

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION

Repeal and Replace existing Bylaw No. 13/019

Presenters: Keith Smith, Director, Public Works
Roger Ashfield, Chairperson
Sandy Bowman, Deputy Chairperson

Meeting Date: July 6, 2021



REPEAL AND REPLACE BYLAW 13/019

- Council approve the attached Bylaw for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Combative Sport Commission to repeal and replace the existing Bylaw No.13/019.

MEET THE COMMISSION

Commission Executive

- Chairperson: Roger Ashfield
- Deputy Chairperson: Sandy Bowman
- Treasurer: Moe Kdouh

Commission Members

- Sharon Grantham
- Beau Bjarnason
- Craig Hillier
- Christine Unruh



MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Mission:

To enhance the quality, safety and reputation of Combative Sports Events

Vision:

Exceptional Combative Sports Events

Values:

Integrity – in all decisions

Safety – for all athletes and fans

Community – benefits and inclusion

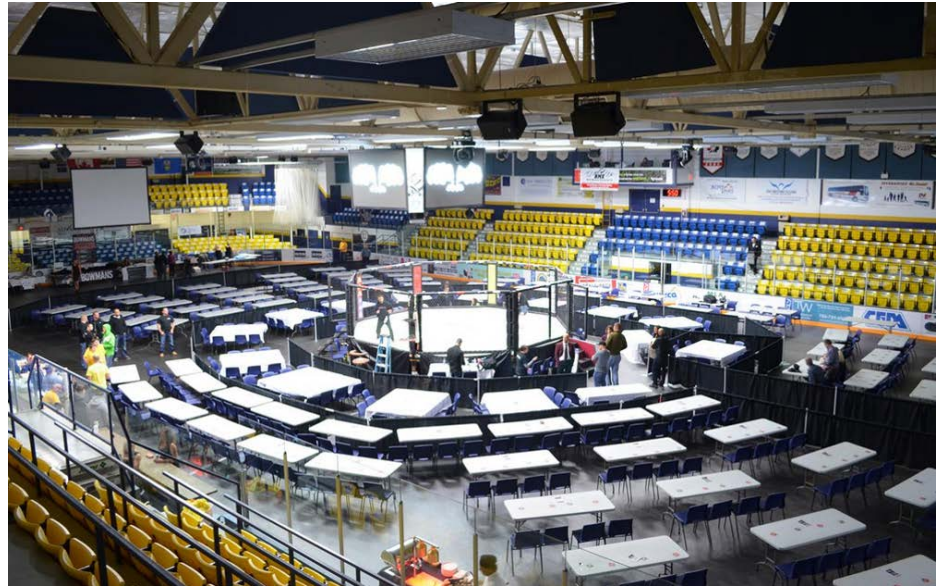


COMMISSION BACKGROUND

- Council adopted the Combative Sport Commission Bylaw No. 13/019 in 2013
- The Commission advises, educates and regulates combative sports events, policies and procedures.
- Legislation was passed legalizing sports such as Mixed Martial Arts allowing for professional contests to be held across Canada under the authorization and oversight of commissions.

BACKGROUND continued

- The RMWB Combative Sport Commission has successfully regulated 8 events in the region since 2014



BACKGROUND continued

- In 2019 the Commission began working with the Legal Services Department to review and updated the existing bylaw
- The Rules and Regulations are also under review to ensure constancy with the bylaw and update as needed to reflect current practices

BYLAW CHANGES

Contestant Safety

- Process when an amateur event purports to be sanctioned by a provincial association in the region
- Added additional provisions to the Contestant License to increase the health standards required to compete
- Moved the Second License information to be stand alone as prior it was embedded within the Contestant License

BYLAW CHANGES continued

Logistical Updates

- Removed wrestling as amateur wrestling is sanctioned by a provincial body and professional wrestling is entertainment and not competition
- Updated definition of Peace Officer to be consistent with the definition in other RMWB bylaws
- Removed Peace Officer's from the fees section
- Removed sections mentioning Municipal Tags

BYLAW CHANGES continued

Updates to Fees Structure

- Update wording regarding the Event Fee
- Moved all fees into Schedule “A”
- Updated Doctor’s fee to reflect market rate

BYLAW CHANGES continued

Grammar and layout updates

- Corrections to the grammar and improved the way information was laid out to ease reading and understanding of the Bylaw
- Removed some duplication of information
- Took out all timelines for licensing and permits to have these located only in the Rules & Regulations

THANK YOU

Questions?

