

PRACTICAL DOWNLOADABLE GUIDE

FIGHTER CONTRACT CHECKLIST

A quick way to spot terms that can affect your money, leverage, sponsors, image, and future fights.

DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GIVING UP AND WHAT YOU ARE GETTING BACK.

This is not designed to make you your own lawyer. It is designed to help you recognize when a clause deserves a closer look. The real question is whether the deal is fair, whether the language can be changed, and what it could cost you later.

HOW TO USE THIS

1 Find the clause.

Read the actual paragraph - not somebody else's summary.

2 Mark the pressure point.

Circle missing details, vague language, or promises that are not written down.

3 Ask what happens next.

What if the fight is canceled, you get injured, or the relationship changes?

4 Call before signing.

A review tells you what to change, what to negotiate, and when to walk away.

HAVE A CONTRACT IN FRONT OF YOU?

The fight is one night. The contract can affect everything after it. A real review tells you what needs to change before you sign.

JUST CALL ME BEFORE YOU SIGN.

MONEY, LENGTH, AND CONTROL

These clauses decide what the deal pays, how long it lasts, and whether someone else controls your next move.

01 Money and Purse Terms

WHAT IT AFFECTS

Your purse, bonuses, deductions, and payment date.

WATCH FOR

Open-ended deductions, discretionary bonuses, or no clear payment schedule.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

The real issue is not only the purse number. It is what you actually take home and when you receive it.

02 Length and Extensions

WHAT IT AFFECTS

How long you are tied to the deal and what can extend it.

WATCH FOR

A win, injury, suspension, cancellation, or refusal that keeps extending the term.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

A short deal can become a long deal fast. The extension language matters as much as the original term.

03 Exclusivity and Future Fights

WHAT IT AFFECTS

Whether you can accept other opportunities and whether the promoter must keep you active.

WATCH FOR

You are locked in, but the promoter has no real duty to offer fights.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

A contract review can show whether you are giving up leverage without getting activity or protection in return.

04 Sponsorship Rights

WHAT IT AFFECTS

Personal sponsor income, logo rights, social-media duties, and appearances.

WATCH FOR

Broad approval rights, unpaid sponsor obligations, or rules that cut off your income.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

A sponsor clause can cost more than it looks. You need to know exactly what rights and money you are giving away.

A checklist shows you where the risk is.

A contract review tells you what to change, what to negotiate, and whether to walk away.

RIGHTS, RISK, AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE DEAL CHANGES

These clauses matter when the easy conversation ends and the written contract starts controlling the relationship.

05 Name, Image, and Footage

WHAT IT AFFECTS

Who can use your name, image, voice, nickname, footage, and content.

WATCH FOR

"All rights," "in perpetuity," "worldwide," or use in any media now known or later developed.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

Your identity and footage may have value long after one event. The rights should be limited and understood.

06 Medical Costs and Injuries

WHAT IT AFFECTS

Who pays for medicals and what injury does to the fight, purse, and contract.

WATCH FOR

You lose your pay, extend the deal, and still carry the costs after spending money on camp.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

Injury language can shift most of the risk to the fighter. That is worth reading closely before you commit.

07 Canceled Fights and Withdrawals

WHAT IT AFFECTS

What happens if an opponent pulls out or the event is canceled.

WATCH FOR

You absorb the camp, travel, and lost opportunity while the other side keeps every option.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

A good agreement says what happens when the fight does not happen.

08 Managers, Gyms, and Coaches

WHAT IT AFFECTS

Who gets a percentage, what income is covered, and who can bind you.

WATCH FOR

A cut of "all income," broad signing authority, or no clean way out.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

Trust matters, but written terms control. Know what you are paying for and how it ends.

WORDS THAT SHOULD MAKE YOU SLOW DOWN

Perpetual - Exclusive - Automatic renewal - Sole discretion - All rights - Promoter approval - Right to match - Injunctive relief - Arbitration - Attorney fees

HOW YOU GET OUT - AND WHAT IT COSTS IF THINGS GO WRONG

The last two areas are where fighters can get trapped: required promotion work and dispute clauses that are too expensive to fight.

09 Promotional Obligations

WHAT IT AFFECTS

Press, interviews, appearances, posts, and other work outside the bout.

WATCH FOR

Open-ended promo duties, little notice, unpaid travel, or penalties without clear limits.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

The duties, notice, and pay should make sense.

10 Termination and Disputes

WHAT IT AFFECTS

How either side ends the deal, where disputes happen, and who pays.

WATCH FOR

Only the promoter can terminate or seek an injunction while your remedy is too expensive to use.

WHY A REVIEW MATTERS

Know your exit rights before you need them.

THIS CHECKLIST IS A STARTING POINT, NOT THE FINISH LINE.

A fighter can spot the issue and still miss the leverage problem. The question is whether the deal is fair, negotiable, and worth the risk.

DO NOT GUESS. GET IT REVIEWED BEFORE YOU SIGN.

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