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# Excellence – Safety – Fair Play

## A Positive new Era for Sport Martial Arts in Ontario

Since the Ontario Government's Order of Council went into affect July 1st, the Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs) for the 8 recognized combative sports have been attempting to reach out to all clubs, athletes, coaches, officials and parents to update them on the implications of this change in our industry. This press release is intended to provide more information and clarity on the new changes.

### *How the Order In Council affects coaches and instructors:*

Individuals involved in the instruction and coaching are required to conduct their training programs within standards aimed to ensure the highest possible level of health, safety and technical expertise. To ensure this level of professionalism is available to our athlete members, all registered coaches will be required to fulfill the following mandatory requirements:

- Complete a Level I NCCP equivalency course that focuses on safety and competition preparation
- Complete the 'Making Headway' – the Coaching Associations concussion e-learning Module
- Obtain a Vulnerability Sector Police screen
- Complete a first aid certification course

### *How the Order in Council affects member officials, referees and judges:*

All officials for club and provincial competitions and tournaments must be Kickboxing Ontario certified. All registered member officials will be required to:

- Complete KO's Officials Certification focusing on sports injury management and fair play
- Participate in regular professional development credits to enhance learning
- Participate in regular mentorship assessments intended to enhance referee and judging skills
- Complete the 'Making Headway' – the Coaching Associations concussion e-learning Module
- Obtain a Vulnerability Sector Police screen
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***How the Order In Council affects all member club and provincial combative competitions:***

All levels of competition are now required to adhere to consistent, approved technical rules and standards designed to safeguard safety and fair play. All promoters of events must adhere to the following competition requirements:

- Follow an approved Emergency Action Plan
- Employ a sports injury team that meets the industry standards for emergency medical care
- Ensure all competition equipment meets approved standards
- Ensure only certified member officials and member coaches gain access to the competition area

***How the Order In Council affects our athletes:***

The greatest benefactor to the new regulatory changes will be our athlete. The leadership of KO are now working together with Ontario's entire sports community and the Ministry on the creation of programs and services that will better focus on sound athlete development.

For example, the approved Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD) created for Kickboxers, will be made available and followed by all member clubs, thus ensuring all of our member athletes move up through the LTAD stages from the Active Start to High Performance levels within a technically sound framework.

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For the first time in the martial arts industry the Ministry recognized PSOs will be responsible for sanctioning and monitoring competitions to ensure that rules, regulations are fully adhered to.

Our PSO is committed to work with all member stakeholder groups to cohesively integrate these requirements into current competitions to support our member clubs as they continue to improve the work they are undertaking on behalf of their athletes across Ontario.

All questions pertaining to Ontario's 'Order in Council' must be directed to the MTCS website at the following email address [sport@ontario.ca](mailto:sport@ontario.ca)

For more information regarding the sanctioning of events or KO's membership policies, please contact our Provincial Sport Organization office at [nhq@kickboxingcanada.org](mailto:nhq@kickboxingcanada.org)



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