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BOARD ROUNDS

Hearing from our stakeholders

The Board was pleased with the participation and openness of discussion at the last round of stakeholder engagement sessions held in late June. The queries and comments made about the location and seating of officials, particularly licensed judges and medical personnel at promotions, confirms the importance of ensuring optimum seating for judges and ringside medical personnel to ensure compliance with the Board's ringside seating plan, which is published in the [promotion permit conditions](#).

You will soon see arm bands worn by ringside medical personnel to further assist in the identification and location of medical personnel at promotions.

MMA Professional Development Event

Training for current licensed MMA officials and those licensed officials from other disciplines will be held on **24 October, 9am-12pm** at Rear Tan's Martial Arts, Munster Terrace, North Melbourne.

The training will provide an overview of contemporary practices in officiating MMA at the professional level and there is no cost for participation.

Please register your attendance via combat.sports@sport.vic.gov.au or (03) 96231183.

Digital enhancements to the combat sports online portal

Further enhancements to the online fightcard are now available including:

- on-screen notifications when a contestant is subject to a current suspension at the time they are added to a fightcard;
- trainers licensed in other jurisdictions can now also be added to fightcards through the inclusion of relevant licence details; and
- a function to simplify the submission of eliminator contests.

Board appointments

The Minister for Sport has appointed Alicia Fitzgerald to the Board and re-appointed Daniel Cairnes for a further term. The Board is very pleased to welcome Alicia who is an admitted Australian lawyer with experience spanning legal policy, commercial law, governance and regulation. Daniel is pleased to be re-appointed for a further term to continue his important contribution in regulating the sport.



Alicia Fitzgerald



Daniel Cairnes

Updates to the Code of Conduct

The Board's Code of Conduct has recently been revised and is reflected in the conditions and requirements of all registered contestants and licence holders. Please ensure you are familiar with these standards and expectations.

