



MANITOBA ORDER IN COUNCIL

Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport
and Consumer Protection

DATE: **June 18, 2014**

ORDER IN COUNCIL NO.: **00257 / 2014**

RECOMMENDED BY: **Minister of Tourism, Culture, Sport and Consumer Protection**

ORDER

1. For the purpose of regulating certain activities, the Lieutenant Governor in Council designates, subject to section two of this order, the following amateur combative sports under section 83(2)(b) of the *Criminal Code of Canada* ("the *Criminal Code*"):
 - a) boxing
 - b) taekwondo
 - c) karate

2. The Lieutenant Governor in Council, for the purposes of section 83 of the *Criminal Code*, specifies the following organizations as bodies who may hold or permit other organizations to hold a contest between amateur athletes in their respective sports:
 - a) The Manitoba Amateur Boxing Association
 - b) Taekwondo Manitoba
 - c) Karate Manitoba

AUTHORITY

The Criminal Code of Canada states:

Engaging in prize fight

- 83. (1)** Every one who
- (a) engages as a principal in a prize fight,
 - (b) advises, encourages or promotes a prize fight, or
 - (c) is present at a prize fight as an aid, second, surgeon, umpire, backer or reporter,
- is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

Definition of "prize fight"

(2) In this section, “prize fight” means an encounter or fight with fists, hands or feet between two persons who have met for that purpose by previous arrangement made by or for them, but does not include

(a) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province if the sport is on the programme of the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee and, in the case where the province’s lieutenant governor in council or any other person or body specified by him or her requires it, the contest is held with their permission;

(b) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province if the sport has been designated by the province’s lieutenant governor in council or by any other person or body specified by him or her and, in the case where the lieutenant governor in council or other specified person or body requires it, the contest is held with their permission;

(c) a contest between amateur athletes in a combative sport with fists, hands or feet held in a province with the permission of the province’s lieutenant governor in council or any other person or body specified by him or her

BACKGROUND

1. Amendments to the *Criminal Code* (S.C. 2013, c.19) devolved to the Provinces, specifically to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the ability to designate which amateur combative sports (in addition to those on the Olympic Program) should be granted legal sanction to hold contests.
2. The *Criminal Code* amendments also gave the Lieutenant Governor in Council the ability to specify which, if any body, should hold or permit contests involving legal amateur combative sports.
3. The Minister has concluded the above noted amateur sports and organizations respectively ought to be so designated and specified.