

**875—169.5 (90A) Promoter responsibilities.** The promoter of a professional wrestling event shall be responsible for subrules 169.5(1) through 169.5(6). All other promoters shall be responsible for each of the following:

**169.5(1)** Ensure compliance with Iowa Code chapter 90A and applicable rules.

**169.5(2)** Ensure that the referees are familiar with and enforce the rules.

**169.5(3)** Be responsible for the conduct and attendance of all officials and participants.

**169.5(4)** Ensure that adequate public safety is maintained at all events. Adequate personnel provided by a private security company and at least one law enforcement officer who is certified pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 80B shall be furnished by the promoter.

**169.5(5)** Ensure that a referee inspects the gloves, bandages, and body of each contestant for foreign substances that might be detrimental to an opponent.

**169.5(6)** Ensure that contestants are free of fingernails that are capable of causing injury to an opponent.

**169.5(7)** Provide officials and participants who are subject to approval by the commissioner.

**169.5(8)** Answer to the commissioner for noncompliance.

**169.5(9)** Be available to the commissioner throughout an event or identify a designee who shall be:

- a. Available to the commissioner throughout an event; and
- b. Authorized by the promoter to address issues that may arise.

**169.5(10)** Enter into a written contract with each contestant using the form furnished by the commissioner. Telegrams, fax transmissions, electronic mail, or letters indicating acceptance of terms will be considered an agreement between a contestant, the contestant's manager and the promoter, pending the actual signing of the contract.

**169.5(11)** Provide appropriate gloves.

**169.5(12)** Provide and maintain a container with a solution of ten parts water to one part bleach to clean bodily fluids from any part of the cage, cage enclosure, or floor.

**169.5(13)** Ensure that an ambulance and ambulance service authorized at the EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P or paramedic specialist level pursuant to 641—Chapter 132 are present at the event. A promoter is fully responsible for all charges assessed by the ambulance service related to the event except:

- a. Charges covered by insurance.
- b. Charges for services provided to persons other than participants and officials.

**169.5(14)** Ensure that contestants are wearing appropriate attire, gloves, and other necessary equipment.

**169.5(15)** Provide a suitable, clean, and private space for contestants to change clothes.

**169.5(16)** Submit to the ringside physician no later than at the time of the physicals test results showing that each contestant scheduled for the event tested negative for the human immunodeficiency, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C viruses within the one-year period prior to the event. The contestant shall not participate and the physician shall notify the promoter that the contestant is prohibited from participating for medical reasons if any of the following occurs:

- a. The promoter does not produce timely proof of testing;
- b. The test results are positive;
- c. The laboratory is not properly certified in accordance with the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act;
- d. The test was performed more than 12 months prior to the event; or
- e. The test results are otherwise deficient.

**169.5(17)** Obtain from a company authorized to do business in the state of Iowa \$10,000 of health insurance coverage on each contestant to provide for medical, surgical and hospital care for injuries sustained and illnesses contracted during the event. If there is a deductible, it shall not exceed \$1,500. If the contestant pays for covered care, the insurance proceeds shall be paid to the contestant or the contestant's beneficiaries as reimbursement for payment. In the event of a claim, payment of the deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the promoter.

**169.5(18)** Obtain from a company authorized to do business in the state of Iowa no less than \$10,000 of life insurance coverage on each contestant to cover death caused by injuries sustained or illnesses contracted during the event.

**169.5(19)** No later than the day of the event, ensure that each contestant makes available to the commissioner's representative suitable proof of age consisting of one of the following documents:

- a.* A certified birth certificate;
- b.* A passport;
- c.* A certified baptismal record;
- d.* A U.S. visa;
- e.* An identification card issued to the contestant by a governmental entity and which includes the contestant's photograph and birth date; or
- f.* A U.S. resident alien card.

**169.5(20)** Ensure that participants and officials behave in a professional manner at all times.

**169.5(21)** Ensure that participants and officials refrain from:

- a.* Fighting with anyone other than a scheduled opponent;
- b.* Fighting outside the ring;
- c.* Throwing objects; and
- d.* Making obscene gestures.

**169.5(22)** Establish through [www.mixedmartialarts.com](http://www.mixedmartialarts.com) that no contestant on an amateur card has participated in a reported professional mixed martial arts match.