

Participant Requirements – Florida State Boxing Commission

What are the licensure requirements to become a professional boxing, kickboxing and mixed martial arts participant?

No person shall act as a professional fighter (participant) in any boxing, kickboxing or mixed martial arts event without having first obtained a participant license. To obtain a license, a participant must:

- Submit an application for licensure along with an application fee of \$25.00
- Be 18 years or older
- Not have been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude within the past 10 years.
- Prior to participating in a match, each pro debut participant must complete a pro debut form and provide proof of at least five amateur fights.

What are the medical requirements for a professional boxing, kickboxing and mixed participant?

- A participant must pass a pre-match physical
- Negative hepatitis B surface antigen test performed within the last year
- Negative hepatitis C antibody test performed within the last year
- Negative HIV test performed within the last year
- Dilated eye examination performed within the last year (performed by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist)
- Female fighters are required to provide a negative pregnancy test performed within the last 30 days.
- In addition to the above, participants over 40 are required to provide a normal EKG performed within the last year, a normal MRI of the brain performed within the last year, a physical exam and a letter from the physician stating that the participant is physically fit to compete.

Can I obtain a boxing, kickboxing and mixed martial arts license at the weigh-in?

You may obtain a license at the weigh-in as long as you provide the required documents and meet the medical requirements.

Is there a penalty for being late to the weigh-in at a professional boxing, kickboxing and mixed martial arts event?

The Commission representative may issue a citation to any fighter arriving more than one-half hour late to a weigh-in.

How often do I reapply to the Florida State Boxing Commission for my license?

All licenses expire each year on December 31st. You are required to submit a new application, any required documents and fee to the Commission office.

When do I file a management contract with the Florida State Boxing Commission?

All manager/participant contracts shall be filed with the Commission within ten (10) days of execution and no less than seven (7) days prior to a scheduled event.

Importance of Meeting Contracted Weight Requirements at Weigh-In

61K1-3.0165 Weigh-In.

(1) If, at the time of the official weigh-in, the weight of any participant in a match fails to meet the weight parameters of the rules set forth herein, the participant shall have 1 additional hour to meet such weight parameters.

(2) A participant is not permitted to lose more than 3 percent of the initial body weight as recorded by the commission during the one additional hour established in subsection (1) above.

(3) At the time of weigh-in, each participant in a match shall be required to obtain from or provide to the executive director or his or her designee for inspection a federal identification card issued by the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC). Participants shall not be allowed to participate without providing the federal identification card.

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How can I get an Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) boxer's federal identification card if I live in Florida?

You must complete the ABC Boxer's Federal Identification Card application located on the Commission's webpage. Mail the completed application along with proof of residency in Florida and a federal issued ID picture to the Florida Boxing Commission, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee FL 32399-1016. There is no charge for first time applicants. Lost Federal ID's will result in a \$15.00 replacement fee.

Can I get an ABC boxer's federal identification card if I live in another state?

To be issued a Federal identification card in Florida, you must be a Florida-resident or a foreign-based participant who will be participating in Florida.