

Industry Advisory Group Terms of Reference

Background

Combat Sports are regulated in NSW by the *Combat Sports Act 2013* ('the **Act**'). The Act establishes the Combat Sports Authority of NSW ('the **Authority**') to:

- supervise and regulate professional and amateur combat sports in NSW
- advise the Minister for Sport on matters related to combat sports and the Act
- promote awareness of issues relating to combat sports.

The Government and the Authority are to establish an Industry Advisory Group ('the **Group**') to the Authority to support the above roles.

The Authority is separately advised by a Medical Advisory Committee comprising medical practitioners who provide expert medical advice on combatant health and safety risks, industry training, and required medical equipment and procedures to support the Authority's functions.

Functions of the Group

The Group is a non-statutory body established to provide a forum for the regular exchange of information between the combat sports industry, the Authority and the Government including opportunities to:

- effectively implement Government reforms
- collaborate on initiatives and education campaigns relating to each sector of the industry
- exchange information about Authority and industry activities, as well as emerging best practice
- improve industry compliance with legislative requirements
- address barriers to improving industry skills and compliance levels.

As an immediate priority, the Group will focus on the successful implementation of a broad set of reforms to the combat sports industry in 2022-2023.

Membership

- **Chairperson:** A member of the Authority on a rotational basis.
- **Secretariat:** A representative of the Office of Sport.
- **Industry members:** Six to eight industry representatives selected through an expression of interest, which represent the diversity of the industry across the styles of combat sport

(e.g. Boxing, Kick Boxing, MMA), key industry roles (e.g. promoter, combatant, referee) and both professional and amateur combat sports.

Industry members are to be appointed for two years and are not eligible for appointment in consecutive terms. An extension of 12 months may be approved for up to 50% of members to ensure continuity of knowledge after the first membership period.

Governance

Members will be subject to suitability screening by the Authority prior to appointment and must declare any conflicts of interest in respect to agenda items at each meeting.

Meetings

Meetings will be held quarterly (face to face and online via Teams) with additional meetings held as required. It is anticipated that more regular meetings (e.g. bi-monthly) will be held in 2022-2023 to support the implementation of regulatory reforms.

Remuneration

No remuneration or meeting attendance fees are payable to industry members.

Communication

A Communique will be published on the Authority website after each meeting prepared by the Secretariat.

Chairperson
Combat Sports Authority of NSW

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