

Agency Purpose

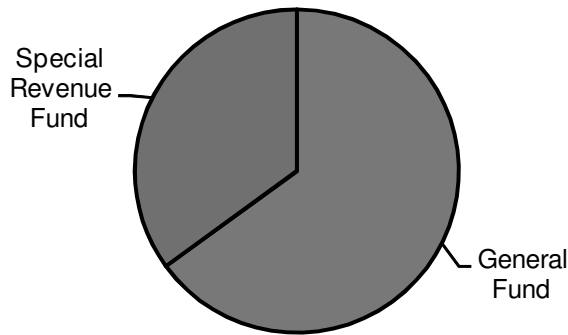
The purpose of the Combative Sports Commission is to make sure that the three primary combative sports, boxing, mixed martial arts, and tough person competition are conducted safely and fairly in Minnesota. These inherently dangerous sports can result in injury during competition and can have long term health consequences.

The state’s Boxing Board was reestablished in 2006 and was officially renamed the Combative Sports Commission (CSC) in the 2008 legislative session to reflect the agency’s expanded oversight of mixed martial arts (MMA) and tough person events. This Commission was reestablished to minimize the health and safety risks associated with combative sports.

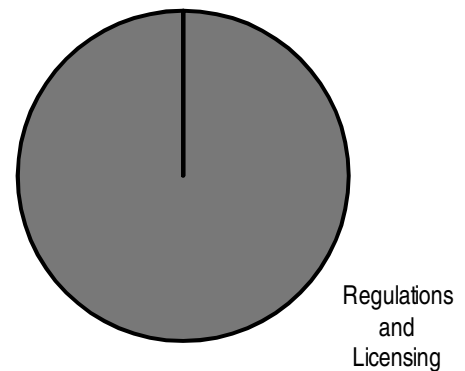
At a Glance

- Pursuant to Laws of 2009, Chapter 78, Article 1, Section 18, CSC expires on July 1st, 2011 unless their projected revenues for FY 2012-13 exceed their projected expenditures for FY 2012-13.
- Received \$160,000 from the General Fund for FY 2010-11. This funding was one-time.
- Anticipates \$40,000 - 60,000 annually in dedicated revenue from fees
- Licenses combatants, promoters and officials
- Maintains calendar of all MMA and boxing events on its website
- Regulated 45 combative events in FY 2010

Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Fund



Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Program



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement.

Strategies

The Commission

- licenses boxers, mixed martial arts fighters, promoters, referees, trainers, and related positions;
- establishes regulatory safeguards for the protection of fighters; and
- regulates events to ensure fairness and safety.

In order to make sure events are conducted to minimize injuries and ensure fair competition, the Commission employs these strategies:

Pre-competition – All combatants are medically tested for conditions that may increase the chance of injury or transmissions communicable disorders to their opponents. Promoters are required to post a performance bond guaranteeing combatant payout and provide an insurance policy covering combatant injuries.

During competition – Ringside physicians are present to treat injuries, and all combatants are inspected for proper safety equipment. Referees are used to make sure each match is conducted safely and fairly and judges ensure that the outcome is decided using objective criteria.

Post-competition - Combatants are examined by a ringside physician prior to being released. Payments by promoters to combatants are monitored by the Commission to make sure that they adhere to the terms of the bout agreement.

Operations

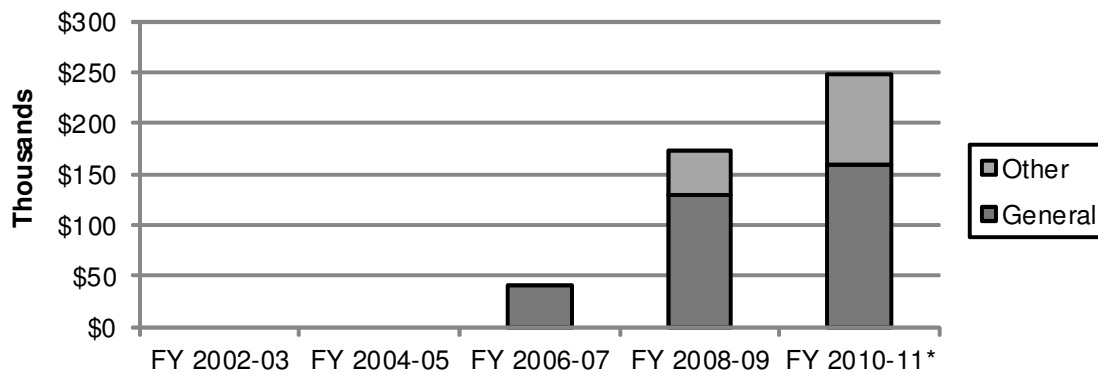
The Commission conducts its work primarily through the executive director, who reports to a nine member executive board appointed by the governor. The executive director is currently a part-time position, and is one of only two paid employees at the Commission. Administrative and financial transaction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

Key Activity Goals & Measures

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

Budget Trends Section

Total Expenditures by Fund



* FY 2010-11 is estimated, not actual.

Source data for the previous chart is the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS) as of 08/20/2010.

External Factors Impact CSC- The Commission was established in FY 2006-07. The rapid growth in popularity of mixed martial arts events has increased the Commission’s workload and required the agency to focus more of its resources on MMA events.

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