OTAS LIVE

Supporting Events and Professionals at Every Stage

Two Fight Nights. Two Issues.

Disorder outside an indoor combat sports event in Glasgow and a boxing event in Kilkenny abandoned on the same night, and how to plan the ring, the clinical route and the street

Correct as of 9 November 2026

One plan for the ring and the street.

3 officers hurt in Glasgow [1]



Stewards stand along a clear aisle in a packed arena, the ring beyond. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

The facts, as reported

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officers hurt in Glasgow [1]

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arrests in Kilkenny [19]

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to hospital, Kilkenny [18]

What was reported

GLASGOW, 7 NOVEMBER

- Disorder outside, about 23:10 [1]
- Three officers hurt [1]
- Two men charged [1][17]

KILKENNY, 7 NOVEMBER

- Violence ringside and in crowd [19]
- One man to hospital [18]
- Abandoned before headline bout [19]



The street

A route for the crowd

A crowd walks away along a barriered street outside an arena at night. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

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Scope of this Insight

WHAT IT COVERS	WHAT IT DOES NOT
The ring and the audience	Fault or guilt on either night
The hold and the restart	Clinical protocols
The street and the handover	Legal advice

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What the rules and guidance say

THE SPORT	THE EVENT
Resuscitation kit at ringside [4]	Organiser owns crowd safety [21]
Ambulance for boxers only [4]	Council licence, 12 weeks [9]
Security so help reaches ring [4]	Licensed security [13][23]

The medical point

Named staff, a clear route

Two people sit at a ring corner beside a stretcher and kit bags. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

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Permission is local

ASK	AND
Who sanctions it? [2][4]	Who can work security? [13][23]
Which licence? [8]	Anyone with children? [14]
How far ahead? [9]	Get it in writing

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Who owns what

ROLES	ALSO
Show lead: the restart	Organiser: crowd safety [21]
Clinical lead: the cover	Security lead: licensed staff
Ring supervisor: the route	Police liaison: one line
Dispersal lead: the street	

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From trouble at ringside to a decision

1	2	3	4	5
Trouble seen	Show held	Clinical route cleared	Cover checked	Restart or stop

OTAS guidance, drawing on Board rule 8.6.5 [4] and the concussion consensus [12].

The response

Keep the ambulance lane clear

Two crew wheel a stretcher to an ambulance at a side door. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

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Signs your fight night plan stops at the door

OTAS guidance, drawn from the reports and the rules.

01 **Nobody owns the street**

02 **One route, two jobs**

03 **No named hold**

04 **Ambulance counted twice**

05 **Security not briefed for the ring**

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Hold and restart triggers

HOLD THE NEXT BOUT	RESTART ONLY WHEN
Fighting at ringside	Cover confirmed [4]
Something thrown	Route clear [4]
Ambulance leaves	Room calm, show lead decides

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Five stages, from permission to the street



STAGE 1

Permit

Rules,
licence, security

STAGE 2

Brief

One brief,
every team

STAGE 3

Hold

Next bout waits

STAGE 4

Transfer

Cover
checked again

STAGE 5

Disperse

Staff
to the handover

From the plan in this Insight. OTAS guidance.



The hold

One call, one restart

Two officials at a ringside table face a referee in an empty ring. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

What to do at each level

Operational

Pass on the hold

Keep the route clear

Stay to the handover

Tactical

One brief for all

Staff for two jobs

One police liaison

Strategic

Rules and licences

Name the restart

Separate the care

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Readiness

BEFORE DOORS OPEN

- Rules and licences confirmed
- Every role named
- Route walked
- Hold call tested

DURING AND AFTER

- Cover checked after transfers
- Staff outside early
- Log and debrief

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An ambulance, crewed by trained paramedics, shall be on site throughout the Promotion.

British Boxing Board of Control, rule 8.6.4 [4]

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OVER TO YOU

If a fight broke out at ringside during your next bout, who would hold the show, and who would decide it can restart?

If you need support with combat event operations, reach out to us to see how we can support you.

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