

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BOXING CONTROL ACT 1993

CODE OF PRACTICE

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

NO. 233 OF 1996

The Boxing Control Act 1993 ("the Act") provides a legislative regime to regulate the control of amateur and professional boxing in the Australian Capital Territory.

In particular, Subsection 15(1) of the Act provides that the Minister may, by instrument, determine a Code of practice in respect of boxing contests, and vary the Code of practice from time to time

During March 1996, the Assembly passed the Boxing Control (Amendment) Act 1995. The Amendment foreshadowed the preparation of a Code of Practice for the Conduct of Boxing Contests in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Code has been prepared after an extensive consultation process. All organisers of future boxing contests will be compelled to abide by its terms.

The consultation process involved the Boxing Authority of New South Wales, the Amateur Boxing Union of Australia, the World Kickboxing Association (Australasian Region), the International Sports Karate Association, the Canberra Police and Citizen's Youth Club, Sport and Recreation Victoria, the Victorian Martial Arts Board, The Victorian Professional Boxing Board, and the New South Wales Department of Sport and Recreation, as well as with a number of interested individuals

The Code will become part of the approval process for all boxing contests from now on.

The provisions of the Code deal with matters such as:

- the rules to be used to control a boxing contest
- the requirement for a medical practitioner to be in attendance; and
- the requirement to wear protective clothing

This Code has no revenue or cost implications.

Authorised by Bill Stefaniak, Minister for Sport and Recreation.