

810-11-1-.01 Papers. All papers filed shall be the property of the Alabama Boxing and Wrestling Commission. **(REPEALED)**

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.02 Applications for Permit. **(REPEALED)**

All applications for permits must be filed at least seven days before such contest or exhibition. Before acting upon an application for a license or permit, the Commission may at its discretion examine under oath, the applicant and other witnesses.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.03 Separate Permits. **(REPEALED)**

A separate permit for each show must be obtained from the Commission, and each bout on the card must be approved by the Commission or Inspector in charge before the contest is advertised. If the Commission is of the opinion that one of the contestants is not a suitable opponent for the other contestant, permit will not be issued. Each permit to stage a contest expires at midnight on the date named in the permit.

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History:

810-11-1-.04 Expiration of Licenses. **(REPEALED)**

Licenses issued to all persons by this Commission, shall expire twelve months after date of issue.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.05 Inspector's Duties. **(REPEALED)**

(1) The Commission may appoint any number of inspectors it deems necessary, these inspectors to be designated as chief inspector; statewide inspector or regional inspector. The chief inspector shall have written in red ink across the face of his commission the word "chief"; state-wide inspectors shall have written across the face of their commission "state-wide" and regional inspectors shall have written across the face of their commission the name of the community or region in which they are to serve. The authority of the chief inspector and state-wide inspector must be recognized at all bouts in the state; the authority of regional inspectors in the territory designated on the face of their commission and when ordered to other territory by the Commission. Regional inspector's commissions shall not entitle the holder to admission to any bout except within the territory designated on the face of his commission.

(2) The chief inspector shall exercise supervision over all inspectors and state-wide inspectors shall supervise bouts at which they are ordered.

(3) Any member of the Commission in attendance upon and supervising a contest or exhibition has the full power of the Commission in the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Commission. He may, at his discretion, stop a bout or program and revoke a permit or a license at any time. Any inspector in attendance upon and supervising a contest or exhibition, in the absence of a member of the Commission, has the full power vested in each Commissioner.

(4) State-wide Inspectors shall be admitted to all contests in this State, and shall attend contests when ordered by the members of the Commission. Where two or more state-wide inspectors are present at any contest, the inspector holding a commission bearing the smallest number shall be deemed the Senior Inspector or Chairman of the Inspectors present. Before taking any action in reference to a contest, any inspector may enter the ring and call for a conference of all inspectors and members of the Commission present.

(5) The inspector in charge shall have exclusive control of all ringside and press seats.

(6) In all bouts, contestants, promoters, match-makers, judges, announcers, timekeepers, seconds, examining physicians, ticket sellers, ticket takers, ushers and referees shall at all times be under the control and direction of the commissioner or inspector in charge of the contest.

(7) Inspectors must familiarize themselves with the laws, rules and regulations governing boxing in the state and must see that they are properly enforced.

(8) Inspectors are the direct representatives of the Commission and must be accorded the proper respect by officials and contestants.

(9) Inspectors are in charge of all contest and exhibitions and will be held responsible for the strict compliance of the laws, rules and regulations of the Commission.

Boxes for deposit of tickets by ticket takers must be furnished by organizations sponsoring contests and all keys to boxes in which tickets are dropped must be given to the inspector in charge, before opening the gates.

(10) Ticket seller's report showing receipts and expenditures must be sent to the Commission within forty-eight (48) hours after close of the bout.

(11) At each contest or exhibition the promoter shall provide near the ring four seats, each marked "Commission" for the use of the Commissioners and their official representatives. There shall also be provided two seats for the judges, one on either side of the ring, adjacent thereto; and one seat for the official timekeeper near the gong.

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History:

810-11-1-.06 Good Order. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Good order must be preserved at all contests. Ungentlemanly conduct must be immediately suppressed. Insulting or abusive remarks are prohibited.

(2) The Commission wishes to make it plain that rowdy or disorderly actions of any nature will not be tolerated, and if the occasion warrants, the Commission will refuse to issue permits for future shows, until assured that order will be maintained.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.07 Encroachment of Dates. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Organizations will be protected from encroachment of dates. A reasonable time must intervene between boxing and wrestling shows, both amateur and professional, to be determined by the Commission.

(2) The Commission shall have the power to control and limit the number of boxing bouts given, or to be held in any city or town. Dates must first be secured from the Commission, before public announcement is made of contests.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.08 Application Forms. **(REPEALED)**

Blank application forms for licenses, permits, and other forms required by the Commission, shall be provided by them. Names and addresses of applicants for licenses must be printed in ink or typewritten.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.09 Betting. **(REPEALED)**

No betting or wagering on any bout shall be permitted by any organization in the building or on the premises where any boxing contest or exhibition is held. Side bets between contestants are positively forbidden.

Author: **Charles Hines**
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.10 Announcements. **(REPEALED)**

No introductions or announcements except those pertaining to the bout, or future bouts, shall be made from the ring.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.11 Sham Exhibitions. **(REPEALED)**

(1) An organization sponsoring a contest or any medical examiner, referee, judge, timekeeper, boxer, manager, trainer, or second, who shall conduct, give or participate in any sham, or collusive boxing or sparring match or exhibition shall be deprived of any license or permit issued by this Commission to such person or organization and will be barred from sponsoring or participating in any contest in this state.

(2) No contestants shall be paid for services before the contest, and should it be determined by the referee, or any member of the Commission present, or any inspector of athletics acting in the absence of a member of the Commission, that such contestant did not give an honest exhibition of his skill, such services shall not be paid for, until further order of the Commission.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.12 Passes. **(REPEALED)**

No person shall be admitted to any contest unless he is the holder of a ticket, except:

- (a) Members and the Secretary of the Alabama Boxing and Wrestling Commission;
- (b) The inspectors of athletics;
- (c) Boxers on the program and their respective managers;
- (d) Officials connected with the contest;
- (e) Ushers and ring attendants;
- (f) Chief of Police and such number of policemen, including state policemen in uniform as may be required by law;
- (g) The Chief of the Fire Department and such number of firemen in uniform as may be required by law;
- (h) The Sheriff and such number of deputy sheriffs as may be required by law;
- (i) Such other persons as authorized by the Commission in writing;

(j) No passes or complimentary tickets shall be issued to a contest in this state, except by authority of the Commission. When a pass issued by the Commission is presented to the ticket seller, he will honor the pass for the number of designated seats and deliver the ticket or tickets to the holder of the pass, which, together with the pass will be presented to the ticket taker and will authorize the admission of the persons holding the pass and ticket to the bout. The ticket seller shall request the pass holder to sign for such ticket obtained and turn in on his report as an unsold ticket. Pass No. 1 issued to the Governor of the State will be honored by all ticket sellers for two ringside seats.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.13 Revocation of Licenses. **(REPEALED)**

The Commission shall have the right to revoke licenses and permits for violation of any provision of these rules, or the law governing the Commission.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.14 Physicians. **(REPEALED)**

(1) It shall be the duty of every organization sponsoring a contest, at its own expense, to have in attendance at each contest, a physician who has been issued by this Commission, and who has had not less than three years medical practice, whose duty it shall be to observe the physical condition of the boxers and advise the referee with regard thereto. No contest shall be allowed in which the difference in weight of the respective contestants shall exceed 18 pounds. This provision shall not apply to boxers in the heavy and light heavy-weight classes.

(2) All boxers must be examined by a physician licensed by this Commission within eight hours of their entering the ring.

(3) If a contestant is not physically fit to box, the medical examiner shall bar him from participation.

(4) The physician shall examine and treat any contestant who appears injured, whether or not the injuries seem to be the cause of the termination of the bout.

(5) The examination given contestants must be according to printed form prescribed by the Commission.

All licensed physicians must be residents of the state.

(6) The Commission will use its own judgment as to the number of physicians to be licensed in any town or city and the Commission has the authority to designate the physician who will officiate at each contest or exhibition. The physician shall remain at the ringside or within call until all bouts are over, and he shall report to the inspector before leaving the hall.

(7) Separate licenses must be had by boxers and wrestlers to illustrate a boxer cannot work on a wrestler's license or vice versa.

(8) Promoters employing other than licensed wrestlers or referees in professional bouts will be refused permits.

(9) Any person holding a Main Bout license is entitled to participate in any contest on the program. But any person holding a preliminary bout license is not entitled to participate in a Main Bout without first securing a Main Bout license.

(10) Contestants, before being permitted to enter into any agreement to participate in any bout or contest in this state, shall be required to obtain a license from the Commission.

(11) All professional contestants must show their licenses to the inspector in charge upon request.

(12) Organizations sponsoring contests, matchmakers, or promoters thereof, are financially and legally responsible for payment of fees of all licensed officials and contestants.

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History:

810-11-1-.16 Admission of Press Representatives to Weighing In. **(REPEALED)**

At the official weighing in of all contestants duly accredited newspaper representatives must upon request be admitted.

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History:

810-11-1-.17 Drinks Not to be Sold in Bottles. **(REPEALED)**

(1) No drinkables, except in paper cups may be sold or served in the arena or hall where contests are given.

(2) Drinks sold at counter must be poured into paper cups as bottles must not be taken from counter by purchaser.

Author: **Charles Hines**
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.18 Contestant's Injuries. **(REPEALED)**

Whenever a wrestler, because of injuries or illness, is unable to take part in a contest for which he is under contract he or his manager must immediately report the fact to the Commission and submit to an examination by a physician designed by the Commission, to be made prior to the date set for contest.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.19 Collusive Contests. **(REPEALED)**

The Commission requires that whenever any possible, any separate tickets must be provided for children under 12 years of age.

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History:

810-11-1-.20 Pass Out Checks. **(REPEALED)**

Pass out checks shall not be issued.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.21 Ticket Sellers. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Ticket sellers and ticket takers are directly responsible to the Commission for the performance of their respective duties. As soon as the box office is closed, the ticket seller shall make a report in writing on a form to be prescribed by the Commission, showing the number of passes honored, the number of tickets of each class sold, the number of receipts for tickets on hand, the number of unsold tickets of each class on hand and the amount of cash on hand. There shall be five copies of this report; one copy shall be immediately mailed to the Commission or one copy delivered to any member of the Commission present or to the Inspector designated by the Commission; one copy to each of the managers of the respective participants in the main bout, and one copy to the organizations sponsoring the contest. Each copy shall be signed by the ticket seller. Any member of the Commission shall have the right to verify the report of the ticket seller. Upon the report being verified, the ticket seller must immediately pay over to the recorder of permits and licenses or to his duly authorized representative, the State Tax imposed by law.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PASSES ISSUED AND PRICE CLASSIFICATION THEREOF MUST BE SHOWN ON TICKET SELLER'S REPORT.

(2) The money on hand, plus the receipts for tickets, plus the unsold tickets, must equal the capacity of the house or the ticket seller is responsible for the difference.

(3) Organizations or individuals sponsoring bouts must use only licensed representatives such as ticket sellers, ticket takers, etc.

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History:

810-11-1-.22 Participants Representative. **(REPEALED)**

A representative of the participants in the main bout, others having a percentage interest in the proceeds, officers of the law, and representatives of the organizations sponsoring the contest, are entitled to be present when the ticket sellers and ticket takers are checked up together with representatives of the Commission and none other.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.23 Prompt Appearance of Contestants in Ring. **(REPEALED)**

Contestants must report at place of contest at least one hour before scheduled time of opening bout. All contestants must be ready to enter the ring immediately upon the finish of the preceding bout. The referee may disqualify a boxer breaking this rule. Should an emergency arise requiring a contestant to leave the ring during the minute intermission between rounds, permission must be secured from the referee.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.24 Contestants, How Often May Compete. **(REPEALED)**

No boxer will be allowed to compete in two main bouts within a period of six days, or within a period of four days in preliminary bouts except on written authority of the Commission.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.25 Use of Grease, etc. **(REPEALED)**

The use of grease, ointment, strong smelling liniment, nauseous or noxious drugs, liquids, or powders during a contest is prohibited.

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History:

810-11-1-.26 Correct Names. **(REPEALED)**

Every contestant must box or wrestle consistently under the same name.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.27 Licenses, Cost. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Application for license as a boxer, referee, second, trainer, announcer, medical examiner, ticket seller, ticket taker, manager, matchmaker, promoter, timekeeper, or director, shall be made to the Commission in writing on a form prescribed by the Commission, accompanied by a license fee fixed by this rule, which is as follows:

Manager	\$20.00
Matchmaker	150.00
Promoter	500.00
Referee	5.00
Boxer (Main Bout)	20.00
Medical Examiner	5.00
Boxer (Preliminary Bout).	5.00
Ticket Seller	5.00
Ticket Taker	5.00
Timekeeper	5.00
Second	5.00
Trainer	5.00
Announcer	5.00
Permit	1.00

(2) All professional boxers appearing on programs must be licensed by the Commission. No license will be issued to boxers over 45 (forty-five) years of age.

(3) Organizations employing other than licensed boxers or referees in professional bouts will be refused permits.

(4) Any person holding a Main Bout license is entitled to participate in any contest on the program. But any person holding a Preliminary Bout license is not entitled to participate in a Main Bout, without first securing a Main Bout license.

(5) Contestants, before being permitted to enter into any agreement to participate in any bout or contest in this state, shall be required to obtain a license from the Commission.

(6) All professional contestants must show their licenses to the inspector in charge, upon request.

(7) Organizations sponsoring contests, matchmakers, or promoters thereof, are financially and legally responsible for payment of fees of all licensed officials and contestants.

Author: **Charles Hines**

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History:

810-11-1-.28 Contracts. **(REPEALED)**

(1) All managers must have a written contract with all contestants under their control and copy of the original contracts must be filed with the Commission or the contracts will not be considered official. No verbal agreements will be recognized. In the case of a minor, the contract must be executed by his legal guardian.

(2) All promoters must have a written contract with the organization for which he is promoting contests and a copy of such contract signed by all parties thereto must be on file with the Commission, and all such contracts which provide that the promoter pay all costs of the contests must be secured by a good and sufficient bond, approved by the Commission.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.29 Length of Boxing Program. **(REPEALED)**

No program of boxing shall exceed forty rounds, except by special permission of the Commission in writing. The main or final bout must start not later than 10 P.M.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.30 Officials. **(REPEALED)**

Officials shall consist of a Referee, two (2) Judges, a Timekeeper, an Announcer and a Physician.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.31 Referee. **(REPEALED)**

(1) The chief official of contests shall be the referee, who shall have general supervision over bouts and shall take his position in the ring. He shall be appointed by the Commission and the appointment announced from the ring only.

(2) The referee shall, before starting a contest, ascertain from each contestant the name of his chief second, and shall hold said chief second responsible for the conduct of his assistant seconds during the progress of the contest.

(3) The referee shall, before each bout, call contestants together for final instructions, at which time each contestant shall be accompanied by his chief second only. The principals, after receiving instructions, shall shake hands and retire to their corners. They shall not again shake hands until the beginning of the last round.

(4) No persons other than the contestants and the referee may enter the ring during the progress of a round.

(5) The referee shall inspect bandages and gloves and make sure that no foreign substances have been applied to either the bandages, gloves or the bodies of boxers to the detriment of an opponent.

(6) The referee shall have the power:

(a) To stop a bout or contest at any stage and make a decision if he considers it too one-sided.

(b) To stop a bout or contest if he considers the competitors are not in earnest. In this case he may disqualify one or both contestants.

(c) To stop a bout or contest at any stage on account of a major foul being committed.

(d) To penalize one or both contestants with the loss of a stated number of points not to exceed 6 (six) in case they hit low.

(e) To penalize one or both of the contestants with a loss of a stated number of points not to exceed 6 (six) in case they commit a minor foul after one warning is given.

(7) The referee shall not touch the contesting boxers, except on the failure of one or both contestants to obey the "break" command.

(8) The gathering in the center of the ring preceding bouts to receive the final instructions of the referee shall be limited to the principals and their chief seconds, making five persons all told. The only exception to this rule to be in the case of a foreign boxer requiring the services of an interpreter.

(9) Handshaking by contestants in the ring previous to and during bout is to be eliminated.

(10) When a contestant is "down" the referee and timekeeper shall at once commence calling off the seconds and indicating the count with a motion of the arm. If the contestant fails to rise before the count of ten, the referee shall declare him the loser.

(11) Should a contestant who is "down" arise before the count of ten is reached and again go down intentionally, without being struck, the referee and timekeeper shall resume the count where it left off.

(12) Should a contestant leave the ring during the one minute period between rounds and fail to be in ring when gong rings to resume boxing, the referee shall count him out, the same as if he were "down."

(13) If a contestant who has been knocked or has fallen out of the ring during a contest, fails to be on his feet in the ring before the expiration of ten seconds, the referee shall count him out as if he were down. A contestant who has fallen or has been knocked out of the ring must return to the ring unassisted.

(14) When a contestant is down, his opponent shall retire to the farthest neutral corner and remain there until the count is completed. Should he fail to do so, the referee and timekeeper may cease counting until he has so retired.

(15) Referees are to penalize a boxer with the loss of a stated number of points, not to exceed 6, for striking his opponent below the belt. The referee must notify the judges of his action at the end of the round, in order that they may mark their cards accordingly, as otherwise they would have no knowledge of the penalty being inflicted. The referee is the only official that can penalize the boxers.

(16) If more than 3 warnings are given during the progress of a boxing contest, a special report is to be filed by the referee with the Commission. No bout is to be terminated because of low hitting. (See rule regarding low blows for further instructions.)

(17) Referee shall decide all questions arising in the ring during a contest which are not specifically covered by these rules.

Author: **Charles Hines**

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History:

810-11-1-.32 Judges. **(REPEALED)**

(1) The two judges shall be appointed by the Commission and the names announced from the ring only. They shall be stationed at opposite sides of the ring.

(2) It shall be the duty of the judges to watch every phase of the bout and to make a decision, if the contest lasts the limit of rounds scheduled.

(3) The decisions of the judges shall be based primarily on effectiveness, taking into account the following points:

(a) A clean, forceful hit, landed on any vulnerable part of the body above the belt should be credited in proportion to its damaging effect.

(b) Aggressiveness is next in importance and points should be awarded to the contestants who sustain the action of a round by the greatest number of skilled attacks.

(c) Defensive work is relatively important and points should be given for cleverly avoiding or blocking a blow.

(d) Points should be awarded where ring generalship is conspicuous. This comprises such points as the ability to quickly grasp and take advantage of every opportunity offered; the capacity to copy with all kinds of situations which may arise; to foresee and neutralize an opponent's method of attack; to force an opponent to adopt a style of boxing at which he is not particularly skillful.

(e) It is advisable to deduct points when a contestant persistently delays the action of a contest by clinching and lack of aggressiveness.

(f) A contestant should be given credit for sportsmanship actions in the ring, close adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules and for refraining from taking technical advantage of situations unfair to an opponent.

(4) A boxer will be charged with the loss of a round in which the referee gives him a second warning for a minor foul. Any such penalty, however, shall not be imposed by the judges on their cards until they are advised by the referee.

(5) If a boxer is warned three or more times for low hitting during the progress of a boxing contest, a special report covering every phase of the violation is to be sent to the Commission. No bouts are to be terminated because of blows delivered below the belt. (See rule regarding low blows for further instructions.)

(6) Judges and Referees will mark their cards at the end of each round, scoring ten points total for each round, using fractional points if desired. At the end of the contest, the boxer winning the greatest number of points shall be declared the winner. Should it develop that both have an equal number of points, the decision shall be called a "draw" or awarded to one of the contestants, provided said contestant is in better physical condition at the end of the bout and has inflicted the greater amount of damage during the course of the bout. It shall be discretionary with ring officials to award the contest to a boxer who has won a lesser number of points than his opponent only in cases where in the judgment of the ring officials said contestant has inflicted the greater amount of damage and has proven his definite superiority over his opponent, during the contest, and finished in a better physical condition.

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History:

810-11-1-.34 Timekeeper. **(REPEALED)**

- (1) Must be seated outside the ring close to the gong.
- (2) He shall indicate the beginning and ending of each round by striking the gong with a hammer.
- (3) He shall provide himself with a whistle and with a stop watch, which shall have been properly examined and certified to accuracy before the bout.
- (4) Ten seconds before the beginning of each round the timer shall give warnings to the seconds of contestants by the blowing of a whistle.
- (5) In the event of a contest terminating before the scheduled limit of rounds, the timekeeper shall inform the announcer of the exact duration of contest.
- (6) When a knockdown occurs, the timekeeper shall immediately arise and announce the seconds audibly as they elapse. The referee shall first see that the opponent retires to the farthest neutral corner and then turning to the timekeeper shall pick up the count in unison with the timekeeper announcing the second to the boxer on the floor. Should the boxer on his feet fail to stay in the corner, the referee and timekeeper shall cease counting until he has so retired. At the tenth second, providing the termination of the round has not happened in the meantime, the referee shall raise both hands and shout the word "OUT". If the round shall naturally terminate during a knockdown the timekeeper shall sound the gong once, thus indicating the termination of the three minute round as usual, at the same time announcing the second that the knockdown ended.

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History:

810-11-1-.35 Announcer. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Shall announce the names of contestants, their correct weights, the decisions of the referee and judges, and other matters as directed by the Commission representative in charge.

(2) At the termination of each bout, announcers are to collect the decision slips from both judges and referee before making any announcement. After examining the slips the following procedure is to be followed: If it is unanimous, the announcer announces the unanimous verdict. If the decision is not unanimous, but a majority decision, the announcer so announces it. If it is a draw, that is, each one of the officials voting differently, the announcer so announces it.

(3) Where a contestant is knocked down and unable to rise inside of ten seconds, the decision is that the contestant is knocked out, time_____.

(4) Where a referee intercedes to save a boxer from further punishment during the bout or during the interval between round, the decision will be: "CONTEST STOPPED; _ UNABLE TO CONTINUE: _____ WINS."

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History:

810-11-1-.36 Inspector at Ring. **(REPEALED)**

(1) One Inspector shall be at the ringside at all times during a contest and shall be responsible for all details of the contest which do not come under the jurisdiction of the other officials.

(2) He shall see that all necessary equipment is provided, that the contestants are ready on time, that the seconds are properly instructed in their duties, that the doctor's report and the statement of weights are delivered to the referee, and that all regulations pertaining to the proper conduct of the bout are enforced.

(3) Boxers shall not be permitted to put on their gloves until bandages are examined by a representative of the Commission.

(4) Boxers will be suspended if the boxer comes in over the weight contracted for.

(5) The canvas must be laced to the ring platform until the padding of the ring floor has been approved by a representative of the Commission.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.37 Seconds. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Shall be not more than two for any preliminary bout nor more than three for any main bout.

(2) They shall not coach principals during the progress of rounds by shouting or in any manner which disturbs the patrons or distracts from the exhibition.

(3) Seconds must remain seated during the rounds, and shall not throw water on a principal or in any other way assist him.

(4) Fans shall be used between rounds, the swinging of towels being prohibited.

(5) Seconds shall not enter the ring until the timer indicates the termination of a round, and are prohibited from spraying or forcefully throwing water on a contestant. Seconds shall leave ring enclosure at the sound of timer's whistle ten seconds before the beginning of each round. They shall leave ring platforms and remove all obstructions, buckets, stools, etc., promptly when the gong sounds for the beginning of each round.

(6) Seconds are prohibited from throwing a towel in the ring as a token of defeat. The referee is the sole judge as to the ability of a boxer to continue.

(7) Violations of the above provisions shall be followed by the ejection of offenders from the ring corner, and may result in the disqualification of their principal by the referee.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.38 Contestants. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Shall report to the place where a contest to be held at least one hour before entering the ring. Shall box in a proper ring costume. Contestants must wear regulation trunks which must reach at least halfway between knee and thigh. Tights will not be permitted. The belt of the trunks shall not extend above the waist line. Shoes shall be of soft material and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles or hard heels. No other apparel as above specified, shall be worn in the ring, except a bathrobe.

(2) Gloves shall be adjusted in the ring under the supervision of the referee or in the dressing room under the supervision of a representative of the Commission, the laces to be knotted on the back of the wrist.

(3) The use of grease or other substances which might handicap an opponent is prohibited. Contestants must present a tidy appearance and be cleanly shaved.

(4) Neither by word or act shall a contestant at the close of a bout indicate to the spectators his belief that he has won or lost. When the decision of the judges has been announced, both contestants and their seconds shall at once leave the ring and retire to their dressing rooms.

(5) Managers and seconds are forbidden to toss a towel into the ring as a token of defeat of their principal or in any other way to acknowledge that he is beaten. The referee shall be sole judge as to the physical condition of a boxer under severe punishment and as to whether a bout should be stopped.

(6) No boxer, manager, second or ring tender shall enter a ring with a sweater, jersey, or robe carrying any advertisement other than the name of the boxer.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.39 Bandages. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Only soft cotton or linen bandages shall be used for the protection of the hands. One roll of two-inch cotton gauze or linen bandage not to exceed ten yards in length may be used for each hand. Adhesive tape not to exceed one inch in width may be used to hold the soft bandages in place. The use of more than one thickness of adhesive tape is prohibited. The adhesive tape, when used, cannot be lapped more than one-eighth of an inch, which is sufficient to clinch same. Adhesive tape not to exceed one thickness may be crossed over the back of the hand for its protection. In

addition to this, use of three strips, lapping not to exceed one-eighth of an inch, for protecting the knuckles may be used, but when this is done positively no further use of adhesive tape will be permitted.

(2) No liquids, powder or other substances of any kind shall be applied to the hands before or after they are bandaged.

(3) All bandages and taping shall be adjusted in dressing room in the presence of an inspector or representative of the Commission and shall be subject to the approval of the referee or such representative.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.40 Shoes. **(REPEALED)**

Shall be of soft material and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles or hard heels.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.41 Down. **(REPEALED)**

A contestant shall be deemed "down" when:

- (a) Any part of his body other than his feet is on the ring floor.
- (b) He is hanging helplessly over the ropes.
- (c) Rising from "down" position.

Note-(a): A boxer hanging over the ropes is not officially "down" until so pronounced by the referee, who can count the boxer out either on ropes or on the floor.

Note-(b): A contestant may go down through accident or weakness but must rise instantly. If he is sent down by a blow, he may remain down until the count of "nine" without being counted out.

Note-(c): Referees and judges in boxing matches shall, in rendering their decisions, consider and declare a contestant to be "KNOCKED OUT" when a man is unable, after being knocked down, to rise unaided inside of ten seconds.

(d) The following decision shall be rendered, when a referee intercedes to save a boxer in distress from further punishment: "CONTEST STOPPED; _____ UNABLE TO CONTINUE: _____ WINS.:

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.42 Major Fouls. **(REPEALED)**

Referee shall disqualify boxers for the following reasons:

- (a) Hitting an opponent who is down or is getting up after being down.
- (b) Using the knee.
- (c) Purposely going down without being hit.
- (d) Failure to obey the referee or any physical actions which may injure a contestant except by fair sportsmanlike boxing.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.43 Minor Fouls. **(REPEALED)**

Referee shall penalize boxers as provided herein after one given warning; for:

- (a) Holding an opponent or deliberately maintaining a clinch.
- (b) Hitting with inside or butt of the hand, the wrist or the elbow (including the so-called back-hand blow).
- (c) Hitting or "flicking" with open glove.

- (d) Wrestling or roughing at the ropes.
- (e) Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
- (f) The use of the pivot blow and rabbit punch.
- (g) Hitting on the break.

It shall be the duty of the referee who penalizes a contestant for any of the above violations to notify each of the judges in an audible tone relative to the loss and the judges are herewith instructed to mark their cards accordingly. The judges are directed not to charge boxers with the loss of points for the above reasons unless specifically requested to do so by the referee.

Author: **Charles Hines**
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.44 Number and Duration of Rounds. **(REPEALED)**

No match shall be more than fifteen rounds in length and such rounds shall be not more than three minutes duration, with one minute intermission between rounds except by special permission of the Commission.

Author: **Charles Hines**
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.46 Difference in Weight. **(REPEALED)**

No contest shall be allowed in which the difference in weight of the respective contestant shall exceed eighteen pounds. This provision shall not apply to boxers in the heavy and light-heavy-weight classes.

Author: **Charles Hines**
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.47 Stopping a Match or Exhibition. **(REPEALED)**

If a match or exhibition is stopped by a member of the Commission, an Inspector, Referee, or other authorized public official, for an infraction of the rules or violation of any law or ordinance, all box office receipts, including the remunerations of officials and contestants, for said match or exhibition, shall be held by the Commission pending its decision. Where any organization or person under the jurisdiction of the Commission is in any way penalized or disciplined under the law or rules, such organization or person may appeal to the Commission, by submitting the case in writing, stating all facts they wish to be considered by the Commission, as now provided by law.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.51 Seating of Patrons. **(REPEALED)**

The inspector in charge shall have general supervision of seating of patrons.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.52 Decisions. **(REPEALED)**

As to questions arising not provided for in these rules, the Commissioners or their duly authorized representatives shall have the power to decide.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.53 Weights and Classes. **(REPEALED)**The following weight standards are effective:

Paperweight	110 pounds
Flyweight	112 pounds
Bantamweight	118 pounds
Featherweight	126 pounds
Lightweight	135 pounds
Welterweight	147 pounds
Middleweight	160 pounds
Light Heavyweight	175 pounds
Heavyweight	176 pounds and over

(b) No boxer shall be permitted to box against an opponent eighteen (18) pounds heavier than himself, in the welterweight or middleweight classes.

(c) No boxer shall be permitted to box against an opponent six (6) pounds heavier than himself, in the lightweight class or under.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.54 Weighing Time. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Not less than six hours previous to entering the ring, contestants shall be weighed on the Commission scales in the presence of each other and a representative of the Commission, who shall submit to the referee over his own signature the weights of the boxers.

(2) In the event of a twenty-four hour postponement weights and physical examination of original date are to hold. In the event of a postponement requiring the show to be held later than twenty-four hours after original date, new weights and physical examination required.

(3) Weighing-in ceremonies must be completed at or before 2:30 P.M. on day of contest. Commission representatives in charge have been instructed to the effect that boxers appearing late are to be fined or suspended.

(4) All clubs are to commence boxing programs not later than 8:30 P.M., and main or final bout must be in the ring not later than 10 P.M. All boxing programs shall terminate not later than 11 P.M. unless specifically authorized by the Commission.

(5) Boxers scheduled to appear at a club are to assemble in the dressing rooms not later than 7:30 P.M., and remain until ordered into the ring by the Commission Inspector.

(6) Match-makers must personally supervise weighing-in ceremonies. They will not be permitted to delegate their duties to an assistant.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.55 Ring Equipment. **(REPEALED)**

(1) To be not less than sixteen (16) or more than twenty (20) feet square within the ropes, the ring floor to extend beyond the ropes a distance of not less than twenty-four (24) inches. The ring floor shall be padded with felt matting or other soft material to a thickness of not less than two (2) inches extending over the edge of the ring platform with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to ring platform. Material that tends to gather in lumps must not be used.

(2) Posts must be properly padded, to insure safety to contestants. Mats must be laundered necessary to maintain a clean and sanitary appearance.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.56 Height of Ring. **(REPEALED)** Shall be not more than four (4) feet above the floor of the building except on express permission of the Commission, and shall be provided with suitable steps for the use of contestants. Ring posts shall be made of some strong material (preferably metal) three (3) inches in diameter, extending from floor of building to a height of at least fifty-eight (58) inches above ring floor.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.57 Ring, Obstructions. **(REPEALED)**

The entire ring platform shall be cleared of all obstructions, including buckets, stools, etc., the instant the gong indicates the beginning of the round; and none of these articles shall be placed on the ring floor till the gong has sounded the end of the round.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.58 Buckets, Bottles and Fans. **(REPEALED)**

(1) There shall be provided by the organization sponsoring the contest a sufficient number of buckets for the use of all contestants. They shall also provide powdered resin for canvas, stools for seconds, and such other articles as are required in the conduct of contests. The swinging of towels is prohibited. Fans must be used.

(2) Two clean buckets and a clean bottle for each contestant shall be furnished by the organization sponsoring the show. The use of inside mouth piece shall be permitted.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.59 Gloves. **(REPEALED)**

Gloves must weigh at least five (5) ounces each. Gloves used in the main bout shall be new, and shall weigh not less than five (5) ounces each, nor more than eight (8) ounces and shall be furnished by the Club management. In all main events, gloves must be put on in the ring, after gloves and bandages have been inspected by the referee. Gloves for preliminary bouts may be used gloves, providing such gloves are approved by the inspector. They shall be put on in the dressing room, after bandages have been inspected by the inspector. The gloves must not be twisted or in any way manipulated. In case a glove shall break or come off during the contest, the referee shall order time out, while a new glove is being adjusted.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.60 Police. **(REPEALED)**

Promoters sponsoring bouts shall provide sufficient police to preserve order and discipline among the spectators.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.61 Officials must not be Interested. **(REPEALED)**

No referee or member of the Commission may represent any contestant or receive from a contestant any share of his purse.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.62 Rest Period. **(REPEALED)**

No contestant shall participate in a main bout who shall have not been in the state at least three days before said contest, or who has engaged in a contest within six days from date selected for the contest under the rules of this Commission. The Commission shall have the power to waive the provisions of this rule, but only in case where a hardship would be worked should the conditions have to be complied with, provided always that the best interest of the public and spectators will be served.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.63 Age Limit. **(REPEALED)**

No contestant under the age of eighteen years nor over the age of forty-five years shall be permitted to box, except amateurs with express permission of this Commission.

Author: **Charles Hines**
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.64 Penalties. **(REPEALED)**

For the violation of any rule of the Commission for which no penalty is expressly provided, the Commission or its representative may impose a fine or suspension or both.

Author: **Charles Hines**
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.65 Suspensions. **(REPEALED)**

(1) Any complaint of the violation of any rules of the Commission or any provisions of law regulating boxing or wrestling shall be made to the Commission in writing addressed to the Secretary. The complaint shall give the name or names of the person or persons complained against, the act complained of, the time and place of such act, and a complete statement of all the circumstances. Upon receipt of such a complaint, the Secretary shall furnish such person or persons complained against a copy, and notify both parties of the time and place of hearing such complaint. Any person interested may be present at such hearing. Any member of the Commission may conduct such hearing and render a decision, from which an appeal may be had as provided by law. All parties shall be notified of the decision of the Commission. No suspension shall be ordered except by a Commissioner.

(2) It is the duty of all Inspectors to recommend suspensions when in their judgment there has been a violation of the rules of the Commissioner or the law regulating boxing or wrestling.

Author: **Charles Hines**
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975
History:

810-11-1-.66 Fines. **(REPEALED)** Inspectors shall impose fines at the time an offense is committed and same shall be deducted from the money due to such person and all fines shall be final unless an appeal is filed with the Commission as provided by law.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History:

810-11-1-.67 Admission Fees. **(REPEALED)** All money paid as admission fees shall be under the exclusive control of the Commission until surrendered by it to the proper authority.

Author: **Charles Hines**

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 41-9-90.1(e), Code of Alabama 1975

History: