

Agency Purpose

The state's Boxing Board, recreated in 2006, was officially renamed the Combative Sports Commission (Commission) in the 2008 legislative session. The new name reflects the commission's expanded oversight of mixed martial arts events that was added to the commission's purview in 2007. The commission's purpose is to protect the health and safety of professional boxers and mixed martial arts fighters, and to ensure the fairness of both boxing and mixed martial arts events.

Core Functions

The Commission licenses boxers, mixed martial arts fighters, promoters, referees, trainers, and related positions. It establishes regulatory safeguards for the protection of fighters, and regulates events to ensure fairness. The Commission is currently working to establish its administrative and program procedures. The rapid growth of the mixed martial arts industry has substantially redirected the main focus of the Commission from boxing to mixed martial arts.

Operations

The Commission conducts its work primarily through the executive director, who reports to a nine member executive board appointed by the governor. The executive director is currently a part-time position, and is one of only two paid employees at the Commission. Administrative and financial transaction services are provided to the Commission by the Department of Administration through its Small Agency Resource Team (SmART) program.

Key Goals

The key goal of the Commission is to continue to keep professional boxing and professional mixed martial arts events safe, fair and economically viable in Minnesota.

Budget

The legislature originally intended the Boxing Board to be self sufficient – fee supported – when it was created. For a number of reasons, that proved unworkable. The Commission is currently funded with a base general fund appropriation of \$80,000 each year. The Commission also has dedicated fee authority and normally anticipates about \$40,000 in fees annually.

The rapid growth in popularity of mixed martial arts events has greatly stretched the Commission's workload and it has made fee revenues much less predictable. For example, a large, nationally advertised mixed martial arts event was held on August 9, 2008 in Minneapolis. That event drove August fee collections to \$87,000. That is over 20 times the Commission's normal monthly fee revenue and is actually larger than their entire general fund appropriation for all of FY 2009. It is unknown if or when an event like that might come to Minnesota again.

At A Glance

- ◆ Boxing Board created in 2006
- ◆ Mixed martial arts added in 2007
- ◆ Renamed Combative Sports Commission in 2008
- ◆ Annual general fund budget of \$80,000 per year
- ◆ Estimated annual dedicated fee revenues of approximately \$40,000 per year.
- ◆ Rapid growth in mixed martial arts competition has greatly increased workload and made fee revenue much more volatile.

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COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION

Agency Overview

Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	2010-11
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	50	80	80	80	160
Forecast Base	50	80	80	80	160
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					23.1%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	50	80	80	80	160
Statutory Appropriations					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	21	156	155	155	310
Total	71	236	235	235	470
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	61	64	66	68	134
Other Operating Expenses	10	172	169	167	336
Total	71	236	235	235	470
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Boxing Comm Fees	71	236	235	235	470
Total	71	236	235	235	470
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Current Law		Biennium 2010-11
			FY2010	FY2011	
<i>Non Dedicated Revenue:</i>					
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Dedicated Receipts:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	54	155	156	156	312
Total Dedicated Receipts	54	155	156	156	312
Agency Total Revenue	54	155	156	156	312