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Dear Facility and Recreation Manager,

**Re: Important Information for Municipalities, Schools and Facility Managers: All Combative Sport Events in Manitoba Must Be Sanctioned**

As a facility operator or municipality that may host combative sport events, it is important for you to know that all amateur and professional events involving combative sports, including but not limited to boxing, karate, taekwondo, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), muay thai, jiu-jitsu, and kickboxing must be sanctioned by a recognized authority to be legal and safe in Manitoba.

Event organizers must provide proof of sanctioning from the appropriate sanctioning body before an event is allowed to proceed. Unsanctioned events may violate the *Criminal Code of Canada*, *The Combative Sports Act*, and the *Combative Sports Regulation* (Regulation). Allowing an unsanctioned event could put venues, athletes, spectators, and staff at significant legal and safety risk.

The Manitoba Combative Sports Commission (MCSC) is the body responsible for regulating designated sports under the Regulation. Promoters must apply to the MCSC for approval prior to the event. Events that meet the standards of the Regulation may then be sanctioned and held safely and legally.

Some additional combative sports not listed in the Regulation must be sanctioned through their respective Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) recognized by Sport Manitoba. For example, karate events must be sanctioned by Karate Manitoba.

The penalty for violating any part of *The Combative Sports Act* or the Regulation may include, for a first offense, a fine of up to \$5000.00 and/or imprisonment for a term of up to two (2) months. Penalties for repeat offences may include a fine of up to \$25,000.00 and/or imprisonment for up to six (6) months. A violation of the *Criminal Code of Canada* may result in additional penalties.

The Province of Manitoba is committed to a safe, inclusive, and well-regulated sport system. *The Combative Sports Act* and the Regulation aim to ensure that all participants—from athletes to spectators—can engage in combative sport within a safe and legally compliant environment.

Please ensure your facility or community requires sanctioning documentation from any event organizer requesting to host a combative sport event. Any insurance associated with an unsanctioned event may be voided. The table below identifies the appropriate sanctioning organizations by sport.



SPORT	SANCTIONING BODY	CONTACT
MMA Professional	MCSC	<a href="https://www.mbcombativesports.com/">https://www.mbcombativesports.com/</a>
MMA Amateur	MCSC	<a href="https://www.mbcombativesports.com/">https://www.mbcombativesports.com/</a>
JIU JITSU Amateur	MCSC	<a href="https://www.mbcombativesports.com/">https://www.mbcombativesports.com/</a>
KICKBOXING Professional	MCSC	<a href="https://www.mbcombativesports.com/">https://www.mbcombativesports.com/</a>
KICKBOXING Amateur	MCSC	<a href="https://www.mbcombativesports.com/">https://www.mbcombativesports.com/</a>
MUAY THAI Professional	MCSC	<a href="https://www.mbcombativesports.com/">https://www.mbcombativesports.com/</a>
MUAY THAI Amateur	MCSC	<a href="https://www.mbcombativesports.com/">https://www.mbcombativesports.com/</a>
BOXING Professional	MCSC	<a href="https://www.mbcombativesports.com/">https://www.mbcombativesports.com/</a>
BOXING Amateur	BOXING MANITOBA	<a href="https://www.boxingmanitoba.com/">https://www.boxingmanitoba.com/</a>
TAEKWONDO	TAEKWONDO MANITOBA	<a href="https://taekwondomanitoba.net/">https://taekwondomanitoba.net/</a>
KARATE	KARATE MANITOBA	<a href="https://karatemb.ca/">https://karatemb.ca/</a>
SIKARAN ARNIS	MB ASSOC OF SIKARAN ARNIS INC	Not currently active

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact [sporttourismpolicy@gov.mb.ca](mailto:sporttourismpolicy@gov.mb.ca).

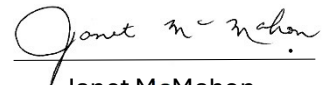
Thank you for your cooperation and support in maintaining a safe sport environment in Manitoba.



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