

Renumbered 5/7/2025

76-9-705 Participation in an ultimate fighting match.

- (1) For purposes of this section, "ultimate fighting match" means a live match in which:
 - (a) an admission fee is charged;
 - (b) match rules permit professional contestants to use a combination of boxing, kicking, wrestling, hitting, punching, or other combative, contact techniques; and
 - (c) match rules do not:
 - (i) incorporate a formalized system of combative techniques against which a contestant's performance is judged to determine the prevailing contestant;
 - (ii) divide a match into two or more equal and specified time periods for a match total of no more than 50 minutes; or
 - (iii) prohibit contestants from:
 - (A) using anything that is not part of the human body, except for boxing gloves, to intentionally inflict serious bodily injury upon an opponent through direct contact or the expulsion of a projectile;
 - (B) striking a person who demonstrates an inability to protect himself from the advances of an opponent;
 - (C) biting; or
 - (D) direct, intentional, and forceful strikes to the eyes, groin area, adam's apple area of the neck, and temple area of the head.
- (2) Any person who publicizes, promotes, conducts, or engages in an ultimate fighting match is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.