

Charitable promotions policy

The *Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985 (the Act)* makes a distinction between:

- (a) a professional boxing or combat sport contest; and
- (b) a contest that is not a professional boxing or combat sport contest because the fee charged for the event is for a public charitable purpose.

Permits are not required to conduct a boxing or combat sport contest that is not a professional contest for the purposes of the Act.

The Board considers a contest **not** to be a professional boxing or combat sport contest if:

- (a) prior to the event the contest is advertised and promoted as a fundraiser for a public charitable purpose or for the administration of an amateur boxing or combat sport association;
- (b) the people paying for tickets or an admission fee are made aware, at the time they make the payment, that the payment amount will be donated to the public charitable purpose named in promotional material or are for the administration of the relevant amateur boxing association or combat sport association; and
- (c) the promoter keeps, and is able to produce on request by the Board, records verifying that the ticket price or admission fee has been donated to the public charitable purpose named in the promotional material or are for the administration of the relevant amateur boxing association or combat sport association.

It is an offence, subject to a fine or imprisonment, for a person to:

- (a) act as a promoter, trainer, match-maker, referee or timekeeper in relation to a boxing or combat sport contest without a licence issued by the Board; and
- (b) for a licenced promoter to conduct a professional boxing or combat sport contest without a permit issued by the Board.

If you have any questions or require further information about your obligations under the Act, please contact the Combat Sports Unit on 03 9096 9852.

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