



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

### Safety of amateur combat sport strengthened

May 3, 2024 - B.C. has passed a new order requiring all amateur combat sport events to be approved and sanctioned by the BC Athletic Commissioner.

Effective April 8, 2024, the BC Athletic Commissioner was granted oversight and approval over all amateur combat sport events including but not limited to, grappling, jiu jitsu, boxing, Tae kwon do, kung fu, wushu and karate.

This new measure expands the authority of the BC Athletic Commissioner to impose terms and conditions to ensure these events adhere to a standard of safety for competitors. This includes stringent safety protocols such as mandatory presence of medical personnel and a required level of skill and fitness for all competitors, as well as fair matchups along with other requisites for those participating in amateur combat sport events.

Any organizer planning to hold a combat sport event in B.C. must acquire approval from the BC Athletic Commissioner prior to the event. This can be done by submitting an online request through the BC Athletic Commissioner website, or by contacting the BC Athletic Commissioner office via email or phone.

This change aligns with the B.C. government's commitment to build a safe amateur sport sector in British Columbia. As a designated provincial authority, the BC Athletic Commissioner works to reinforce the safety and integrity of combat sport in the province.

#### Learn More:

BC Athletic Commissioner: <https://www.bcatleticcommission.ca/rules/>

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