

523 CMR 5.00: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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5.01: Definitions

As used in 523 CMR, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in 523 CMR 5.01.

Amateur means an unarmed combatant who has never accepted money or other remuneration for participating in an unarmed combat competition and has not previously been licensed as a professional in Massachusetts or any other jurisdiction.

Back of the Head means the nape of the neck area up until the top of the ears, and above the ears in the mohawk area from the top of the ears up until the crown of the head. The crown of the head is where the head begins to curve downward.

Commission means the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission as established by M.G.L. c. 22, § 12.

Exhibition means the demonstration, show, match, or other presentation of unarmed combat between two contestants regardless of whether an admission fee is charged.

Kickboxing means a form of unarmed combat that includes punching and kicking above the belt only.

Manager means a person who:

- (a) for compensation, undertakes to represent the interests of another person, by contract, agreement or other arrangement, for purposes of procuring, arranging or conducting a professional contest or exhibition in which such person is to participate as an unarmed combatant or in directing or controlling the unarmed combat activities of an unarmed combatant.
- (b) The term does not include a duly licensed attorney if their participation in such activities is restricted solely to their legal representation of the interests of an unarmed combatant as their client.

Match means a contest of combat between two unarmed combatants.

Medical Board means the Medical Advisory Board.

Mixed Martial Arts means, as defined in M.G.L. c. 147, § 32, any form of unarmed combat involving the use of a combination of techniques including, but not limited to, grappling, kicking and striking, commonly associated with boxing, kickboxing, wrestling and various disciplines of the martial arts including, but not limited to, karate, kung fu, tae kwon do, Jiu-Jitsu or any combination thereof.

Prize means something offered or won as an award for superiority or excellence in competition such as a belt, trophy, or other tangible award.

Program means an event at which a match or matches of unarmed combat are scheduled which requires licensure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 147, § 32.

Promoter means any person who produces or stages any professional match or exhibition.

Purse means the financial guarantee or any other remuneration for which unarmed combatants are participating in a match or exhibition and includes the unarmed combatant's share of any payment received for the exploitation of the radio broadcasting, television, pay-per view, motion picture, or other broadcasting rights.

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Respondent means a person against whom a complaint has been filed pursuant to 523 CMR.

Ring Official means any person who performs an official function during the progress of a match or exhibition.

Southeast Asian Kickboxing means a form of unarmed combat that includes punching and kicking above and below the belt; e.g. Muay Thai, Kun Khmer, Tomoi, and Lethwei.

Trainer means any person primarily responsible for the teaching, conditioning, and instructing of an unarmed combatant.

Unarmed Combat means, as defined in M.G.L. c. 147, § 32, boxing, mixed martial arts, or any form of competition in which a blow is usually struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury and no weapon is used; provided that "unarmed combat" shall not include professional wrestling.

Unarmed Combatant means any person who engages in unarmed combat in a match or exhibition, whether or not the person receives remuneration. The term does not include an amateur boxer or amateur mixed martial arts contestant.

5.02: Application

The provisions of 523 CMR shall apply to all matches, exhibitions, and programs of unarmed combat that require licensure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 147, § 32 except as otherwise provided in a specific statute.

5.03: Variances

The Commission may, at its sole discretion, grant a variance from any provision of 523 CMR for any cause deemed sufficient by the Commission.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

523 CMR 5.00: M.G.L. c. 147, § 46.