



Policy Title: **Contest to which the public are admitted upon payment of a fee**

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Summary: The policy outlines the Combat Sports Authority's position in relation to the definition of combat sports contest in relation to coverage of "to which the public are admitted on payment of a fee".

Policy Statement: The policy details the definition of *the public being admitted on payment of a fee* which the Authority will use to determine if a contest is covered by the definition of a combat sports contest in Section 4(1).

Coverage: **The public are considered to be admitted on payment of a fee if:**

- There is a fee charged at the point of entry to a venue, or
- A ticket is available for purchase via the internet or any other distribution point which involves the exchange of a fee for a ticket or entry privilege, or
- A person once inside a venue where combat sport is to take place is requested to pay a fee for a ticket or the privilege of watching combat sport or being in the vicinity of combat sport, or
- A person once inside a venue where a combat sport is to take place is requested to make a donation towards the running costs of the event or the venue or,
- A person once inside a venue where a combat sport is to take place is requested to pay a fee for a program that lists events involving combat sport/s and/or combatants, or
- A person once inside a venue where combat sport is to take place or has taken place is requested to pay a fee or make a donation prior to exiting or at the point of exit.
- Activities are conducted inside a venue where combat sport is to take place or is taking place that are intended to generate income, such as the holding of raffles and auctions.

A person is anyone not registered with the Combat Sports Authority and undertaking a role at the contest. Combat sport is as per the definition is section 4(1) of the Act.

When the CSA has determined that revenue generating activities are conducted to avoid coverage under the definition of a combat sports contest within the *Combat Sports Act 2013* it will take appropriate action.

Fundraising activities conducted at a venue where combat sport is to take place should be conducted in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*, where applicable. Where fundraising activity is to occur at a combat sport competition that is outside the scope of the definition of a combat sport contest, the Combat Sports Authority should be notified of this in advance.

Applicability: Information is pertinent to Promoters, Approved Amateur Bodies, managers of venues that host combat sport activities, organisers of combat sports training programs, gym owners.

Procedure: Persons arranging or holding combat sports should obtain a permit for any contests that have the public admitted on payment of a fee as per this policy.

Check types: The CSA has a range of powers within the Act (Section 86) to obtain information about contests and may use these powers to determine if a fee is charged for a person to be admitted to a combat sport contest. It is a criminal offence to provide false or misleading information to the CSA.

Related documents: [Combat Sports Act 2013](#)
[Combat Sports Regulation 2014](#)