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Professional boxing and combat sports in Victoria are regulated under the *Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985* and the *Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Regulations 2019* and rules made by the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board to promote safety, uphold integrity and reduce the risk of malpractice.

In Victoria, persons engaging or participating in professional boxing and combat sports, including amateur MMA, corporate and exhibition bouts, must be licensed or registered and contests and exhibitions must be held in accordance with the conditions of a permit granted.

Applications and payments for contestant registrations, licences for officials, and permits can now be made online.

[Combat sports online registration, licence, and permit system](#)

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Board's new website and digital application system

The Board is very pleased to deliver its digital registration, licence and permit system that is now in use and accessible through its new website. This system will replace the manual-based one that will be phased out by the end of the year and will allow registration, licence and permit applications and payments to be made securely online.

The Board has refreshed its website to accommodate and align with the digital registration, licence and permit system. While you can access the digital system from the website you will continue to find key information about the Board's requirements for applicants, registration and licence holders, permit conditions and the approved schedule of promotions as well as new information about the Board and its Medical Advisory Sub-Committee, the Board's rules for corporate contests and exhibition bouts, the traumatic brain injury/concussion videos and other educative videos produced by the Association of Ringside Physicians. The Board will review the content on the website regularly to ensure it is meeting stakeholders' needs and that it contains the most up-to-date information.

New Board member Christopher Shen

As a result of the departure of Angela McLaren, Christopher Shen has been appointed to the Board by the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events.

Mr Shen is a psychologist, wrestling coach, and former combat sports referee. He has represented Australia in freestyle and greco-roman wrestling and officiated for the Ultimate Fighting Championship mixed martial arts sports league. Mr Shen holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Monash University and since 1996 he has partnered with organisations across the private, public, educational, and sport sectors to deliver psychology solutions, executive coaching, leadership development, resilience programs, and mental health treatment and support.



Image: Christopher Shen

Boxing at the Paris Olympics



L-R: Alan Clayton (Chair), Caitlin Parker and Uyen Ha (Member)

The Board acknowledges the tremendous achievements of the Victorian boxing athletes who competed in the Paris Olympics. The athletes responses to their experience at the Olympics has been just as impressive as their performances and has showcased the talent of Australian boxing. In particular the Board recognises **Caitlin Parker**, pictured here at the Australian National Boxing Hall of Fame, alongside Alan Clayton (Chair) and Uyen Ha (Member) of the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board. Caitlin is the first Australian woman to secure an Olympic medal in boxing.

Supporting officials

Licensed referees, judges and timekeepers are an essential component in supporting the Board to promote contestant safety and ensure integrity and best practice in professional boxing and combat sport contests. The Board has made a commitment to prioritise support and capacity building of its licensed officials. It is continuing to consult with promoters about the revised minimum officials fee schedule and will issue separate notification in the near future.

MMA officials training

Training for prospective MMA judges and referees is forecast to be delivered in early November. The Board will circulate information about this training opportunity to encourage interested individuals to gain the necessary knowledge and skills to work through the pathways to officiate at professional MMA contests.

Muay Thai officials training

The Board is preparing its training requirements for Muay Thai judges and referees and will be consulting with the sector about opportunities for delivering the required training to existing and prospective judges and referees.