



Registration requirements for industry participants and promoters

Introduction to combat sports in NSW

The Combat Sports Act 2013 provides the legislative framework that regulates the conduct of combat sport contests in NSW. The Combat Sports Authority of NSW (CSA) is responsible for the regulation of all combat sport contests.

There are two distinct categories of combat sport in NSW:

- Amateur
- Professional.

Who is an industry participant?

An industry participant means any of the following persons, whether or not they are employed or engaged on a full-time basis and whether or not they receive payment or other consideration for the activity concerned:

- (a) an individual who acts on behalf of a promoter to arrange combat sport contests between particular combatants (a **matchmaker**)
- (b) an individual who undertakes to represent the interests of a combatant in procuring the engagement of the combatant as a contestant in a combat sport contest or who directs or controls the combat sport activities of any combatant (a **manager**)
- (c) an individual who supervises the training or instruction of a combatant or who accompanies a combatant into or onto the contest area to give advice or assistance during a combat sport contest (a **trainer**)
- (d) an individual who assists a combatant as advised by a trainer and who assists a trainer in the preparation of combatants (a **second**)

(e) an individual who determines the points scored by each combatant in a combat sport contest (a **judge**)

(f) an individual who enforces the rules relating to a combat sport during the combat sport contest (a **referee**)

(g) an individual who regulates the number and length of rounds, and the interval between rounds, of a combat sport contest (a **timekeeper**).

Who is a promoter?

A promoter is the person who has control of the promotion of a combat sport contest.

Registration

An individual must not carry out an activity as an industry participant or promoter unless registered in the class applicable to the activity unless otherwise exempted. For details of the exemptions please call the combat sports team.

Age restrictions

Certain age restrictions to registration apply. Persons under the age of 18 years may not register as a Promoter, Manager or Matchmaker.

How long does registration last?

If approved, the registration period is for three (3) years unless suspended or cancelled sooner.

Application fees

•Promoter/manager/matchmaker	\$480
•Trainer/second/judge/referee/timekeeper	\$100

Registration categories

A person may only register in one category.

	Primary consideration	Secondary consideration
Category 1	<p>You must use this category if you wish to register to be a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •judge, •referee or •timekeeper <p>at professional contests</p>	<p>You may also select any of the following registrations within this category:</p> <p>Trainer and Second for both amateur and professional</p> <p>Promoter for amateur contests only</p>
Category 2	<p>You must use this category if you wish to register to be a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •promoter, •manager or •matchmaker <p>at professional contests</p>	<p>You may also select any of the following registrations within this category:</p> <p>Trainer and Second for both amateur and professional</p> <p>Referee, Judge or Timekeeper for amateur contests only</p>

The registration system requires that you register for the sport/s or discipline/s in which you wish to undertake a role and you may choose as many of the following as you wish.

- Boxing
- Kickboxing (including Thai Boxing, Muay Thai)
- MMA
- Other Martial Art.

In each of these categories you must also register as either:

- Professional
- Amateur
- Both amateur and professional.

The CSA recommends that you apply for

registration in all classes that you may require (subject to satisfying eligibility requirements). If you subsequently require additional registration classes you must apply for the additional classes and pay the appropriate fees.

Registration requirements

For referees, judges and timekeepers

The following information must be provided by the applicant upon application for registration:

- Statement of Skills** supplied by an Approved Amateur Body, the Combat Sports Authority or other industry body
- certified identification**
- Passport type **photograph** of applicant's face
- The completed **CSA exam** for referees, judges and time-keepers
- Referees must also provide evidence of a **CPR Certificate** or **First Aid Certificate**
- National Criminal History check

For trainers and seconds

The following information must be provided by the applicant upon application for registration:

- certified identification**
- Passport type **photograph** of applicant's face
- Evidence of a current **First Aid Certificate**
- The completed **CSA exam** for Trainers and Seconds.

For promoters, managers and matchmakers

The following information must be provided by the applicant upon application for registration:

- certified identification**
- Passport type **photograph** of applicant's face
- The completed **CSA exams** for Promoters, Managers and Matchmakers

Please note that applicants for registration as a Promoter, Manager and Matchmaker must undergo a Security Determination by the NSW Police Force.

How to apply for registration

In order to register you must have a valid email address that you have access to, as all communication relating to your application

will be sent via email.

Applications for registration should be made online via the Ringside online registration and administration system. See the fact sheet "Using Ringside Online" for instructions on using the system.

Conditions of registration

(a) the registered participant or promoter must complete any education programs required by the CSA for the class or classes of registration that the participant or promoter holds

(b) in the case of a matchmaker or a promoter - the matchmaker or promoter must not bet on, or cause any bets to be placed on, any contest in relation to which the matchmaker or promoter is undertaking the role of matchmaker or promoter

(c) in the case of a manager - the manager must not bet on, or cause any bets to be placed on, any contest in which a combatant whom the manager manages is a participant

(d) in the case of a trainer or second - the trainer or second must not bet on, or cause any bets to be placed on, any contest in which a combatant whom the trainer trains, or for whom the second acts as a second, is a participant

(e) in the case of a judge, referee or timekeeper - the judge, referee or timekeeper must not bet on, or cause any bets to be placed on, any contest in which the judge, referee or timekeeper is undertaking the role of judge, referee or timekeeper

(f) in the case of a judge, referee or timekeeper registered in the class of professional combat sport contests - the judge, referee or timekeeper must not undertake the role of trainer or second at a professional contest for which he or she is judge, referee or timekeeper

(g) the registered participant or promoter must abide by the Industry Participants and Promoters Code of Conduct published by the CSA and given to the registered participant or promoter by the CSA.

When may registration be refused?

You will not be registered if:

- The NSW Police Force advise following their Security Determination:
 - that you are not a fit and proper person to be registered
 - that it would be contrary to the public interest for you to be registered
- You fail the fit and proper person assessment conducted by the CSA
- Your registration has been suspended or cancelled by the CSA or an equivalent regulatory body in another State or Territory
- You are a controlled member of a declared organisation under the *Crimes (Criminal Organisations Control) Act 2012*
- You have not passed the applicable exam/s
- The CSA is not satisfied of your qualifications and skills, which are required for the role
- You have not provided evidence of first aid qualifications, which are required for the role.