

Meeting summary

Industry Advisory Group

28 November 2022

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The first meeting of the Combat Sports Authority of NSW Industry Advisory Group (IAG) took place on 28 November 2022, chaired by Darren Kane who is also Chairperson of the Authority. IAG members reflect the different combat sports, have different roles and have significant experience from across the combat sports sector.

The IAG noted that the NSW Government is working to implement reform proposals that were developed through consultation with the industry. In the short term, IAG input will be sought on specific proposals such as Match Making Guidelines and Concussion and Serious Head Injury Identification (COSHI) training design while legislation amendments are progressed in parallel.

Members have been asked to identify issues with the current Authority Rules and other sector issues that should be considered by the IAG at upcoming meetings.

The IAG discussed three specific issues:

- The need for greater clarity about the sport rules that apply at a contest.
- The significant impact of delays with processing registrations, noting that the return to sport from COVID restrictions increased registration volumes.
- Frustration with communication, in particular applicants for registration reporting that they are unable to reach the Office of Sport team by phone.

The Authority will continue to monitor and address any backlogs, and requests the support of IAG members in encouraging combatants to apply for registration well in advance of an anticipated contest. The Office of Sport will look to improve responsiveness to phone calls and emails.

The IAG expects to meet again in early 2023.