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## New Brunswick Combat Sport Commission

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# TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

## Letter from the Chair

The New Brunswick Combat Sport Commission has started to recover from the Covid-19 Pandemic with a total of 5 events in the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

I would like to congratulate all the promoters, fighters and coaches who were part of the pandemic recovery for putting on events in such a precarious time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Commission members and our wonderful staff for their perseverance during the pandemic.

I would also like to thank the Province of New Brunswick, the Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture (Hon. Tammy Scott-Wallace) and our liaison from the Sport and Recreation Branch, Jean-Luc Benoit for their unwavering support, guidance and contributions to combat sporting events in New Brunswick.

We're already seeing good numbers for events in 2023 and 2024, so let's keep working together and building the momentum.

Thanks to all!



**Tony Whalen**  
*Chair - New Brunswick Combat Sport Commission*



## Letter from the Executive Director

The New Brunswick Combat Sport Commission (NBCSC) sanctioned its first event in March of 2015 and since then, the NBCSC has sanctioned over 60 events over eight (8) years. We also had a very successful UFC event in Moncton in 2018. Events have been held throughout the province including Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John, Miramichi, Bouctouche, Campbellton, Dalhousie, Richibucto, Kedgwick, Shediac and Sackville generating significant economic benefits to local business.



The pandemic has proven to be difficult times for this commission as we only issued one event permit in the first two years of the Pandemic. The last fiscal year (2022-23) has seen the re-birth of combat sport, as the NBCSC has issued and sanctioned 5 events in total. As we look ahead to the new fiscal year 2023-24, we are only still in the first quarter, however, we have already matched our total event permits from the previous fiscal year (5 event permits). We are well underway of reaching our pre-covid numbers. The future of Combat Sport continues to be on the rise here in our own Province. On a national level, New Brunswick remains the most active of the smaller provinces in Canada.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jean-Luc Benoit and Minister Tammy Scott-Wallace from the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture for their assistance in modifying our regulations to align with the recommended practices and policies of the Association of Boxing and Combative Sports.

In closing, the efforts of this commission, its members and staff in delivering our mandate is carried out in the most professional manner, keeping the integrity of the sport and fighter safety a top priority.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis Léger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Denis Léger**  
*Executive Director - New Brunswick Combat Sport Commission*

## Background

The Combat Sport Act was first proclaimed on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, followed by establishing the New Brunswick Combat Sport Commission (NBCSC). We operate as an independent Commission; however, we are an agent of the crown and governed under the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture. The regulation of combat sporting events in New Brunswick is done with authority from the General Regulation, NB Reg 2014-131 (<https://laws.gnb.ca/en/showfulldoc/cr/2014-131//20230505>), the Combat Sport Act, RSNB 2014, c 48 (<https://laws.gnb.ca/en/showfulldoc/cs/2014-c.48//20230505>) and New Brunswick Sports Commission By-Laws BY-LAW No. 1 (<http://nbcsc.ca/about-us/#bylaws>). The role and responsibilities of the Commission is to approve and regulate events in combat sports; including issuing permits for holding of events; issuing licenses for persons who participants in events; establishing a code of conduct for participants in events; and carrying out any other activities or duties authorized or required under the Act or that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs. The Commission's Conflict of Interest Policy, Code of Conduct and Appeals Procedure can be found here: <http://nbcsc.ca/promoters/>.

The NBCSC sanctioned its first event in March of 2015. Overall, we have sanctioned over 60 events in the last 8 years. Promoters have held events in all major cities of the province and many smaller rural communities generating significant economic benefits to all local bossiness. The pandemic has proven to be a difficult time for the Commission, as we only issued one event permit in the first two years of the Pandemic.

The NBCSC operates on the same fiscal year (April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>) as the Province of New Brunswick.

## Commission Members

The Commission is comprised of a four-person board and two staff as follows:

- Tony Whalen - Chair
- Raymond Doiron - Commissioner
- Dr. Corey Burton - Doctor & Commissioner
- Amy Pidt - Commissioner
- Denis Léger - Executive Director
- Sylvie Vienneau - Administrative Assistant

A total of four (4) commission meetings were held in the 2022/2023 fiscal year as follows:

1. May 30, 2022;
2. September 19, 2022;
3. December 5, 2022; and
4. February 21, 2023.

*Information for promoters, fighters, officials, and corner persons can be found on our website at [www.nbcsc.ca](http://www.nbcsc.ca)*

## Summary of Events

The last fiscal year 2022-23 as seen the re-birth of combat sport, we issued and sanctioned five (5) events in total in the City of Moncton and the Town of Sackville, as follows:

1. April 30, 2022, Moncton Coliseum, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Fight League Atlantic (FLA);
2. June 11, 2022, Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre, Sackville, MMA, FLA;
3. November 19, 2022, Moncton Coliseum, MMA, FLA;
4. January 28, 2023, Moncton Coliseum, MMA, FLA; and
5. March 18, 2023, Moncton Coliseum, MMA, FLA.

The NBCSC issued 6 promoters licenses, 14 Officials licenses, 128 Corner persons licenses, 12 Professional Boxing Contestant licenses, 20 Professional MMA Contestant licenses, 58 Amateur MMA Contestant licenses and 8 Amateur Kick-Boxing Contestant licenses.

It should also be noted that Amy Pidt and Tony Whalen from the NBCSC attended the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference sessions in Niagara Fall, New York from July 25 to 28, 2022. While there, we represented the commission and attended a number of sessions with topics from boxing rules, fighter safety, MMA rules to medical issues.

The same two (2) commission members are planning to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from August 1-3, 2023.

The following events are also currently scheduled for the upcoming fiscal year as follows:

1. May 13, 2023, Fredericton Coliseum, Pro-Am Boxing, Ljack Promotions;
2. June 24, 2023, Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre, Sackville, MMA, FLA;
3. November 18, 2023, Moncton Coliseum, MMA, FLA;
4. January 13, 2024, Moncton Coliseum, Pro-Am MMA, Elite 1; and
5. February 3, 2024, Moncton Coliseum, Pro-Am MMA, FLA.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The New Brunswick Combat Sport Commission is a non-profit organization that regulates combat sporting events held in the Province of New Brunswick. Revenue comes from a limited number of sources including 5% of the gross gate for each event, license fees, event permits and a grant from the Province of New Brunswick. Expenses are mainly related to the staff at events, and operation of the commission.

The income statement for the commission from 2022-04-01 to 2023-03-31 is provided below.

<b>REVENUE</b>	
<b>Sales Revenue</b>	
Income - 5% Gross Gate	\$15,878.20
Income - Licences	\$8,460.00
Income - Permits	\$500.00
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>\$24,838.20</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	
Grant - Provincial Government	\$50,000.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$74,838.20</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
<b>Annual Expenses</b>	
Sub Contract - events	\$8,600.00
Sub Contract - admin	\$15,600.00
Sub Contract - Executive Director	\$25,000.08
<b>Total Annual Expenses</b>	<b>\$49,200.08</b>
<b>General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>	
Accounting & Legal	\$143.75
Web Site fees / Maintenance	\$1,500.20
Office Expenses	\$2,123.54
Telephone	\$3,105.00
Travel	\$7,454.31
Training	\$688.21
Meals	\$1,229.65
Honorarium	\$10,000.00
<b>Total General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,244.66</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$75,444.74</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-\$608.54</b>