be considered on a case by case basis.

Definitions:

Act – means Combat Sports Act 1987 (the Act).

Contest – means a contest or exhibition of a combat sport, that is organised, arranged or promoted for profit or that is conducted for public entertainment or to which the public is invited.

Industry Participant - means a person who, otherwise than as a contestant, is involved, in a capacity that is prescribed, in conducting or assisting to conduct a contest.

Regulations – means Combat Sport Regulations 2004 (the Regulations)

Legislative background:

The Act provides that a function of the Commission:

To formulate or recommend standards, specifications, codes of conduct or other forms of guidance for the purpose of maintaining proper standards in combat sports.

Section 23 of the Act allows the Commission to cancel or suspend the registration of Contestants.

Section 33A of the Act allows the Commission to cancel or suspend the registration of Industry Participants.

Application:

This policy applies to all Contestants and Industry Participants currently registered with the WA Combat Sports Commission.



Process

Where a Contestant or Industry Participant receives a suspension, the individual shall be suspended in all classes and cannot act in any capacity until the suspension is completed.

Any Contestant under a suspension will not be issued with a clearance to compete in any other state or country.

If the conditions of a suspension are breached, the individual will be required to appear before the Commission at a convened hearing. If an individual fails to appear, the Commission will preside on a decision regarding their suspension in their absence.

All Contestants and Industry Participants under suspension must not enter the 2.5m exclusion zone.

A person aggrieved by a decision of the Commission or the Minister may apply to the State administrative Tribunal for a review of the decision as per s.53A of the Act.

Additional Procedure Links:

Code of Conduct

Guidelines and Conditions of Registration