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## CHAPTER 176

### CONTROL OF BOXING

*An Act to regulate the holding of boxing contests in the Island.*

1967-16.

[6th April, 1967] Commence-  
ment.

1. This Act may be cited as the Control of Boxing Act. Short title.

2. For the purposes of this Act, the expression— Interpretation.

“Board” means the Barbados Boxing Board of Control established by section 3;

“chairman” means chairman of the Board;

“deputy chairman” means deputy chairman of the Board;

“member” means member of the Board.

3. (1) For the purposes of this Act, there shall be established a Barbados Boxing Board of Control which shall consist of such number of members, not exceeding seven, as the Minister may from time to time appoint by instrument in writing. Establishment and constitution of Barbados Boxing Board of Control.

(2) A member shall, subject to this Act, hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as the Minister may specify in the instrument appointing such member.

(3) The Minister may appoint some suitable person as a member to act temporarily in the place of any member in the case of the absence of such member from the Island or of the inability of such member to act for any other reason whatever.

(4) Any member may at any time resign his office as such by instrument in writing addressed to the chairman who shall immediately cause it to be forwarded to the Minister and from the date of the receipt by the chairman of such instrument the member shall cease to be a member.

(5) The Minister shall appoint a chairman and a deputy chairman from among the members.

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(6) Subject to this section, the chairman and deputy chairman shall hold and vacate office as such in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which they were respectively appointed.

(7) The chairman or deputy chairman may at any time resign his office as such by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister and the resignation shall take effect from the date of the receipt of such instrument by the Minister.

(8) If the chairman or deputy chairman ceases to be a member he shall also cease to be chairman or deputy chairman, as the case may be.

(9) The Minister may by instrument in writing at any time revoke the appointment of the chairman, deputy chairman or any member if he thinks it expedient so to do.

(10) A member who ceases to be a member or ceases to be chairman or deputy chairman shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(11) The appointment, removal, death or resignation of the chairman, deputy chairman or any member shall be notified in the *Official Gazette*.

Procedure  
and meetings  
of Board.

**4.** (1) The Board shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of business and such meetings shall be held at such place and time and on such days as the Board may determine.

(2) The chairman, or, in the event of his being absent abroad or unable to act, the deputy chairman, may at any time call a special meeting of the Board and shall call a special meeting within seven days of a requisition for that purpose addressed to him by any three members.

(3) The chairman, or, in the case of the absence or inability to act of the chairman, the deputy chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

(4) The chairman, or, in his absence the deputy chairman, and three other members shall form a quorum.

(5) Subject to this Act, the decisions of the Board shall be by a majority of votes and, in addition to an original vote, in

any case in which the voting is equal the chairman or deputy chairman presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(6) Minutes in a proper form of each meeting shall be kept by such person as the Board may appoint and shall be confirmed by the Board at the next meeting and signed by the chairman or deputy chairman as the case may be.

(7) The validity of any proceedings of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst the members or by any defect in the appointment of a member.

5. (1) No member shall be interested in the administration or executive of any promoting body of professional boxing. Disqualification of members.

(2) No member shall be interested in, or receive payment of any kind from, any promoter.

6. Subject to any regulations, the Board may appoint such officers and employ and pay such persons and take such other steps as it thinks necessary and expedient for properly carrying out its functions. Appointment of officers and employees.

7. (1) No person shall hold, assist in holding or take any part whatsoever in any boxing contest, whether held for prizes or otherwise, unless a permit in writing has been first obtained by the promoter from the Board authorising the holding of such contest. Boxing contests forbidden except with the permission of the Board.

(2) The Board may refuse to issue such permit at its discretion or may attach any conditions it thinks fit as to the holding of any boxing contest or may cancel any permit after issue.

8. The members of the Board and any member of the Police Force detailed for the purpose shall at all times have free access to any place in which any boxing contest is being or is about to be held. Free access of police and members.

9. (1) The Board may prescribe the rules for boxing. Power of Board to prescribe rules for boxing.

(2) The rules for boxing, and any amendment or revocation thereof, shall be published in such manner as the Board may determine.

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Power of  
Board to  
make  
regulations.

**10.** The Board may with the approval of the Minister make regulations as to all or any of the following matters—

- (a) the registration and licensing and the revocation or suspension of licences of—
  - (i) promoters of professional boxing contests;
  - (ii) professional boxers;
  - (iii) professional seconds;
  - (iv) referees, judges and time-keepers;
  - (v) premises in which boxing contests may be held.
- (b) the information to be supplied to the Board in respect of proposed boxing contests;
- (c) the provision of medical certificates by contestants;
- (d) the submission of articles of agreement signed by contestants;
- (e) the provision or deposit of prizes or prize money;
- (f) the forms of licences, permits, articles of agreement and any other documents to be furnished by or to the Board;
- (g) the fees to be charged for any licence or permit and the accounts to be kept by the Board; and
- (h) generally for carrying any of the purposes or provisions of this Act into effect:

Provided that, until varied or revoked by any such regulations, the Boxing Regulations, 1967, shall be in force.<sup>1</sup>

Offences  
and  
penalties.

**11.** Any person who—

- (a) without being duly licensed in accordance with this Act and any regulations, holds, assists in holding or takes part in any boxing contest;
- (b) holds, assists in holding or takes any part in a boxing contest unless it be held under and in accordance with this Act and any regulations;
- (c) refuses to grant to any member of the Board or any member of the Police Force free access as hereinbefore

<sup>1</sup>These Regulations, originally contained in the Schedule to the Control of Boxing Act, 1967, 1967-16, are not reprinted in these *Laws of Barbados*.

provided to any premises in which any boxing contest is being or is about to be held, or obstructs any member of the Police Force in the course of his duty,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

**12.** The Board may by permit in writing either generally or in respect of any specific contest exempt any scholastic institution or any amateur athletic or any other organised association or body from any of the provisions of this Act or of any regulations and may in its discretion revoke any such permit. Saving.

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