

# Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services

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1. **How do I get licensed as a fighter?** (**IMPORTANT:** Licenses are issued in LicenseE. See our [LicenseE Applicant User Guide](#).) Apply and pay fee(s) online in LicenseE ([license.wi.gov](#)). You must upload a physical exam, including an eye exam and separate HIV, Hep C, and Hep B blood work results. For more information see [Contestant License Application Information](#) and our [Unarmed Combat Sports Licensing](#) web page. **BACK**

2. **Is my license from another state valid in Wisconsin?**  
No, every state requires its own license. **BACK**

3. **Do different state commissions have different licensing rules?**  
Yes, every state has its own rules on what is needed for licensing. Check with the commission for the state regulating the event to verify their licensing requirements. **BACK**

4. **What is a Boxing Federal ID?**  
A Federal ID is required for boxers to compete and is good for 4 years. This must be obtained from the state in which you legally reside. For Wisconsin, go to our online license system, LicenseE ([license.wi.gov](#)). Choose Apply for a license/Unarmed Combat Sports/Federal ID. **BACK**

5. **What is an MMA National ID?**  
A National ID is required for MMA competition. If you are a debut fighter or your ID has expired, you can apply for this ID through the state commission where you will be competing. For Wisconsin go to our online license system, LicenseE ([license.wi.gov](#)). Choose Apply for a license/Unarmed Combat Sports/National ID. **BACK**

**6. I have a Federal ID/National ID, is that a license?**

No, Federal IDs and National IDs are required, but they are only for identification purposes. You will also need an Unarmed Combat Sports License to compete. [BACK](#)

**7. Can I get licensed at weigh-ins?**

Per Wisconsin all licenses must be issued no later than 4 business days before the event. Go to our online license system, LicenseE ([license.wi.gov](https://license.wi.gov)), to obtain a license. [BACK](#)

**8. Can I do all other licensing requirements in advance and then pay the fee at weigh-ins?**

No, all licenses must be issued before the event. Payment is needed to issue a license. Pay in our online license system, LicenseE ([license.wi.gov](https://license.wi.gov)). [BACK](#)

**9. Do I need to include my Social Security Number (SSN)?**

Yes. [Wisconsin Statute § 440.03\(11m\)\(a\)](#) requires a social security number. Your license cannot be processed without it. Your SSN cannot be disclosed except as authorized by law. [BACK](#)

**10. What if I do not have a Social Security Number (SSN)?**

If you do not have an SSN, [Form 1051](#) must be uploaded into your online LicenseE application at [license.wi.gov](https://license.wi.gov). [BACK](#)

**11. Why do you ask for my Social Security Number (SSN)?**

Applications may be held for individuals who owe Wisconsin state taxes or child support. The SSN ensures that we are referencing the correct individual and that all licenses are under the same profile. [BACK](#)

**12. How do I remove a suspension?**

Contact the state commission that issued the suspension and follow their instructions on what is needed to lift it. A list of commission contacts can be found on the [ABC website](#). [BACK](#)

**13. Where do I get the form for blood work?**

There is no form. Upload results obtained from the lab or physician at into your LicenseE application at [license.wi.gov](https://license.wi.gov). [BACK](#)

**14. The doctor noted my blood work results on my physical, does that fulfill the blood work requirement?**

No, that is considered an interpretation. The actual blood work labs paperwork the doctor referenced is also required. [BACK](#)

**15. How old can medicals be?**

Wisconsin requires that physicals and blood work be 180 days old or less at the time of licensing. [BACK](#)

**16. Will I need to update my medicals during the term of my license?**

No, Wisconsin does not require that you update medicals once the license has been issued, except potentially in case of a serious injury or incident. [BACK](#)

**17. Are there different medicals required for fighters 40 years old or over?**

Yes. See the list on the top of the [physical form](#). [BACK](#)

**18. Do I need to get the “over 40 years old” additional medicals every year?**

No. They are required just one time unless the Commission decides that it would be prudent in the case of an injury. [BACK](#)

**19. If I am 39 years old and obtain a license, can I compete during my 40th year without the additional medicals?** Yes, if you are licensed before turning 40 years old, the license will be valid for one year from the date it was issued. [BACK](#)

**20. What if my fight is canceled, will I receive a refund for my license?**

No, licenses are good for one (1) year from the date it is issued. You can use your license to compete in a Wisconsin different event until it expires. [BACK](#)

**21. Who needs a Second/Corner license?**

A Second/Corner license is required for anyone who expects to enter the locker room, wrap hands, and/or be at cage or ringside to coach. [BACK](#)

**22. Can my family be with me in the locker room?**

No. For the safety of all, family members, including children, must remain outside of the locker rooms. Corners/Seconds must be 16 years or older to be licensed. [BACK](#)