# 99-650 COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE Chapter 7: REQUIREMENTS FOR KICKBOXERS

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**SUMMARY:** This Chapter identifies the qualifications for and the duties of kickboxers. It also outlines certain duties of the Authority regarding notices of suspension.

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# SECTION 1. Certification Required

All kickboxers 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, kickboxers must meet all the following requirements:

1. Be at least 18 years of age;
2. Possess a current federal identification card;
3. Study and become thoroughly familiar with 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20 and Authority rules governing kickboxing;
4. File with the Authority a completed official application form accompanied by full payment of required fees; and
5. Submit to a thorough medical examination by a physician to establish his or her physical and mental fitness for competition.
	1. A "thorough medical examination" shall at a minimum include assessment of:
		1. Ophthalmological dilation;
		2. A comprehensive medical history;
		3. Physical examination;
		4. For initial certification only, a complete blood count and bleeding and coagulation time; and
		5. Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV tests conducted no earlier than 180 days prior to participation in a scheduled bout.
	2. A medical examination shall be made no earlier than 365 days but no later than one day prior to application for certification or the renewal thereof, except that the Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV tests shall be conducted no earlier than 180 days prior to participation in a scheduled bout.
	3. An applicant may be required to complete a urinalysis, blood test, or other procedure to detect the presence/use of any drug or performance-enhancing substance, including without limitation any substance banned by the United States Anti-Doping Agency.
	4. Every applicant more than 35 years old must provide the Authority with satisfactory proof of the results of an electrocardiogram, before weigh-ins for a bout. The electrocardiogram must have been administered no earlier than 365 days prior to the date of a scheduled bout.
	5. The Authority may at its discretion order such additional examinations of a kickboxer at any time to determine his or her continued fitness and qualifications to compete.

**SECTION 3. Duties of Kickboxing Competitors**

1. Upon receipt of their certificates, kickboxers must attach a passport type photo of themselves to the reverse side of the certificates.
2. Pre-Fight Medical Examination

All kickboxers shall submit, when weighing-in and again a short time before the kickboxing program commences, to a thorough medical examination by a physician appointed by the Authority. All such examinations shall be conducted privately, with no other person other than the physician and the kickboxer present.

* 1. The pre-fight examination shall include the administration of a physical; complete medical history; ophthalmological examination; neurological examination; and, at the discretion of the Authority, a urinalysis, blood test, or other procedure to detect use of prohibited substances.
	2. The kickboxer shall present to the attending physician the results of Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV tests administered no earlier than 180 days prior to participation in a bout. Any kickboxer who fails to produce negative test results for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV shall not participate in a kickboxing competition. Hepatitis vaccinations, in addition to testing, are recommended for all kickboxers but are not mandatory.
	3. Any kickboxer 35 years old or older must provide the Authority with satisfactory proof of the results of an electrocardiogram administered no earlier than 365 days prior to the date of the scheduled bout.
	4. The examination shall include a pregnancy test for all female kickboxers.

Any kickboxer determined to be pregnant shall not be permitted to compete in a kickboxing match. A female kickboxer who fails to submit to an Authority­ supervised pregnancy test will be prohibited from fighting.

* 1. No kickboxer shall enter the ring or cage unless an attending physician appointed by the Authority has certified his or her fitness to engage in a kickboxing contest. The physician's decision that a kickboxer is not fit to engage ina kickboxing contest shall not be subject to change by any other official.
1. Abstinence from the Use of Prohibited Substances
	1. A kickboxer' s use before or during a match of any drug, performance-enhancing substance, mind-altering substance, narcotic, stimulant, depressant, or analgesic of any description, including without limitation alcohol, marijuana, and substances banned by the United States Anti-DopingAgency, shall result in the immediate disqualification of the kickboxer and additional disciplinary action.
	2. The Authority may require that a competitor submit to:
		1. A pre-fight or post-fight urinalysis, blood test, or other procedure to detect the use of any prohibited substance; and
		2. At any time after the completion of a kickboxing competition, additional testing for the use of prohibited substances.
	3. Kickboxers shall cooperate with Authority testing procedures and must provide any medical or other information sought by the Authority with regard to testing.
	4. Collection of urine, blood, or other evidence to test for possible use of prohibited substances shall be supervised by an Authority official. Refusal to submit to such testing shall result in the immediate disqualification of a kickboxer from a contest and additional disciplinary action.
	5. The Authority shall be responsible for the costs of testing for the use of prohibited substances.
	6. A positive or non-negative test result for use of a prohibited substance shall constitute *prima facie* proof of use of the substance by a kickboxer and cause for immediate certificate suspension, disqualification from competition, and additional disciplinary action including:
		1. For a first offense, 90 days' certificate suspension and a civil penalty of $500.00; and
		2. For a second offense, certificate revocation and a civil penalty

of $500.00.

1. Post-Fight Medical Examination

Immediately following a match, each kickboxer shall be given a physical examination by a physician appointed by the Authority. The post-fight examination may include a urinalysis, blood test, breath analysis, or other procedure to detect the presence of any drug or performance-enhancing substance. Any kickboxer refusing to submit to a post­ fight medical examination shall be immediately suspended for at least 30 days and be subject to additional disciplinary action.

**SECTION 4. Knockout Suspensions**

All kickboxers who have been ruled "knocked out" by the referee shall be suspended as follows:

1. Post-Knockout Suspension

Any kickboxer who is ruled "knocked out" as determined by the referee shall be suspended from kickboxing for a period of at least 60 days. The knocked-out kickboxer shall not be permitted to participate in a match until a thorough medical examination prescribed by a physician is completed and demonstrates to the Authority that the kickboxer is fit to compete. The medical examination must include testing of neurological functions.

1. Post-Technical Knockout Suspension

Any kickboxer who is technically knocked out shall be suspended for a period of at least 30 days. The technically knocked-out kickboxer shall not be permitted to participate in a match until a thorough medical examination prescribed by a physician is completed and demonstrates to the Authority that the kickboxer is fit to compete. The medical examination must include testing of neurological functions.

**SECTION 5.** Records of Bout Results and Suspensions

The Authority shall maintain a current listing of all Maine-certificated kickboxers who are under suspension, the reasons therefor, and suspension durations. The listing shall include like information obtained from other jurisdictions. All results of all competitions and all impositions of suspensions shall be reported to the *BoxRec.com* database.

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