

## Approved Amateur Body Framework

### Criteria for Recognition of an Approved Amateur Body

The *Combat Sports Act 2013* provides for the “recognition” of Approved Amateur Bodies. As per below:

#### 8 Approval of amateur combat sport bodies

- (1) The Minister may, on application by a body corporate or other body and on the recommendation of the Authority, approve the body as an **approved amateur body** (AAB) for a specified style, or styles, of combat sport for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) An application is to be made in the approved form.
- (3) An application is to be accompanied by any other information required by the Authority.
- (4) An approval may be made subject to conditions.
- (5) The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Authority, at any time vary a condition of an approval or revoke an approval.

The advantages of being an AAB are:

- An AAB can arrange contests (but cannot promote a contest as only a Promoter can do this)
- Before an amateur permit is issued to a promoter by the CSA, the contest must be approved by a AAB
- Officials – judges, time keepers and referees who only work at the amateur level and only work for one particular AAB are not required to register with the CSA.
- An AAB can arrange matches between its registered combatants without the match-maker being registered with the CSA
- An ABB can nominate persons to the CSA for appointment as Combat Sports Inspectors (this allows co-regulation or self-regulation)

To be an AAB an organisation will need to have met all requirements within the framework to an acceptable standard.

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**Mandatory Criteria: Must be met to be an Approved Amateur Body**

Criteria	Requirement	Provide	Standard
Must be an entity with a legal status	Incorporated association	Constitution, list of current Directors and copy of most recent annual report (including full set of annual financial statements as tabled at AGM)	Registered (for last 2 years) and compliant with OFT/ASIC requirements Appropriate constitution or company rules Appropriate Board structure
	Company limited by guarantee		
	Company limited by shares	Constitution, list of current Directors and copy of most recent annual report (including full set of annual financial statements as tabled at AGM)	Must be registered (for last 2 years) and compliant with ASIC Must have a constitution or company rules Must have a Board structure Must not be a single member (shareholder) company
Must be solvent	Entity must be solvent	Annual financial statements /accounts	Debt Ratio = Total Liabilities/Total Assets not greater than 1
Must be, or be affiliated with, a National or International Sporting Organisation	Entity is or affiliated directly with a National Sporting Organisation (NSO) <b>or</b> directly or indirectly with an International Sporting Organisation (ISO)	Details of affiliation and information about requirements for / or obligations of affiliation to the NSO/ISO	Constitution provides for policies and sports rules as an affiliate to NSO or ISO  AAB demonstrates has capacity to meet the obligations of the NSO or ISO  Check the recognition status of the ISO via Sport Accord, IOC and ASC (for noting only)
Must provide membership information	Number of members by category and fee payable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of participants (training only)</li> <li>• Number of combatants (that compete in contests)</li> <li>• Number of officials such as judges, referees, timekeepers</li> <li>• Number of clubs</li> </ul>	Complete the form that requests this information	Check alignment of membership information in the organisation's annual accounts with membership information  Note if clubs are able to affiliate with the AAB  Check combatant numbers that compete with the number that register with CSA and that nominate this organisation (once register is operational).

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Must be able to communicate with registered members	Evidence that there are structured communication channels with members, affiliated clubs and associations etc.	Details of communication channels eg evidence of newsletters, fact sheets, website, meetings etc	<p>Organisation has the ability to communicate key information to members in a timely manner.</p> <p>Organisation has capacity to distribute accurate and timely information about legislative requirements to its members and stakeholders.</p>
Must have adopted a set of rules that come from a NSO and/or ISO	Evidence that organisation follows a set of rules from a NSO or ISO	<p>List of disciplines/sports sanctioned by the organisation</p> <p>Copy of the rules of the NSO/ISO to which the state body is affiliated for each sport and/or discipline</p> <p>Any modifications to the rules must clearly marked/indicated.</p>	<p>Rules will be checked and assessed by a panel</p> <p>Modifications to the National or International rules will require approval by the CSA.</p>
Must have satisfactory level of PLI and Professional Indemnity	Evidence of PLI insurance policies held in relation to coverage that protects the public	Copies of certificate of currency	Certificates of currency for \$10m in Public Liability Insurance and \$5m in Professional Indemnity cover must be provided.
	Organisation has considered other appropriate insurances	Certificates of currency for other policies held eg Director and Officer, Athlete Sporting Injury Insurance etc.	Other certificates of currency noted.
<p>Must have a Risk Assessment Processes for events it sanctions</p> <p>Must have appropriate risk notifications to members</p>	<p>Evidence that there is a thorough Risk Assessment Procedure that is used for all events sanctioned by the organization</p> <p>Appropriate waivers, releases and indemnities on forms</p>	<p>Risk Assessment Procedure / check list documents for events</p> <p>Membership forms</p>	<p>Risk Assessment Procedures will be assessed by a panel including persons familiar with sport and event risk management and the adequacy of the procedures provided will be determined.</p> <p>Membership forms checked to ensure they have appropriate waivers, releases and indemnities.</p>

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Must have an officials pathway – a structured pathway and/or accreditation levels are in place for officials – judges, referees and time keepers.	Evidence that there is a structure that operates within the organisation to ensure officials gain required skills, techniques and knowledge appropriate to the level at which they officiate	Information re official development pathways, how competency is evaluated, procedures for testing skill acquisition, curriculum of official development, mentoring arrangements etc	Organisations have met the ASC standards and/or the Program Coordinator Coaching and Officiating will evaluate the information and determine the adequacy of the pathway information and procedures provided and provide the panel with their evaluation.
Where the organisation offers membership of athletes/combatants an athlete pathway is evident.	Evidence that there is a structure that operates within the organisation to ensure combatants gain required skills, techniques and knowledge prior to competing and there is a competition structure that supports this	Information of competition structure, how combatant competency is evaluated, procedures for skill acquisition/ tests, curriculum of combatant development etc	Organisations have met the ASC standards and/or the Program Coordinator Coaching and Officiating will evaluate the information and determine the adequacy of the pathway information and procedures provided and provide the panel with their evaluation.
Where the organisation offers membership of coaches/trainers a coach pathway is evident.	Evidence that there is a structure that operates within the organisation to ensure coaches/trainers gain required skills, techniques and knowledge appropriate to the level at which they coach	Information of coaching structure, how coach competency is evaluated, procedures for skill acquisition/ tests, curriculum of coach development etc	Organisations have met the ASC standards and/or the Program Coordinator Coaching and Officiating will evaluate the information and determine the adequacy of the pathway information and procedures provided and provide the panel with their evaluation.