**99-650 COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**Chapter 8:** **RULES GOVERNING MANAGERS, TRAINERS, SECONDS, CUTPERSONS, SCOREKEEPERS, AND CORNERPERSONS FOR KICKBOXING**

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**SUMMARY**: This Chapter establishes the qualifications for and the duties of managers, trainers, seconds, cutpersons, cornerpersons, and scorekeepers. It also identifies certain authorized, mandated, and prohibited activities and equipment.

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**SECTION 1. Certification Required**

All managers, trainers, cutpersons, cornerpersons, scorekeepers, and seconds must obtain a certificate from the Authority prior to engaging in any act authorized by 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20 or by the Authority’s rules.

**SECTION 2. Qualification for Certification**

Prior to the issuance of a certificate by the Authority, all managers, trainers, cutpersons, cornerpersons, scorekeepers, and seconds must:

1. Study and become thoroughly familiar with 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20 and Authority rules governing kickboxing; and
2. File with the Authority a completed official application form accompanied by full payment of required fees.

Managers must meet the additional requirement of filing with the Authority copies of all existing contracts between and among themselves, promoters, and kickboxers.

**SECTION 3. Mandatory Activities**

All members of a kickboxer’s corner who will be working the fighting area must be present for a discussion of Authority rules at the time set by the Authority on the day or night of a bout.

**SECTION 4. Authorized Activities**

No more than three seconds can assist a kickboxer during a contest, one inside the ring or cage and two on the ring or cage apron.

1. Before a contest begins:

1. The chief second and other cornerpersons for each kickboxer shall identify themselves to the inspector present and the referee. Only those so identified shall be allowed in the kickboxer’s corner.

1. A cornerperson shall present the kickboxer, ready to box, when the referee calls the kickboxers to ring or cage center for final instructions.
2. During a round, a second:

1. Must remain seated;

1. Must not mount the stairs or apron or enter the ring or cage until the bell indicates the end of a round, except to indicate a desire to stop a fight;
2. Can signal a desire to stop the fight only by mounting the fighting area apron rather than throwing towels, sponges, or anything else into the ring or cage; and
3. Must refrain from excessive coaching of his/her kickboxer.
4. During a rest period, a second:
5. May coach his/her kickboxer;
6. May treat cuts, abrasions, or swelling;
7. May provide the kickboxer water, ice, or other cooling techniques;

1. Shall leave the fighting area at the sound of the timekeeper’s whistle given ten seconds before a round begins; and
2. Shall remove all items in the fighting area and its platform prior to the bell sounding the beginning of the round.

**SECTION 5. Prohibited Activities**

1. No person other than kickboxers, referees, or a physician acting pursuant to Chapter 9 of these rules shall enter the ring or cage during a round.
2. Managers, trainers, seconds, cutpersons, scorekeepers, and cornerpersons shall not yell loudly or use profanity while working the corner. Any profanity or disobedience of the referee's instructions during the progress of a fight shall be sufficient cause for removal of an individual from the corner.
3. Managers, trainers, seconds, cutpersons, scorekeepers, and cornerpersons shall not leave their designated areas during a fight. If a manager or second leaves a designated area during a fight, the kickboxer will be disqualified.
4. Managers, trainers, seconds, cutpersons, scorekeepers, and cornerpersons shall not assist a kickboxer who is knocked out of the ring or cage onto the floor. A kickboxer who is knocked out of the ring or cage onto the floor must get back into the fighting area within twenty seconds without assistance from anyone.
5. Managers, trainers, seconds, cutpersons, scorekeepers, and cornerpersons shall not enter the ring or cage to assist or move a kickboxer who has been knocked down or injured, until instructed to do so by medical personnel.
6. Managers, trainers, seconds, cutpersons, scorekeepers, and cornerpersons shall not agree in writing, verbally, or otherwise for their kickboxer to fight when they know the kickboxer to be improperly conditioned or physically inadequate.
7. No individual other than a referee shall interfere in any way with the conduct of a fight or touch a kickboxer during a round.
8. If the referee has ordered a kickboxer to be examined by an attending physician, no other individual shall administer any aid to the kickboxer.

**SECTION 6. Mandated Equipment**

The following items must be available in each kickboxer’s corner:

1. A bucket with ice;
2. A towel;
3. Water in an unopened clear plastic bottle which an inspector has examined and approved;
4. A sponge; and
5. Surgical tape.

**SECTION 7. Optional Equipment**

The following items are the only non-mandatory materials which a manager or second may bring to a kickboxer’s corner:

1. Petroleum jelly;
2. Adrenaline in the original and sealed manufacturer's container as prescribed in a

 1/1,000-part solution;

1. Cotton swabs;
2. Gauze pads;
3. Clean towels;
4. Thrombin;
5. Quickclot;
6. Avitene;
7. Pressure plates;
8. Hydrogen peroxide;
9. Mouthwash solution;
10. Bandage scissors;

1. Sterile skin closures; and
2. Additional clear plastic bottles of water, if examined and approved by an inspector before opening.

**SECTION 8. Prohibited Equipment**

The following materials are prohibited from each kickboxer’s corner:

1. Monsel’s solution;
2. Drugs of any type;

1. “New skin" flexible collodion;
2. Silver nitrate;
3. Any substance with an iron base;
4. Ammonia capsules or other “smelling salts”;

1. Water bottles opened before examination by an inspector; and
2. Any consumable liquid other than pure water.

**SECTION 9. Sanctions**

1. Any person who violates a provision of this Chapter will be disqualified from participation in the remainder of a kickboxing competition and will be subject to additional discipline.
2. A kickboxer may lose points or be disqualified for the misconduct of his/her chief second or corner(s).

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