

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services

Unarmed Combat Sports Frequently Asked Questions

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1. How do I get licensed as a fighter?

Send your application, payment, physical, and separate HIV, Hep C, and Hep B bloodwork results to DSPSCombativesports@wisconsin.gov or mail the information and payment to the Wisconsin Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), ATTN: UCS, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison WI 53705 at least three (3) weeks before the date of the event. Email or call ((608) 261-8503) if you have questions. [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. You can apply for this Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) ID through the state commission where you reside. For Wisconsin, apply through DSPSCombativeSports@wisconsin.gov by sending the Federal ID application, \$10 by [credit card payment form](#), and a recent head and shoulders photo in portable network graphic (png) format. Cell phone photos are best. The ID is good for 4 years. [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 you would apply through DSPSCombativeSports@wisconsin.gov by sending the National ID application, \$10 by [credit card payment form](#), and a recent head and shoulders photo in portable network graphic (png) format. Cell phone photos are best. The ID is good for 5 years. [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?

No, licensing must be finished four (4) days before the event according to Wisconsin law. [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. Applications and payments will not be accepted at weigh-ins. [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 submitted. [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. The doctor noted my bloodwork results on my physical, does that fulfill the bloodwork requirement?

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

14. How old can medicals be?

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

15. 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](#)

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

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

17. 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](#)

18. 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](#)

19. 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](#)

20. 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](#)

21. 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](#)