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

**Chapter 9:** **RULES GOVERNING ATTENDING PHYSICIANS FOR KICKBOXING CONTESTS**

**SUMMARY**: This Chapter establishes the qualifications for and the duties of attending physicians prior to, during, and after kickboxing events.

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**SECTION 1. Certification Required**

All attending physicians 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 attending physicians must:

1. Be licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maine;
2. Study and become thoroughly familiar with 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20 and all Authority rules governing kickboxing; and
3. File with the Authority a completed official application form accompanied by full payment of required fees.

**SECTION 3. Duties of Attending Physicians**

A. Examination of Kickboxers

Attending physicians shall conduct all medical examinations required by these rules or requested by the Authority.

1. Presence During Competitions
2. During the progress of a bout, attending physicians shall remain at the kickboxing ring or cage in a seat provided by the promoter and shall have their medical kits. An attending physician shall not enter the fighting area during the progress of a bout, unless:
3. Requested to do so by the referee; or
4. The referee has ordered the kickboxers to stop and has separated them.

1. Between rounds, an attending physician may enter the fighting area, if summoned by a referee.

1. Attending physicians shall remain at the scene of an event until it has been ascertained that any serious injury incurred by a kickboxer has been given due attention.
2. Provision of Medical Equipment

Attending physicians shall have a medical kit immediately available at the side of the ring or cage. It must at a minimum include the following equipment:

1. Stethoscope;
2. Manometer;
3. Alcohol;
4. Cotton;
5. Gauze;
6. An ice bag; and
7. Aromatic ammonia capsules.

 D. Termination of a Bout

1. An attending physician shall direct the referee to terminate any bout, if in the physician’s opinion, a kickboxer has received severe physical injury or is in danger of serious physical injury. Any kickboxer who in the opinion of the physician suffers a serious head injury or is rendered unconscious shall not be permitted to continue to fight.
2. In the event of a kickboxer’s serious injury, an attending physician shall immediately render any emergency treatment necessary and order further treatment or hospitalization as is required. The attending physician may also order that the injured kickboxer and his manager remain on the premises or report to a hospital for further examination and treatment. Any kickboxer, manager, or second refusing to comply with such an order shall be subject to discipline.

 E. Reports of Injuries

1. Within 48 hours after a contest, an attending physician shall complete and return to the Authority a printed injury insurance form reporting serious injuries. Such reports shall include any recommendations regarding an injured kickboxer. A physician must supplement a report whenever she/he obtains additional relevant evidence regarding an injury.
2. On the date of a bout, an attending physician shall provide to the Authority a written statement concerning any kickboxer who has been rendered unconscious or who has suffered a serious head injury while kickboxing. Any kickboxer who in the opinion of the physician suffers a serious head injury or who has been rendered unconscious shall not resume kickboxing competition until the Authority receives written certification from a physician that the kickboxer is fit to take part in competitive combat sports.

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