

**Reprint  
as at 18 September 2004**



**Boxing and Wrestling Regulations  
1958  
(SR 1958/72)**

Cobham, Governor-General

**Order in Council**

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 26th day of May  
1958

Present:  
The Right Hon W Nash presiding in Council

Pursuant to the Police Offences Act 1927, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

**These regulations are administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.**

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## Regulations

### 1 Title and commencement

- (1) These regulations may be cited as the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958.
- (2) These regulations shall come into force on the seventh day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

### 2 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
**club** means any club or association approved by the Governor-General in Council pursuant to section 65 of the Police Offences Act 1927

**contest** includes a boxing contest and a wrestling contest

**medical practitioner** means a health practitioner who is, or is deemed to be, registered with the Medical Council of New Zealand continued by section 114(1)(a) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 as a practitioner of the profession of medicine

**policeman** means a member of the Police Force of New Zealand.

Regulation 2 **medical practitioner**: inserted, on 18 September 2004, by section 175(3) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48).

### **3 Application for permit to hold contest**

- (1) Every application for a permit to hold a contest shall be in writing, signed by a responsible officer of the club making the application, and shall state:
  - (a) the full name and address of the club:
  - (b) the date and hour when it is proposed to hold the contest:
  - (c) the place where the contest is to be held:
  - (d) the name of the person to control the contest as referee:
  - (e) in the case of a professional contest, the full name of every person to take part therein as a competitor.
- (2) Every application shall be made at least 7 days before the date on which it is proposed to hold the contest:  
provided that a commissioned officer of Police may, if he thinks fit, entertain an application made at any time.

### **4 Granting of application**

- (1) The commissioned officer of Police dealing with any such application may require such evidence as he thinks fit that the applicant is an approved club, or relating to the persons to take part in the contest, or as to the conduct and control of the contest.
- (2) The granting or withholding of a permit shall be in the absolute discretion of the said commissioned officer.

### **5 Form and effect of permit**

Every permit shall be in the form set out in Schedule 1 or to the effect thereof, and shall authorise the holding of the contest under the control of the club named at the time and place stated therein, and, in the case of a professional contest, between the competitors named therein, and not otherwise:  
provided that any commissioned officer of Police may, if he thinks fit, alter the permit at any time before the contest, and the permit shall operate accordingly.

### **6 Conditions of boxing permit**

Every permit to hold a boxing contest shall be deemed to be granted subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the contest shall be conducted in a ring not less than 4.90 m nor more than 6.10 m square, and approved by a commissioned or non-commissioned officer of Police:
- (b) the ring shall be enclosed by at least 3 horizontal tightly stretched ropes so placed as to provide approximately equal distances between the ropes, and the top rope shall be cased in leather or other appropriate material:
- (c) the ropes shall be supported by posts of a height of approximately 1.22 m above the floor of the ring, and the posts shall be padded for their full length with felt or other appropriate material of a thickness of not less than 5 cm:  
provided that this paragraph shall not apply where the ropes are supported on the stakeless principle:
- (d) the whole of the floor of the ring shall be padded with felt or other appropriate material not less than 1.27 cm thick and having a top cover of canvas:
- (e) the boxing gloves shall weigh not less than 165 g nor more than 230 g, except that competitors who are under 51 kg in weight may use gloves weighing not less than 110 g:
- (f) every competitor shall, before engaging in a contest, produce to the referee or the secretary of the club for inspection by any policeman present a certificate dated not more than 3 days previously and signed by a medical practitioner to the effect that the competitor is medically fit to compete:
- (g) no amateur contest shall exceed 6 rounds and no professional contest shall exceed 15 rounds:
- (h) no round shall exceed 3 minutes in duration, and the interval between each round shall be not less than 1 minute:
- (i) if at any time in the opinion of the senior policeman present on duty at any contest there is undue roughness or persistent or wilful breach by 1 or more of the contestants of any of the boxing rules under which the contest is conducted, that policeman may order the contest to be stopped, and the permit shall thereupon become void in

respect of the contest which has been stopped as aforesaid.

Regulation 6(a): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(a) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(a): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(b) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(c): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(c) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(c): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(d) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(d): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(e) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(e): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(f) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(e): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(g) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(e): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(h) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(e): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 2(i) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 6(f): amended, on 18 September 2004, by section 175(3) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48).

## **7 Conditions of wrestling permit**

- (1) Every permit to hold a wrestling contest shall be deemed to be granted subject to the following conditions:
- (a) the contest shall be conducted in a ring not less than 5.49 m square, but of such larger size up to 7.32 m square as in the opinion of the commissioned officer of Police granting the permit can be reasonably provided:
  - (b) the ring shall be enclosed by at least 4 horizontal tightly stretched ropes and the top rope shall be cased in leather or other appropriate material:
  - (c) the bottom rope shall be not less than 30 cm or more than 46 cm above the floor of the ring, and the top rope shall be not less than 1.37 m or more than 1.52 m above the floor of the ring, and the intervening ropes shall be so placed as to provide approximately equal distances between each rope:
  - (d) the ropes shall be supported by posts of a height of approximately 1.6 m above the floor of the ring, and the

posts shall be padded with felt or other appropriate material not less than 5 cm thick:

provided that this paragraph shall not apply where the ropes are supported on the stakeless principle:

- (e) the whole of the floor of the ring shall be padded with felt or other appropriate material not less than 2.5 cm thick and having a top cover of canvas:
- (f) every competitor shall, before engaging in a contest, produce to the referee or the secretary of the club for inspection by any policeman present a certificate dated not more than 7 days previously and signed by a medical practitioner to the effect that the competitor is medically fit to compete:

provided that nothing in this paragraph shall apply in respect of a competitor in a contest held by the New Zealand Amateur Wrestling Union (Incorporated) or any club affiliated to it:

- (g) no contest shall exceed 8 rounds of 10 minutes each, with an interval of not less than 1 minute between each round:
- (h) in no contest, other than one between professional wrestlers, shall the time occupied in actual wrestling exceed 15 minutes:
- (i) a fall shall be counted whenever a competitor's 2 shoulders are on the ground at the same time for a period of 3 seconds:

provided that any wrestling rules may provide that submission signified to the referee shall be counted as a fall:

- (j) a round shall end by a fall, or a submission, or effluxion of time limit, whichever occurs first:
- (k) if at any time in the opinion of the senior policeman present on duty at any contest there is undue roughness or persistent or wilful breach by 1 or more of the contestants of any of the wrestling rules under which the contest is conducted, that policeman may order the contest to be stopped and the permit shall thereupon become void in respect of the contest which has been stopped as aforesaid.

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subclause (1), where a wrestling contest, other than one between professional wrestlers, is held on good turf outside any building, a commissioned officer of Police may dispense with compliance with any 1 or more of the provisions contained in paragraphs (a) to (f) of that subclause; and where a wrestling contest, other than one between professional wrestlers, is held on the main floor or one of the main floors of a building and there is left on all sides of the ring on a level with and contiguous to it a space not less than 1.83 m wide completely free from obstructions and covered with some soft material well fixed to the floor, a commissioned officer of Police, if he is of opinion that the use of ropes enclosing the ring is not necessary for the protection of the competitors, may dispense with compliance with the requirements of the provisions contained in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of the said subclause (1).

Regulation 7(1)(a): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(a) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(a): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(b) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(c): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(c) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(c): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(d) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(c): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(e) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(c): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(f) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(d): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(g) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(d): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(h) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(e): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(1)(i) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

Regulation 7(1)(f): amended, on 18 September 2004, by section 175(3) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48).

Regulation 7(1)(f) proviso: inserted, on 5 February 1981, by regulation 2 of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 2 (SR 1981/18).

Regulation 7(2): amended, on 28 April 1978, by regulation 3(2) of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125).

**8 Revocations**

The regulations referred to in Schedule 2 are hereby revoked.

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**Schedule 1**  
**Permit to hold a boxing (or wrestling)**  
**contest**

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[*Name of club*] is granted permission to hold a boxing (or wrestling) contest at [*place*] on [*date*], at [*time*].

The names of the professional competitors to whom this permit refers are:

This permit is subject to the provisions of section 66 and section 72 of the Police Offences Act 1927 and the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958.

Dated at: [*place, date*]

[*Name of commissioned rank*] of Police

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**Schedule 2**  
**Regulations revoked**

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**Police Offences (Boxing Contests) Regulations 1931 (*Gazette*,  
1931, Vol 3, p 3394)**

**Police Offences (Wrestling Contests) Regulations 1931 (*Gazette*,  
1931, Vol 3, p 2998)**

**Police Offences (Wrestling Contests) Regulations 1931,  
Amendment No 2 (SR 1936/14)**

**Police Offences (Wrestling Contests) Regulations 1931,  
Amendment No 4 (SR 1948/171)**

**Police Offences (Wrestling Contests) Regulations 1931,  
Amendment No 5 (SR 1950/129)**

T J Sherrard,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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## **Notes**

### **1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the regulations as at 18 September 2004, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, *see* <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

### **2 *Status of reprints***

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

### **3 *How reprints are prepared***

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked

are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

#### **4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989**

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
  - indentation
  - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
  - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
  - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

**5** *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint  
(most recent first)*

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48): section 175(3)

Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 2 (SR 1981/18)

Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958, Amendment No 1 (SR 1978/125)

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