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### Suspension of Overweight Boxers

Professional boxers have an obligation, at the official weigh-in for a bout, to weigh in at or below the weight set forth in the bout contract. A boxer who fails to make weight violates his or her obligations under the bout contract, damages the boxer's opponent and the sport of boxing, and does a disservice to him or herself. Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 214.10, "[i]n nontitle bouts, boxers overweight under the terms of the contract may be suspended after the match for such period as the commission may decide." It is the sense of the Commission that boxers who weigh in over the contract weight should be suspended as follows:

1. For a first violation of the terms of the contract, ninety (90) days.
2. For a second violation of the terms of the contract, one hundred and eighty (180) days.
3. For a third violation of the terms of the contract, two hundred and seventy (270) days.
4. For a fourth or subsequent violation of the terms of the contract, a time period as determined by the Commission but no less than two hundred and seventy (270) days.

The suspension periods will apply to all boxers in nontitle bouts pursuant to 19 NYCRR 214.10, and to all boxers in title bouts pursuant to the Commission's authority to act in the best interest of boxing.

The Commission reserves the right to take any additional disciplinary action it deems appropriate based on (a) whether the bout is cancelled as a result of one or both boxers weighing in over the contract weight, (b) the amount by which a boxer weighs in over the contract weight, or (c) any other aggravating factor. Additional disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, suspension, revocation, and fine.

*Implemented by vote of the Commissioners on August 25, 2015. This policy shall be effective immediately.*

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