

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF
TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORT

Athletic Commissioner Act

Ministerial Order No. M282

I, Anne Kang, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, order that the Minister's Athletic Commissioner Regulation, B.C. Reg. 171/2013, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.

September 4, 2025

Date



Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Athletic Commissioner Act*, S.B.C. 2012, c. 29, ss. 46 and 48

Other: *MO 108/2013*

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SCHEDULE

1 *Section 1 of the Minister's Athletic Commissioner Regulation, B.C. Reg. 171/2013, is amended by adding the following definition:*

“examining physician” means

- (a) a medical practitioner, or
- (b) a person who is authorized, in the jurisdiction in which the person performs a medical examination of an applicant or contestant, to practise a health profession equivalent to medicine; .

2 *Section 4 (1) is amended*

(a) *in paragraph (a) (ii) by striking out “if one is available”,*

(b) *by repealing paragraph (a) (vii) and substituting the following:*

(vii) a copy of government-issued photo identification; , ***and***

(c) *in paragraph (b) (vi) by striking out “phone number” and substituting “telephone number” and by striking out “, if an email address is available,”.*

3 *Section 5 is repealed and the following substituted:*

Contestant licence applications

- 5 (1) In this section, “acceptable period”, in relation to an examination or test required under this section, means the period that**
- (a) begins on the date that is 30 days before the date of the application, and
 - (b) ends on the date that is 30 days after the date of the application.
- (2) An applicant for a contestant licence or an expedited contestant licence must provide all the following in respect of the applicant:**
- (a) height, weight, hair colour and eye colour;
 - (b) name, address and telephone number of a person who can be contacted in an emergency;
 - (c) fight record;
 - (d) home jurisdiction;
 - (e) name and address of the facility at which the applicant regularly trains and the name of the applicant's trainer;
 - (f) if the applicant has been disciplined by another regulatory authority in relation to an authorization issued by the regulatory authority for boxing, MMA or a martial art, the circumstances giving rise to the discipline and any sanction imposed;
 - (g) the certification of an ophthalmologist or optometrist that the ophthalmologist or optometrist
 - (i) has performed an eye examination on the applicant on the date or dates set out in the certificate, and

- (ii) is of the opinion that the applicant is fit to compete in a professional contest or exhibition;
- (h) the certification of an examining physician that the physician
 - (i) has performed a physical examination on the applicant on the date or dates set out in the certificate, and
 - (ii) is of the opinion that the applicant is fit to compete in a professional contest or exhibition;
- (i) negative results of tests for HIV and hepatitis B and C performed on samples taken from the applicant within the acceptable period.
- (3) A certification under this section is invalid unless both of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) the certification is in English;
 - (b) the examination to which the certification relates is performed within the acceptable period.
- (4) An applicant for a contestant licence or an expedited contestant licence must, on request of the commissioner, provide to the commissioner any medical information the commissioner considers relevant to the applicant's condition.

4 *Section 8 is amended*

(a) by renumbering the section as section 8 (1),

(b) by repealing subsection (1) (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) if the application is for a referee licence, the certification of an examining physician that the physician
 - (i) has performed a physical examination on the applicant on the date or dates set out in the certificate, and
 - (ii) is of the opinion that the applicant is fit to carry out the applicant's duties as a referee. , ***and***

(c) by adding the following subsection:

- (2) The certification under subsection (1) (e) is invalid unless both of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) the certification is in English;
 - (b) the examination to which the certification relates is performed within the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of the application.

5 *The heading to Division 5 is repealed and the following substituted:*

Division 5 – Pre-Match and Post-Match Medical Requirements .

6 *Section 19 is amended*

(a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following:

(1) Before competing in an event, a contestant must, on request of the commissioner, provide to the commissioner any medical information the commissioner considers relevant to the contestant's condition. , *and*

(b) in subsection (2) by striking out "a physician" and substituting "an examining physician".

7 Section 27 (2) (a) is amended by striking out "\$120 per night" and substituting "\$250 per night".