

# Chapter 463

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**463.010 Definitions.** (1) As used in ORS 463.010 to 463.190 and 463.990, "commission" means any boxing and wrestling commission created under ORS 463.010 to 463.190 and 463.990.

(2) As used in ORS 463.010 to 463.190 and 463.990, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, "match" means any and every boxing or wrestling match or bout, whether exhibition or competition. [Amended by 1965 c.200 §1]

**463.020** [Repealed by 1965 c.200 §12 (463.021 enacted in lieu of 463.020)]

**463.021 Registration of participants; licenses for persons connected with participants; compliance with rules.** (1) No person shall engage in a boxing or wrestling match without having first registered with and received from the secretary of the commission having jurisdiction of the match, the permit provided for in ORS 463.060.

(2) All referees, managers and seconds in any way connected with any participant in any boxing or wrestling match shall obtain a license from the commission having jurisdiction of the match, and must comply with the rules of the commission. [1965 c.200 §13 (enacted in lieu of 463.020); 1975 c.409 §2]

**463.030** [Repealed by 1965 c.200 §14 (463.031 enacted in lieu of 463.030)]

**463.031 Boxing and wrestling matches under jurisdiction of a commission.** No boxing or wrestling match shall be held without the consent or beyond the jurisdiction of a commission. [1965 c.200 §15 (enacted in lieu of 463.030)]

**463.040 Length of bouts and rounds.** (1) Each bout of a boxing match within the meaning of ORS 463.010 to 463.190 and 463.990 shall consist of not more than 10 rounds with at least a one-minute intermission between each round. Each round shall not exceed three minutes in duration.

(2) At the discretion of the commission, participants engaging in preliminary bouts of such match may be limited to matches of not more than six rounds with at least a one-minute intermission between each round. Each round shall not exceed three minutes in duration.

(3) In the event of boxing matches involving either state or national championships,

the commission may grant an extension of no more than five additional rounds. [Amended by 1963 c.426 §5; 1965 c.200 §2]

**463.045 Requirements when participant falls or is knocked down.** When a boxing participant has been knocked down or has fallen to the floor of the ring, the referee of the match shall order the opponent to retire to the farthest neutral corner of the ring and shall also immediately begin a count to 10 with an interval of one second between each count over the boxer who is down. Except when the bell is rung at the termination of the last scheduled round of the boxing match, when the bell is rung by the timekeeper to indicate the termination of a round, unless the boxer who is down arises during the count the referee shall not cease the count over the boxer but shall continue to count the boxer out. A boxer who is counted out shall not be permitted to resume participation in the match. [1963 c.426 §2; 1965 c.200 §3]

**463.050 Weight of participants and gloves; mouthpiece and headgear.** (1) The weight of each boxing participant is to be determined under the supervision of the commission, or an authorized representative thereof, not more than 24 hours before the date of the match.

(2) No lighter than eight-ounce boxing gloves of standard specifications shall be used in boxing matches.

(3) Unless the person is equipped with and wearing a well-fitting mouthpiece, no person shall participate in a boxing match.

(4) A commission may require a participant in a boxing match to wear a headgear or other protective device for the head. When a commission determines that the use of headgear or other protective devices for the head will significantly enhance the protection of participants, it shall, pursuant to ORS 463.120, make rules and regulations to require the use of headgear or other protective devices for the head. Among the factors which the commission shall consider in the making of such rules and regulations are the policies and rules of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the International Amateur Boxing Association and the United States Olympic Committee respective to the use of headgear or other protective devices for the head. [Amended by 1963 c.426 §6; 1965 c.200 §4]

**463.055 Specifications for ring.** No person shall participate, in any capacity, in a boxing match unless:

(1) There are four ring ropes, not less than one inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material, used to designate the area of the ring in which the match is to be held.

(2) The ring floor is padded with ensolite in a thickness of not less than five-eighths of an inch or material with similar or superior shock-absorbing and deceleration characteristics that is as capable of reducing initial impact shock as a five-eighths of an inch thickness of ensolite.

(3) The ring floor extends beyond the ring ropes for a distance of two feet on each side.

[1963 c.426 §4; 1965 c.200 §5]

**463.060 Examination of boxers and wrestlers; fight permits; reexamination.** (1) The physician member of a commission shall certify in writing to the commission not less than six hours before the time of the match that the applying participant is or is not physically fit to participate in a given boxing match. Upon the filing of the physical certificate that the participant is fit and the registration, each applying participant shall be provided by the secretary of the commission with a written permit to participate in the match. The permit shall be valid for one match only.

(2) Unless the applying participant has furnished written evidence, signed by a physician or surgeon licensed to practice pursuant to ORS 677.020 or licensed to practice in any other state, stating that the applicant has been examined by such physician subsequent to his last match and that there is no significant evidence of damage to the brain or eyes, the physician member of the commission shall not certify that the applying participant is physically fit to participate in a boxing match.

(3) Prior to engaging in a wrestling match for the first time within the jurisdiction of a commission created pursuant to ORS 463.110, the wrestler must furnish written evidence signed by a physician or surgeon licensed to practice pursuant to ORS 677.020 or licensed to practice in any other state, stating that the wrestler has been examined by such physician subsequent to his last match and that the wrestler is physically fit to engage in wrestling matches. Under no circumstances shall such written evidence be valid for a period exceeding six months from the date thereof. The physician member of a commission may

require the wrestler to be reexamined at any time he has cause to believe the wrestler may not be physically fit to engage in wrestling.

[Amended by 1963 c.426 §7; 1965 c.200 §6]

## BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSIONS

**463.110 Boxing and wrestling commissions; creation; tenure; compensation.**

(1) There are created boxing and wrestling commissions. A commission shall be created by the mayor and council of the city or town where the commission is to have control and jurisdiction, upon application by a written petition signed by not less than 50 taxpayers or citizens of such city or town.

(2) A commission shall be appointed by the mayor and council and shall consist of not more than five nor less than three citizens of said city or town whose terms of office shall be for one year from the date of their appointment, or until their successors shall be appointed.

(3) The commissioners shall serve without salary or compensation and shall be subject to removal from office at any time during their tenure for such reason as the mayor and council may deem good and sufficient.

(4) At least one member of the commission shall be a reputable licensed practicing physician.

**463.115 Services of Portland Boxing and Wrestling Commission may be given under contract to other cities.** (1) Notwithstanding ORS 463.110, in lieu of creating and appointing a commission pursuant to ORS 463.110, the governing body of a city may contract with the governing body of a city that has a commission and has a population, according to the latest federal decennial census, of more than 300,000, to have the commission for the city of over 300,000 population perform the functions and have the jurisdiction, powers, duties and control over a proposed boxing match as though it were a commission created and appointed pursuant to ORS 463.110 for the city in which the proposed boxing match is to be held.

(2) When a proposed boxing match is to be held within the jurisdiction of a commission created pursuant to ORS 463.110, in a city that has a population, according to the latest federal decennial census, of 300,000 or less, the governing body of that city may contract with the governing body of a city that has a

commission and has a population, according to the latest federal decennial census of more than 300,000, to have the commission for the larger city aid and advise the commission in the city in which the proposed match is to be held, on matters pertaining, but not limited, to:

(a) The competency, reliability and medical history of persons interested in the proposed match as participants and the competency and reliability of persons interested in the proposed match as promoters, matchmakers and managers.

(b) The medical supervision of the proposed match.

(c) The payment of prizes, stakes, purses or rewards to participants. [1963 c.426 §3; 1965 c.200 §7]

**463.120 Jurisdiction and functions of commissions; commission's share of gross receipts.** (1) The commissions shall have jurisdiction over all boxing and wrestling matches within the county in which they are located. However, where two or more commissions exist within one county, the commission nearest to the point of the proposed match shall have jurisdiction.

(2) The commissions shall have general supervision and control over all matters pertaining to boxing matches within their respective jurisdictions and power to carry out the provisions of ORS 463.010 to 463.190 and 463.990.

(3) The commissions may:

(a) At all times make rules and regulations not in conflict with ORS 463.010 to 463.190 and 463.990 under which all boxing and wrestling matches shall be conducted including, but not limited to, the payment of participants.

(b) License referees, managers, boxers, wrestlers and seconds and collect such fees as they deem just and reasonable.

(c) Hold boxing and wrestling matches at such times and places as they deem right and proper.

(d) Employ physicians or surgeons to assist the physician member of the commission in the physical examination of a participant pursuant to subsection (1) of ORS 463.060.

(4) The commission shall collect a fee of six percent from the gross receipts of each match. The secretary shall check the gross

receipts and collect the six-percent fee after each match. [Amended by 1963 c.426 §8; 1965 c.200 §8]

**463.130 Wrestling matches may be authorized.** Wrestling matches shall be held only under authority of the commission.

[Amended by 1955 c.426 §1; 1965 c.200 §9; 1975 c.409 §1]

**463.140 Appointment of matchmakers and officials for match; prohibited interests in participant or match.** (1) The commission shall appoint one or more competent matchmakers who shall arrange boxing matches, and one or more matchmakers who shall arrange wrestling matches. A matchmaker shall be compensated for his services by the commission with such compensation as the commission deems reasonable.

(2) Each commission may appoint officials or referees to have sole jurisdiction over each match for its duration and who shall render final decisions in all matches.

(3) No referee or member of a commission shall manage any participant or make wagers upon the outcome of any match, such act being good and sufficient reason for immediate removal of the referee or member.

[Amended by 1965 c.200 §10]

**463.150 Secretary; appointment and removal; term; duties and functions; salary.** (1) Each commission may appoint, and for cause remove, a secretary to the commission. The secretary shall hold office for one year, unless sooner removed for cause by the commission.

(2) The secretary:

(a) Shall keep a thorough and full record of all proceedings of the commission.

(b) Shall preserve at the commission's general offices all its books, documents and papers.

(c) Shall prepare for service such notices and other papers as may be required and determined by the commission and perform such other duties as the commission may prescribe.

(d) May, under the direction of the commission, issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses before the commission with the same effect as if they were issued in an action in the circuit court of this state for the county in which they may be issued and may, under direction of the commission, administer oaths in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, or connected with the administration of

the affairs of the commission. Disobedience of such subpoenas and false swearing before such secretary shall be attended by the same consequences and be subject to the same penalties as if such disobedience or false swearing occurred in an action in said circuit court.

(3) The secretary of the commission shall be entitled to receive an annual salary of not less than \$100 per year, and not to exceed \$3,000 per year, all within the discretion of the commission.

**463.160** [Repealed by 1959 c.160 §1]

**463.170 Use of receipts from boxing or wrestling matches.** All net receipts from each match shall automatically create a civic emergency fund of which the treasurer of the city or town where the commission has the control and jurisdiction shall be the sole custodian and which shall be distributed by the mayor or council for amateur athletic, recreational, educational, charitable purposes, or for any one or the combination of one or more of the foregoing; provided, that not less than 60 percent of such receipts shall be distributed among nationally recognized veterans' organizations, in proportion to their membership in good standing. However, no moneys shall be paid into the civic emergency fund until a general sinking fund, in such amount as is deemed adequate, has been established in the name of the commission, from which necessary expenses shall be paid by its secretary or treasurer. The general sinking fund shall at all times be maintained before any moneys are paid into the civic emergency fund.

[Amended by 1965 c.200 §11; 1967 c.611 §1]

**463.180 Expenditures; reimbursement of competitors.** (1) The commission shall pay from the sinking fund provided in

ORS 463.170 such expenses as telegraph and telephone tolls, stamps, newspaper and general advertising and such other expenses as it deems necessary.

(2) Each duly certified and registered competitor shall be compensated for transportation, training and in such other ways as the commission deems fair and proper.

**463.190 Organizations exempted from operation of statute.** ORS 463.010 to 463.190 and 463.990 do not apply to, nor interfere with, any boxing or wrestling tournament given under the sanction or auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States or any of its auxiliary organizations in which any registered members of that union or organizations participate.

### PROHIBITED ACTS

**463.810 Sponsoring or participating in prize fight.** Except as provided in this chapter, any person who arranges, attempts to arrange, offers to arrange, engages or offers to engage in a prize fight to be fought in this state, or otherwise, in any manner, either as principal, second, assistant, stakeholder, trainer, referee, aider, abettor, solicitor or agent, whether the fight takes place or not, commits a Class C felony. [1971 c 743 §301]

### PENALTIES

**463.990 Penalties.** Violation of any provision of ORS 463.010 to 463.190 is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or both.

### CERTIFICATE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Pursuant to ORS 173.170, I, Thomas G. Clifford, Legislative Counsel, do hereby certify that I have compared each section printed in this chapter with the original section in the enrolled bill, and that the sections in this chapter are correct copies of the enrolled sections, with the exception of the changes in form permitted by ORS 173.160 and other changes specifically authorized by law

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