



# Arkansas Department of Health

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Greetings,

The Arkansas Athletic Commission office provides this summary of information to assist with the success of your event. This information is intended to be helpful, as you organize and plan authorized events.

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## **Licensure**

1. Arkansas law §17-22-303 requires that no person shall participate in or promote an event **without first obtaining a license.**
  - Individual license applications are available on the webpage  
<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-state-athletic-commission>
  - Incomplete or illegible applications will not be processed
    - Write clearly and complete applicable sections
    - Provide official state or federal government identification with photo
      - State issued ID or state issued driver's license
    - Submit license fee
  - Application approval review includes :
    - Arkansas sexual offender registry in accordance with §17-22-3029(c) (1) for **all** license types
    - Blood test results for contestants: HIV 1 & 2, Hepatitis BsAg, and Hepatitis C.
2. Mandatory **blood work is required** for contestant licensure and to participate as a contestant in any event, including wrestling and charitable wrestling events. The blood tests required are HIV 1 & 2, Hepatitis BsAg, and Hepatitis C.  
**Blood work is considered valid for 6 months.** The commission does not provide blood work expiration reminders.  
Blood work results are only accepted from the original source (laboratory or medical provider) or approved commissions. As of this letter Virginia and Ohio Athletic Commissions are approved. Results are to be sent directly to Arkansas Athletic Commission office.

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## **Events**

1. Commission accepts **no cash** at events. Checks and money orders payable to Arkansas Athletic Commission are accepted.
2. Event applications are required, by the Rules and Regulations, to be submitted to the Commission office **30 days prior to event, with** proof of financial responsibility. Arkansas law 17-22-304 requires the financial responsibility to be a surety bond, cashier's check or letter of credit. Wrestling event with less than 1500 spectators is exempt from proof of financial responsibility.  
Incomplete event applications will not be processed.  
Written confirmation of the event date will be provided.  
Every effort will be made to accommodate the requested date.
3. **At least ten (10) days prior to an Event**, but in no case, less than 5 business days prior to the event, submit the required information. Submittal of Incomplete information or late submittal of information places your event at risk.
  - a. Contestant list **with** full legal name and birth date
    - i. Waivers, exemptions or changes will not be considered after the 5 business day deadline **if** the original contestant list was not received at least 10 days prior to event
    - ii. Wrestling events must provide contestant list
    - iii. Contestant list will be reviewed for licensure, suspensions, blood work compliance, and sexual offender registry
  - b. Proof of medical insurance coverage
  - c. Proof of dedicated ambulance service coverage
  - d. Proof of ringside physician
  - e. Bout card application **with** proof of records for each contestant **and** signature promoter signature
  - f. Weigh- in schedule
  - g. Officials list

**Wrestling events:** Medical insurance coverage is not required for any wrestling event. In accordance with Arkansas law § 17-22-204 wrestling events with fewer than 1500 spectators, are not required to provide ambulance coverage, ringside physician or surety bond. Wrestling events that meet charitable guidelines have additional exemptions. Wrestling events, including charitable wrestling, are **not** exempt from the blood testing requirement.

The applications and forms are available on the webpage.

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Thank you,

Arkansas State Athletic Commission