

## Request for written submissions:

### ***Professional Combat Sports Amendment Act 2011***

Thank you for taking the time to prepare a Written Submission on the new combat sports legislation. Copies of the *Professional Combat Sport Amendment Act 2011* can be accessed via the Department of Sport and Recreation website at <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/combat sports>.

The Professional Combat Sports Commission (PCSC) welcome your comments on the new combat sports legislation and all written submissions, together with the information gathered from completed surveys and industry workshop discussions will be analysed and considered by the PCSC to assist in the development and refinement of the regulations that will support the legislation.

Whilst you are providing your contact details, all responses will be aggregated in the final report, and not identifiable or attributable to any one person or group. By providing your name and contact details, a representative of the PCSC may be in touch with you to seek further clarification of any of the issues you have raised.

Should you require any further information, please contact Greg McGuire, Project Officer – Combat Sports, at the Department of Sport and Recreation on 08 9492 9700 or via email [greg.mcguire@dsr.wa.gov.au](mailto:greg.mcguire@dsr.wa.gov.au)

The following questions are provided as a guide and to seek feedback on the areas of concern to the PCSC. Please as many or as few of the following questions as you would like and if you require more space please feel free to attach additional pages.

If you have additional comments that are not covered by these questions please feel free to add these comments at Question 14, if you require more space again please feel free to attach additional pages.

Once complete please return your responses via email, facsimile or post to:

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**Responses must be received by close of business 6 February 2012.**

**Written Submission – Professional Combat Sports Amendment Act 2011**

**SUBMISSION PRESENTED BY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please detail your past/current involvement in combat sports (i.e. coach, trainer, participant, official, spectator, etc. and the number of years experience):

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2. How do you feel the new legislation will impact your involvement in combat sports in WA?

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The new legislation covers a range of areas in relation to the conduct of amateur and professional combat sports contests, including, but not limited to: combat sport recognition, contest definition, contestant registration, recognition of rules, penalties, officials responsibilities, Professional Combat Sports Commission (PCSC) authority and governance, weigh-in procedures, age limits, rest periods, recognition of a governing body, contestant record books, industry participant registration, promotion permit and medical requirements.

3. What are the strengths/good points of the new legislation?

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4. What are the areas of concern for you / your sport?

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5. It is proposed that certain activities and recognised sports bodies will be afforded exemptions from the legislation. Do you have any suggestions as to which activities or bodies should be made exempt and if so, on what basis?

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6. Contestant registration and the maintenance of contestant record books ensures performance tracking and adherence to agreed health and safety standards to the benefit of contestants. Do you have any comments regarding the registration process, contestant record books and level of information required?

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7. Contest promoters have a responsibility to the contestants, officials, spectators, event sponsors, etc. to ensure that contests are well managed, fights are evenly matched and the health and safety of contestants and officials is assured. Which processes/procedures do you feel should be outlined in the regulations ensure this will be achieved?

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8. Maximum attributable penalties for breaches under the legislation have been reviewed and raised in line with appropriate levels in the context of modern sentencing laws. Are these appropriate? Do you have any other comments regarding penalties?

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9. Contest officials have a responsibility to ensure adherence to contest rules and contestant health and safety are assured. What requirements should be included in the regulations to ensure standards are maintained?

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10. Do you feel the stated requirements/duties of the ringside medical practitioner pre, post and during a contest are adequate to ensure the health and safety of contestants?

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11. Do you have any comments regarding the proposed weigh-in requirements, and do you have any suggestions for procedures if a weight is not made, for contestants?

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12. Do you have any comments regarding the age limits for contestants in both amateur and professional contests (i.e. minimum age for amateurs of 10 years and 18 years for professional bouts; and 35 years as a maximum age for full contact combat sports)?

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13. The PCSC requires a certain level of presence and authority to ensure quality governance and to oversee the implementation of the combat sport legislation and the regulations for both amateur and professional combat sports activities. Do you have any comments on how the PCSC can best oversee combat sports activities?

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14. Do you have any further comments?

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Thank you for your time in providing this written submission to the PCSC, your comments are important to us and will contribute to the final drafting of the Combat Sports Regulations for Western Australia.

Should you wish to discuss any of the issues you have raised as part of the PCSC's industry consultation process, please contact Greg McGuire, Combat Sports Project Officer, Department of Sport and Recreation, telephone (08) 9492 9700 or email [combatsports@dsr.wa.gov.au](mailto:combatsports@dsr.wa.gov.au).