

Combative Sports Commission

Board Members

Chairperson

William Tibbs, Winnipeg

Members

John McDonald, Winnipeg

Anita Lesage, Winnipeg (bil.)

Mandate:

The Combative Sports Commission (formerly Manitoba Boxing Commission) was incorporated under the provisions of the Province of Manitoba by a proclamation dated October 16, 1993. The purpose of the Combative Sports Commission is to regulate professional boxing and mixed martial arts (MMA) matches in the Province of Manitoba in accordance with regulations as set out in the Boxing Act.

Responsibilities:

The Commission regulates all contests or exhibitions of boxing and MMA, including the licensing and supervision of ring officials, boxers, and promoters. This includes issuing event permits and collecting fees payable by promoters of professional boxing or mixed martial arts contests or exhibitions. The Commission is also empowered to hold hearings and order fines of up to \$10,000.00 for contraventions of the Act. The decision in 2012 to officially change the name of the Commission was based on the fact that most of the regulated professional events in Manitoba are now MMA as opposed to boxing events.

Membership:

The Act provides that the Commission is to consist of three members including the Chair, all to be appointed by Order-in-Council. There are no restrictions on the duration of appointments or on the reappointment of members. Terms are normally for two or three years. Members hold office until their successors are appointed.

Desirable Expertise:

Experience in the field of boxing or mixed martial arts is ideal, familiarity with interpreting legislation, and a background in adjudicating or resolving issues. Potential board members should be able to demonstrate an understanding of sport business and legislation requirements. Board members must be able to read complex written material, analyze written and verbal information in order to ascertain facts, and apply relevant legislation to this written and verbal information.

Time Commitment:

Board typically meets once a month, normally during the day. The Board usually attends each sanctioned event which averages 7 per year and holds 2 – 3 hearings. Special meetings of professional advisors/industry and training of officials occurs 8 – 10 times per year.

Meetings:

Typically meetings are held in the 6th floor boardroom at 213 Notre Dame Avenue in Winnipeg.

Remuneration:

Chair: \$150.00 per month plus out-of-pocket expenses.

Members: \$100.00 per month plus out-of-pocket expenses.