

3773-4-01 Conditions for applying and the issuing of a professional boxing license.

- (A) The applicant must be a minimum of eighteen years old and have a federal identification card (ID), prior to applying for an Ohio boxing license.
- (B) Any person who desires to participate as a professional boxer shall apply for a professional boxing license from the athletic commission. The applicant shall fill out an application form. The forms shall be provided by the athletic commission. Each application shall be accompanied by the license fee prescribed in rules bearing agency level 3773 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) The application shall include: the name of the applicant; the "ring" name of the applicant if applicable; ; address, city, state and zip code; date of birth; home and cell phone number(s); email address and federal ID number. The applicant must answer all questions on the form and must sign the application form verifying the information provided is accurate and true.
- (D) After proper filing of an application for a professional boxer's license and the executive director determines the applicant meets all the qualifications, the athletic commission shall vote on whether to issue the license to the applicant
- (E) Any license issued pursuant to this rule shall bear the correct name of the licensee, their photo, address , an identification number issued by the athletic commission and the date of expiration. A license issued pursuant to this rule shall expire twelve months after it's date of issue and may be renewed thirty days prior to the expiration date.
- (F) If the application is for renewal of a professional boxing license, the applicant must submit the application form with the fee prescribed in rules bearing agency level 3773 of the Administrative Code. The commission may deny the renewal application for one or more reasons in any rules bearing agency level 3773 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) A professional boxer will not be permitted to compete if they fail to present proof of a valid federal ID and a current Ohio boxing license, to the commission inspector or representative at the weigh-in.

3773-4-02 Physical requirements.

- (A) .The following test results from a certified laboratory or physician must be submitted to the commission office prior to competing in a professional boxing event :
- (1) Negative HIV;
 - (2) Negative hepatitis B surface antigen (SA);
 - (3) Procedures to complete when failing hepatitis B surface antigen test:
 - (a) Must pass a hepatitis B "PCR" quantitative test;
 - (b) The quantitative limit must be within permissible limits according to the laboratory where test was administered;
 - (c) Test and results must have been taken be within two weeks of the event.
 - (4) Negative hepatitis C antibody;
 - (5) Dilated eye exam performed no later than twenty four hours prior to any competition by an ophthalmologist, optometrist or qualified physician
- (B) Electrocardiogram - EKG when required by commission, executive director or physician.
- (C) A cat scan examination of the head will only be accepted when given within five days of the last date of a contestant competing in a combat sports event. Any required post fight nuerological examination after five days must be an MRI or MRI/MRA examination.
- (1) These results must be from a medical facility, certified labratory or physician
 - (2) Must include the date of test, the address and phone number of the facility where test was conducted.
- (D) The results of an MRI or MRI/MRA examination will be accepted if conducted within five years.
- (1) When a nuerological clearance is needed for a pre fight examination
 - (2) When competing in a ten or twelve round title fight
- (E) The commission, executive director or ringside physician may order a Electrocardiogram or MRI or MRI/MRA examination when a contestant:
- (1) Has lost three or more bouts in a row by KO or TKO;
 - (2) Has lost six bouts in a row;
 - (3) Has an extensive losing record.
- (F) The commission will not issue a license or renew any applicants license for a contestant who is found to be blind in one eye or whose vision in one eye is so poor that an ophthalmologist, optometrist, or physician recommends that a license not be granted. This rule is effective regardless of how good the vision of the contestant may be in the other eye.
- (G) The commission will not issue or renew the license of any applicants who wishes to compete in any sport regulated by the Ohio athletic commission who has suffered from any type of cerebral hemorrhage.

(H) If any applicant applying for a contestants license has suffered a serious head injury the applicant must have their application for license reviewed by the executive director or commission before any license is issued or renewed.

3773-4-03 Additional physical examination requirements.

- (A) In addition to all other required medical examinations an MRI or MRI/MRA examination must be submitted to the athletic commission office within seventy two hours by a professional boxer who:
- (1) Is thirty-five years or older.
 - (2) Has boxed in excess of three hundred fifty rounds of professional boxing since being licensed.
 - (3) Has been a previously licensed boxer and hasn't participated in the past thirty-six months.
- (B) MRI examination to the athletic commission seventy-two hours prior to being licensed: A boxer who is thirty-nine years old or older must submit in addition to all other required medical examinations the following:
- (1) Complete physical history exam
 - (2) (MRI/MRA) brain examination
 - (3) A stress echo cardiogram examination with cardiology clearance
 - (4) Metabolic blood profile
 - (5) A chest x-ray within two years
- (C) The above tests once completed will be reviewed by a qualified physician who will present their analysis to the commission. The commission will determine if a professional boxing license will be issued after carefully reviewing all the information.