



Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism

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Randal Boiteau
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Dear Randal Boiteau:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the provisions for Brazilian jiu-jitsu (BJJ) under the Combative Sports Regulation (Regulation).

The Manitoba government is committed to providing a safe, diverse, and inclusive sport system for all Manitobans.

In your correspondence, you outline a series of concerns and requested actions. First, you request the immediate distribution of funds collected by the Manitoba Combative Sports Commission (MCSC) through BJJ licensing fees. The MCSC collects fees as outlined in the Regulation to ensure regulatory oversight and sanctioning of the designated combative sport events. The MCSC does not have the authority to redistribute regulatory fees to third parties, but rather the fees are collected to ensure that the MCSC is able to administer the regulatory and licensing system for all designated combative sports. I encourage you to meet with MCSC staff to discuss what opportunities may be available to strengthen support for a safe environment at BJJ competitions.

Second, you are asking for the appointment of BJJ representation in current governance structures. Individuals interested in serving on an agency, board or commission (ABC) in Manitoba may apply for membership. More information can be found on the [ABC website](#), which includes the [application form](#). The appointment process may vary depending on the particular board. As an example, some ABCs are fully appointed by government, while others may have a role for appointments by a third party.

Third, your letter calls for another regulatory review. Further review of the regulation is not currently being considered. If a future review takes place, opportunities will be provided for stakeholders to provide input and feedback. In the meantime, the Manitoba government expects full compliance with the mandatory requirements under The Combative Sports Act (Act) and the Regulation.



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Finally, you request a communications protocol between MCSC and the BJJ community. I understand that MCSC staff have reached out to you, and I encourage you to meet with them to discuss matters of mutual concern, namely ensuring that members of the BJJ community can participate in a safe and regulated environment.

I would like to emphasize the importance of compliance with the Act and Regulation. The penalty for violating any part of the Act or Regulation may include, for a first offense, a fine of up to \$5000.00 and/or imprisonment for a term of up to two (2) months. Penalties for repeat offences may include a fine of up to \$25,000.00 and/or imprisonment for up to six (6) months. Furthermore, contravention of section 83 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* may result in additional penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation in complying with the requirements under the Act and Regulation, and for the dedication to your sport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nellie Kennedy".

Honourable Nellie Kennedy
Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism

c: Jeff Hnatiuk, Deputy Minister
Keenan Rempel, Manitoba Combative Sports Commission