

# Controlled Sports Code of Practice 2024 (No. 1)

## Disallowable instrument DI2024–291

made under the

Controlled Sports Act 2019, s 49 (Code of practice—approval)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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### Summary

Section 49 of the *Controlled Sports Act 2019* provides the Minister for Sport and Recreation with the power to approve a Code of Practice for controlled sports events.

The code of practice is a key document that details the technical requirements for conducting controlled sports events in the ACT. It is designed to cover a wide range of combat sports that fall within the scope of the Act.

### Mandatory Standards

The relevant sections of the Code of Practice are mandatory for the conduct of registered and non-registrable controlled sports events in the ACT.

### Consultation

In 2023-24, a review of the *Controlled Sports Act 2019* was conducted. During this review industry and government stakeholders highlighted aspects of the Code of Practice that require clarification to improve the operation of the legislation.

### Scope

In addition to correcting several minor typographical errors, the *Controlled Sports Code of Practice 2024 (No. 1)* makes the below clarifications to the conduct of registered controlled sports events:

- That exhibitions should be conducted with reduced intensity compared to that of a regular controlled sports contest, and in accordance with any official discipline rules prescribed by the Authorised Controlled Sports Body or National Sporting Organisation.
- No changes to the nature of the event or contests within the event can be made after this time, except to utilise substitute contestants.
- Substitute contestants must be matchmade to a specific contest by the matchmaker.
- A substitute contestant must not compete in more than one contest in the event.

- If a substitute contestant will be used on the finalised draw listing, the promoter must notify Access Canberra in writing prior to the commencement of the first contest of the event.
- It is recommended that a bed or plinth may be supplied by a promoter at registered events.
- A spinal board located next to the contest area should be located in a neutral corner, closest to the medical practitioner.
- Judging positions must be allocated on 3 sides of the contest area and the position for the timekeeper and medical practitioner must be on a remaining side, closest to the contest area entry.
- The removal of references that padding will be approved by the controlled sports inspector.

The *Controlled Sports Code of Practice 2024 (No 1)* makes the below clarification to the conduct of non-registrable controlled sports events:

- The promoter of a non-registrable event must not act as the representative of the Authorised Controlled Sports Body for an event which they promote.

## **Human Rights**

No human rights are engaged or impacted by the content of this instrument.