

Boxing Wrestling Fighting Sports

What are combined fighting sports?

The description of combined fighting sports is a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts which includes cage fighting.

Will I need to apply to have combined fighting sports on my licence or will it be done automatically by the licensing authority?

If your current authorisation (premises licence or club premises certificate) already allows you to hold a contest, exhibition or display of combined fighting sports, you can carry on doing so under the terms of that authorisation. No further action needs to be taken by you or by us.

Will we need to re-issue licences to include combined fighting sports?

No. Currently, combined fighting sports may be authorised under the Licensing Act 2003 as either 'indoor sporting event' or as 'boxing or wrestling entertainment'. To the extent that an existing authorisation allows combined fighting sports, the licence will be treated as continuing to allow combined fighting sports, notwithstanding their reclassification.

Will the addition of combined fighting sports on a premises licence or club premises certificate that already include boxing and wrestling add extra conditions?

Yes, possibly. Where an existing authorisation does not cover combined fighting sports, you will need to apply to us to vary your licence. The application may be granted, possibly subject to the imposition of conditions relevant to combined fighting sports events.

Does this mean that people who have boxing and wrestling on a premises licence or club premises certificate can hold a contest, exhibition or display of combined fighting sports?

No. You can only do that if your authorisation currently extends to combined fighting sports. The only way by which this will have occurred is if your application for an authorisation made reference to combined fighting sports and was granted.

