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Mission

The mission of the Calgary Combative Sports Commission (CCSC) is to ensure safety of the spectators and athletes, enhance the quality of combative sports in Calgary and maintain the reputation of combative sports events in Calgary.

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Introduction

The Calgary Combative Sports Commission (CCSC) has regulated combative sports in Calgary for over 100 years. The CCSC's mandate is to regulate, govern and control professional combative sporting events and contestants within the city of Calgary in order to ensure events are conducted in a safe environment for participants, officials and spectators.

Under Bylaw 53M2006, CCSC has the authority to control and regulate all aspects of combative sports events held in the city, such as the provision of officials and medical staff and the coordination of pre-event activities including weigh-ins.

The 2016 Annual Report, developed collaboratively by the CCSC and Administration, highlights customer service and safety enhancements in 2016, including process improvements, a drug testing program, technology enhancements, the creation of the Mixed Martial Arts Calgary Unified Rules and, staff training and knowledge.

This annual report also provides an activity summary including details of the sanctioned events held in Calgary in 2016 as well as a financial overview with a statement of revenues and expenditures, 2016 accomplishments and 2017 workplan.

Calgary Combative Sports Commission Board Members

Member	Role	Current Appointment	Expiry Year
Ms. Shirley Stunzi (Chair)	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2007	2018
Mr. TJ Madigan (Vice Chair)	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2012	2018
Mr. Michael Gadde	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2015	2017
Mr. Shawn Hiron	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2014	2017
Ms. Allison Kavanagh	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2013	2017
Ms. Kirstin Morrell	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2012	2018
Mr. Toby Schultz	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2011	2017
Mr. Kent Pallister (non-voting)	Chief Licence Inspector	2015	2017
Mr. Bob Cameron (non-voting)	Chief Licence Inspector Designate	2015	2017

2016 CCSC Highlights



Drug Testing Program

The CCSC developed several safety initiatives in 2016, including a drug testing feasibility project and policy for the combative sports scene in Calgary. The drug testing policy aligns with the World Anti-Doping Code. The drug testing program will strengthen CCSC's commitment to safety and equality amongst competitors.

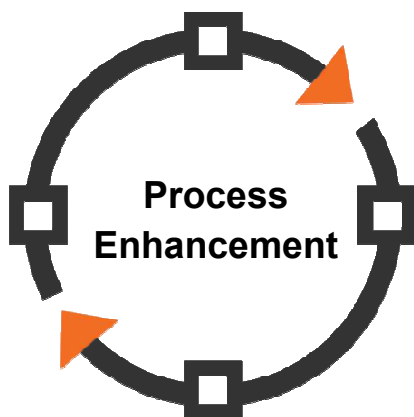
Additionally, drug test results can impact a competitor's ability to fight in other jurisdictions in North America; adding to Calgary's reputation as a world class venue for combative sports. To better support the implementation of the drug testing program, the CCSC is working with the industry to provide education about the program.

This is the culmination of many months work by the Commission and would not be possible without the guidance of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and the American Boxing Commission.

CCSC is continually examining options to further enhance service delivery to event promoters through its website content, with a focus on increasing the ease of accessing and submitting of information. In 2016, scoping work was completed to create a CCSC specific website where information, updates and changes to combative sports can be found to simplify how information can be accessed for promoters and spectators. CCSC is working with a consultant to re-design, improve information and enable ease of access to the CCSC website.



Technology Enhancement



Process Enhancement

In 2016, CCSC began the creation of a world class policy manual which entailed consolidating 100 years of policy documents, event decisions and all meeting minutes over the years. The consolidation includes links to important documents which promoters and participants commonly use.

The policy manual creates a schedule of all Commission forms, publications and documents with a consistent look, feel, and aligns with the new City branding and visual ID.

This policy manual serves as a base for succession planning to inform future Commission members of decisions made by the board. Additionally the manual will assist CCSC to provide consistency as the membership of the Commission changes in the future. Promoters have continued to express increased satisfaction with the CCSC as a result of the condensed manual.

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Unified Mixed Martial Arts Rules

In 2016, CCSC began a project to develop Mixed Martial Arts Calgary Unified Rules, which aligns with world standards and provides equality, clarity and transparency for competitors and promoters. Adopting unified rules in Calgary will ensure that the overall rules are consistent from one event to the next.

The Unified Rules include:

- Pre-bout physicals
- Weight classes
- Fouls
- Fighting area
- Equipment requirements (e.g., mouthpieces, gloves, hand wraps, groin protectors and other protective gear)
- Length of round and number of rounds for amateur and professional bouts
- Judging or scoring of a bout

To ensure that the combative community had an opportunity to review and provide comments, CCSC held two public stakeholder sessions to solicit feedback from contestants and promoters. This feedback informed the analysis of the new rules, which were adopted in 2016. CCSC is now providing promoters and contestants clear and concise rules and regulations for combative sport events within the City of Calgary.



Activity Summary For 2016

History of Sanctioned Events in Calgary				
Year	Total Events	MMA	Boxing	Muay Thai
2016	11	7	4	0
2015	16	8	6	2
2014	16	6	7	3
2013	9	4	2	3
2012	18	10	3	5
2011	22	9	6	7
2010	19	7	7	5
2009	9	5	1	3
2008	17	8	4	5

2016 Sanctioned Combative Sports Events				
Event	Date	Venue	Gate Fee	Type of Event
Thomas Fiddler	23-JAN-16	Genesis Centre	6000	MMA
Hard Knocks Events Ltd.	29-JAN-16	Markin MacPhail Centre	6000	MMA
Teofista Boxing Club	26-FEB-16	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	6000	Boxing
KNK Promotions	04-MAR-16	Genesis Centre	6000	MMA
Hard Knocks Events Ltd.	22-APR-16	Markin MacPhail Centre	6000	MMA
Hard Knocks Events Ltd.	17-JUN-16	Century Casino	6000	MMA
Teofista Boxing	25-JUN-16	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	6000	Boxing
Hard Knocks Events Ltd.	14-OCT-16	Markin MacPhail Centre	6000	MMA
Teofista Boxing	28-OCT-16	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	6000	Boxing
Hard Knocks Events Ltd.	9-DEC-16	Markin MacPhail Centre	6000	MMA
Teofista Boxing Club	29-DEC-16	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	6000	Boxing

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Calgary Combative Sports Commission Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (Dollars in Thousands)		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues/Other Funding Sources:		
Gate Fees	\$ 100	\$ 66
Draw from Contingency Fund*		23
	\$ 100	\$ 89
Expenditures		
<u>Ongoing Operating Expenses</u>		
Salary, Wage and Benefits**	18	20
Honorarium Expenses (for attending regular Commission meetings, weigh-in and events)	49	39
Business Expenses (including parking, meeting supplies, bank service charge, conference etc.)	17	12
Communication and IT Services (including computer, phone, printing, etc)	3	4
<u>CCSC Strategic Initiative Projects</u>		
Technology Enhancements		2
Drug Testing Feasibility		3
Staff Training and Knowledge		5
Process Enhancements		4
	\$ 87	\$ 89
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 13	\$ 0

Note:

* As of 2016 December 31 the contingency fund balance was at \$148,000.

** 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 to the Commission.

