

BOARD ROUNDS

Professional Boxing
and Combat Sports
Board of Victoria



Hearing from our licence holders

At the end of 2024, the Board held online forums with licence holders. Several common questions and issues came up and in this edition (and the next) the Board highlights the main points and responds to your queries.

The Board's remit, rules and modified rules - Any contests or exhibitions that are conducted for profit, or in which contestants participate for a monetary reward, or to which the public is admitted on the payment of an admission fee, is the Board's responsibility. The exceptions are those contests or exhibitions conducted by recognised amateur associations or for a public charitable purpose - these events are not the Board's responsibility.

Corporate promotions and exhibition bouts operate under modified rulesets that are published on the [website](#). The Board is currently developing a modified ruleset for corporate kickboxing and will publish this in coming weeks.

Match-ups - The Board assesses all match-ups when completed fightcards are provided. The earlier that a complete fightcard is submitted the earlier the match-ups can be considered. A matchmaker declaration will be required when:

- . The contest features one or both international contestants.
- . Either contestant returns to professional competition after a break of 18 months or longer.
- . At least one contestant has lost 3 of their last 6 professional contests or sustained repeated losses.
- . If one or both contestants are changing weight class.
- . Other factors as determined by the Board.

To find out what the Board looks for in match-ups see [here](#).

Minimum 6 bouts - The Board has been testing the removal of the 30 round requirement for promotion permits and would welcome any feedback you might have about this change. You should note that the minimum 6 bouts for professional promotions (and amateur MMA) continue to apply.

Maximum 15 bouts - The Board has also been testing capping a maximum of 15 bouts for any promotions that it regulates to provide manageable events for all appointed officials, including ringside medical personnel. It will review this cap at the end of the year.

Trainers in the corner

A maximum of 4 x seconds are permitted in the corner at contests. A maximum of 3 x seconds are permitted for Muay Thai.

Only 1 x licensed trainer can accompany the contestant to the centre of the ring during the referee's instructions.

Between rounds, only 1 x licensed trainer can enter the ring and communicate directly to the contestant. 2 x licensed trainers are permitted for MMA and Muay Thai.

It's all here in [Board rules](#).

Annual increase in application fees

Application fee increases will take effect from 1 July 2025, increasing the fees payable for permit, registration and licence applications by 2.9%. The updated fee schedule is published on the Board's website and has been automatically updated in the online permit, registration and licence system.

The Board

The legislation states that the Board must consist of at least 5, but no more than 7 members, consisting of a Chairperson, a serving police officer and no more than 5 people who, in the Minister's opinion, have a good knowledge of boxing, or one or more combat sports. The Minister for Sport, Tourism and Major Events appoints members to the Board for three year terms. You can find out more about the Board's membership [here](#)

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