

Calgary Combative Sports Commission



Annual Report



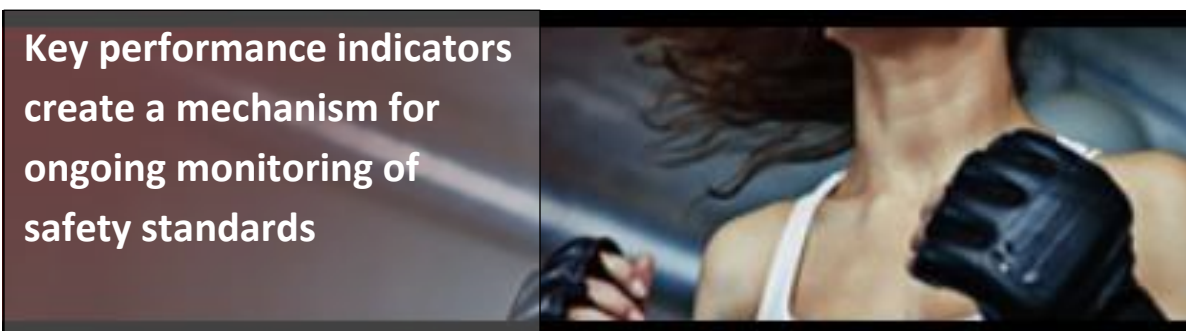
Introduction

Calgary Combative Sports Commission (CCSC) is the governing body that regulates combative sporting events in Calgary to maintain a safe environment for participants, officials, and spectators. CCSC provides oversight in the form of regulation, governance and supervision of combative sports, reducing risk inherent with the sport.

Combative sports is a rapidly evolving industry, making it essential that CCSC maintain continual improvement for rules and regulations to align with progressive safety standards. CCSC members proactively seek out knowledge from similar regulatory bodies across North America to facilitate revisions and additions to their world class standards.

The oversight that CCSC provides is conducted by board member volunteers, with support from Administration. CCSC is funded through a cost recovery model, where costs associated with regulatory activities are recovered from fees paid by combative sports promoters when staging an event.

The 2019 annual report provides an overview of key performance indicators, a summary of sanctioned events, and a financial overview. Additionally, this report provides an update on the upcoming bylaw review and advocacy for a provincial commission.



Key Performance Indicators

CCSC independently chose to review recommendations resulting from a Combative Sports Review Report commissioned by the City of Edmonton following the death of Tim Hague, a boxer who passed away after participating in a June 2017 boxing match in Edmonton. The review identified CCSC had achieved compliance with the majority of the 18 recommendations resulting from the report, however there was one key recommendation that CCSC committed to developing further; the establishment of key performance indicators that focus on improving fighter safety and ensuring policies are adhered to.

CCSC has developed 13 key performance indicators to clearly reflect the objectives, provide performance transparency, and create a mechanism for ongoing monitoring of safety standards. Some key performance indicators include fighters providing complete medical documentation, proper oversight at weigh-ins, pre/post medical exams, and CCSC members attendance at events. Three of



these key performance indicators will be reported in CCSC annual reports on an ongoing basis and are outlined below.

1. **Promoter application processing time**
The number of days for CCSC to consider a promoter application for a combative sporting event and vote on approval.
Target: <30 days
2. **Fighters screened against medical records from other combative sports commissions**
Per cent of contestants clear of medical suspensions on the Association of Boxing Commissions' system, prior to being approved to compete in a combative sports event under CCSC jurisdiction.
Target: 100%
3. **Fighter medical suspensions reported to global database**
Per cent of contestant medical suspensions reported to the Association of Boxing Commissions' approved record keeping systems, within 72 hours of a combative sporting event held under CCSC jurisdiction.
Target: 100%

2019 Key Performance Indicators Report		
Key Performance Indicators	Target	2019 Actual
Promoter application process time	<30 days	15 days
Fighters screened against medical records from other combative sports commissions	100%	100%
Fighters medical suspension reported to global database	100%	100%

Activity Summary

2018 Sanctioned Events				
Event	Date	Venue	Event Fee	Event Type
Dekada Fight Night	2019-JAN-19	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	\$6,000	Boxing
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Champions Creed	2019-APR-06	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	\$6,000	MMA
Golden Lion Tournament	2019-JUL-20	Max Bell Centre	\$6,000	Kickboxing
Dekada Fight Night	2019-SEP-28	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	\$6,000	Boxing
Champions Creed	2019-OCT-19	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	\$6,000	MMA



Bylaw Review

CCSC, in conjunction with Administration, is reviewing the Combative Sports Commission Bylaw to ensure alignment with industry safety standards, achieve cost savings that improves CCSC sustainability, and provide a structure that reflects the expertise required to enforce stringent combative sports safety standards.

There are several key components of the bylaw being considered for review and revision, with a plan to propose changes for the Combative Sports Commission Bylaw prior to the 2020 annual report. Proposed bylaw changes will include:

- Update terminology throughout the bylaw to align with industry practice;
- Reduce CCSC membership from seven to five, resulting in cost savings;
- Reassess term lengths that determine how long a member will serve on the CCSC, to adequately reflect the complexity associated with ensuring safety standards for combative sports are maintained;
- Transition the officials fee schedule into a policy to allow for suitable adjustments that align with industry standards;
- Adjust the meeting schedule from monthly to every second month, or as required, as a cost saving measure and;
- Update documented processes to reflect the evolution of the industry and align with current CCSC practices.

Provincial Commission

Alberta is the only province in Canada with combative sports regulation at the municipal level, resulting in combative sports commissions that are created locally and may have bylaws and regulations that run independently of each other. Although CCSC maintains world class standards, an Alberta provincial commission could provide the opportunity for more consistent application of safety and regulatory procedures in other areas of the province.

In 2017 a resolution was submitted to Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) calling for a provincial combative sports commission to sanction events in a consistent and coordinated manner. In 2019 the Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism, and the Status of Women, Honourable Leela Aheer made the decision to not proceed with establishing a provincial combative sports commission, but instead permit municipalities to create a set of common standards to follow.

Red Deer will take the lead in drafting combative sports regulations that all municipalities can use as a guideline. CCSC is working with AUMA and Administration to ensure there is an opportunity to provide input to the unified regulations.



Board Members

Calgary Combative Sports Commission Board Members			
Member	Role	Current Appointment	Expiry Year*
Shirley Stunzi <i>Chair</i>	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2007	2021
TJ Madigan <i>Vice Chair</i>	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2012	2021
Marc Pesant	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2019	2021
Shawn Hiron	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2014	2021
Allison Kavanagh	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2013	2021
Chad Ford	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2018	2020
Shane Moore	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2017	2021
Kent Pallister <i>Non-voting</i>	Chief Licence Inspector (Non -Voting)	2015	2021

*As per the Combative Sports Commission Bylaw members shall be appointed for two-year terms, expiring on the day of the Council's Organizational Meeting in the year of the expiry of the member's term. Members may serve a maximum of six consecutive years.



Revenues and Expenditures

Calgary Combative Sports Commission 2018 & 2019 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (\$000) 2020 & 2021 Proposed Budget (\$000)				
	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Proposed</u>	<u>2021 Proposed</u>
Revenues/Other Funding Sources:				
Event Fees	112*	36	48	48
Transfer to Contingency Fund	(31)			
Draw from Contingency Fund **	0	37	26	23
	\$81	\$73	\$74	\$71
Expenditures				
<u>Ongoing Operating Expenses</u>				
Salary, Wage and Benefits ***	26	25	26	27
Honorarium Expenses (attending meetings, weigh-in and events)	23	32	25	21
Business Expenses (parking, meeting supplies, bank service charge, conference)	11	11	11	11
Communication, IT, Contracted Services (including computer, phone, interpretation services, drug testing)	11	5	12	12
<u>CCSC Strategic Initiative Project</u>				
Technology Enhancements	0	0	0	0
Staff Training and Knowledge	0	0	0	0
Process Enhancements	10	0	0	0
	\$81	\$73	\$74	\$71
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:

*Includes UFC amount of \$100K.

**As of December 31, 2019, the contingency fund balance was \$95K.

***A portion of a City staff position is allocated to CCSC support and is cost recovered in relation to the amount of administrative support allocated.