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Section 5301 Definitions

Except as may otherwise be provided herein, all terms used in this Article 3 shall have the same meaning as defined in section 5101 of Article 1 of this Chapter.

Section 5302 Licensing

All Unarmed Combat Competitions and Contestants shall be subject to the licensing requirements of Title 17, Chapter 5, Article 1.

Section 5303 License fees

License fees for Contestants, managers, seconds, referees, timekeepers, announcers, promoters, and judges shall be subject to the fee schedule set forth in Title 17, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 5110.

Section 5304 Weight classes of Contestants

(A) Contestants shall be divided into the following classes:

- (1) Flyweight under 125.9 pounds;
- (2) Bantamweight 126 lbs. - 134.9 pounds;
- (3) Featherweight 135 lbs. - 144.9 pounds;
- (4) Lightweight 145 lbs. - 154.9 pounds;
- (5) Welterweight 155 lbs. - 169.9 pounds;
- (6) Middleweight 170 lbs. - 184.9 pounds;
- (7) Light Heavyweight 185 lbs. - 204.9 pounds;
- (8) Heavyweight 204 lbs. - 264.9 pounds; and
- (9) Super Heavyweight over 265 pounds.

Section 5305 Fighting area

(A) The fighting area canvas shall be no smaller than 18 feet by 18 feet and no larger than 32 feet by 32 feet. The fighting area canvas shall be padded in a manner as approved by the Commissioner, with at

least one inch layer of foam padding. Padding shall extend beyond the fighting area and over the edge of the platform. No vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering shall be permitted.

(B) The fighting area canvas shall not be more than four feet above the floor of the building and shall have suitable steps or ramp for use by the participants. Posts shall be made of metal not more than six inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of 58 inches above the fighting area canvas and shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the Commission.

(C) The fighting area canvas shall be enclosed by a fence made of such material as will not allow a Contestant to fall out or break through it onto the floor or spectators, including, but not limited to, vinyl coated chain link fencing. All metal parts shall be covered and padded in a manner approved by the Commission and shall not be abrasive to the Contestants.

(D) The fence shall provide two separate entries onto the fighting area canvas.

Section 5306 Stools

(A) A ring stool of a type approved by the Commission shall be available for each Contestant.

(B) An appropriate number of stools or chairs, of a type approved by the Commission, shall be available for each Contestant's seconds. Such stools or chairs shall be located near each Contestant's corner.

(C) All stools and chairs used must be thoroughly cleaned or replaced after the conclusion of each contest.

Section 5307 Equipment

For each contest, the promoter shall provide a clean water bucket and a clean plastic water bottle in each corner.

Section 5308 Specifications for bandages on Contestant's hands

(A) In all weight classes, the bandages on each Contestant's hand shall be restricted to soft gauze cloth not more than 13 yards in length and two inches in width, held in place by not more than 10 feet of surgeon's tape, one inch in width, for each hand.

(B) Surgeon's adhesive tape shall be placed directly on each hand for protection near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice and extend to cover and protect the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist.

(C) The bandages shall be evenly distributed across the hand.

(D) Bandages and tape shall be placed on the Contestant's hands in the dressing room in the presence of the inspector and in the presence of the manager or chief second of that Contestant's scheduled opponent (if requested by the opponent).

(E) Under no circumstances are gloves to be placed on the hands of a Contestant until the approval of the inspector is received.

Section 5309 Mouth pieces

(A) All Contestants are required to wear a mouthpiece during a contest. The mouthpiece shall be subject to examination and approval by the attending physician.

(B) The round cannot begin without the mouthpiece in place.

(C) If the mouthpiece is involuntarily dislodged during a contest, the referee shall call time, clean the mouthpiece and reinsert the mouthpiece at the first opportune moment, without interfering with the immediate action.

Section 5310 Protective equipment

(A) Male Contestants shall wear a groin protector of their own selection, of a type approved by the Commission.

(B) Female Contestants are prohibited from wearing groin protectors.

(C) Female Contestants shall wear a chest protector during a contest. The chest protector shall be subject to approval of the Commission.

Section 5311 Gloves

(A) The gloves shall be new for all contests and in good condition or they must be replaced.

(B) All Contestants shall wear four, five, or six ounce gloves, supplied by the promoter and approved by the Commission. No Contestant shall supply their own gloves for participation.

Section 5312 Apparel

(A) Each Contestant shall wear mixed martial arts shorts, biking shorts, or kick-boxing shorts.

(B) Gi's or shirts are prohibited during a contest.

(C) Shoes are prohibited during a contest.

Section 5313 Appearance

(A) All Contestants shall be cleanly shaven immediately prior to a contest, except that a Contestant may wear a closely cropped mustache.

(B) Hair shall be trimmed or tied back in such a manner as not to interfere with the vision of either Contestant or cover any part of a Contestant's face.

(C) Jewelry or piercing accessories are prohibited during a contest.

Section 5314 Round length

(A) Each non-championship contest in an Unarmed Combat competition shall be three rounds, of five minutes duration, with a one minute rest period between each round.

(B) Each championship contest in an Unarmed Combat competition shall be five rounds, of five minutes duration, with a one minute rest period between each round.

Section 5315 Stopping a contest

The referee and ringside physician are the sole arbiters of a contest and are the only individuals authorized to enter the fighting area at any time during a contest, and authorized to stop a contest.

Section 5316 Judging

(A) All contests will be evaluated and scored by three judges.

(B) The 10-Point Must System will be the standard system of scoring a contest. Under the 10-Point Must Scoring System, 10 points must be awarded to the winner of the round and nine points or less must be awarded to the loser, except for a rare even round, which is scored (10-10).

(C) Judges shall evaluate mixed martial arts techniques, such as effective striking, effective grappling, control of the fighting area, effective aggressiveness and defense.

(D) Evaluations shall be made in the order in which the techniques appear in (C) above, giving the most weight in scoring to effective striking, effective grappling, control of the fighting area and effective aggressiveness and defense.

(E) Effective striking is judged by determining the total number of legal heavy strikes landed by a contestant.

(F) Effective grappling is judged by considering the amount of successful executions of a legal takedown and reversals. Examples of factors to consider are take downs from standing position to mount position, passing the guard to mount position, and bottom position fighters using an active, threatening guard.

(G) Fighting area control is judged by determining who is dictating the pace, location and position of the contest. Examples of factors to consider are countering a grappler's attempt at takedown by remaining standing and legally striking; taking down an opponent to force a ground fight; creating threatening submission attempts, passing the guard to achieve mount, and creating striking opportunities.

(H) Effective aggressiveness means moving forward and landing a legal strike.

(I) Effective defense means avoiding being struck, taken down or reversed while countering with offensive attacks.

(J) The following objective scoring criteria shall be utilized by the judges when scoring a round:

(1) A round is to be scored as a 10-10 Round when both contestants appear to be fighting evenly and neither contestant shows clear dominance in a round;

(2) A round is to be scored as a 10-9 Round when a contestant wins by a close margin, landing the greater number of effective legal strikes, grappling and other maneuvers;

(3) A round is to be scored as a 10-8 Round when a contestant overwhelmingly dominates by striking or grappling in a round.

(4) A round is to be scored as a 10-7 Round when a contestant totally dominates by striking or grappling in a round.

(K) Judges shall use a sliding scale and recognize the length of time the fighters are either standing or on the ground, as follows:

(1) If the Contestants spent a majority of a round on the canvas, then:

(a) Effective grappling is weighed first; and

(b) Effective striking is then weighed

(2) If the Contestants spent a majority of a round standing, then:

(a) Effective striking is weighed first; and

(b) Effective grappling is then weighed.

(3) If a round ends with a relatively even amount of standing and canvas fighting, striking and grappling are weighed equally.

Section 5317 Warnings

(A) The referee shall issue a single warning for the following infractions. After the initial warning, if the prohibited conduct persists, a penalty will be issued. The penalty may result in a deduction of points or disqualification.

(1) Holding or grabbing the fence;

(2) Holding opponent's shorts or gloves; or

(3) The presence of more than one second on the fighting area perimeter.

Section 5318 Fouls

(A) The following are fouls and will result in penalties if committed:

- (1) Butting with the head;
- (2) Eye gouging of any kind;
- (3) Biting or spitting at an opponent;
- (4) Hair pulling;
- (5) Fish hooking;
- (6) Groin attacks of any kind;
- (7) Intentionally placing a finger in any opponent's orifice;
- (8) Downward pointing of elbow strikes;
- (9) Small joint manipulation;
- (10) Strikes to the spine or back of the head;
- (11) Heel kicks to the kidney;
- (12) Throat strikes of any kind;
- (13) Clawing, pinching, twisting the flesh or grabbing the clavicle;
- (14) Kicking the head of a grounded Contestant;
- (15) Kneeing the head of a grounded Contestant;
- (16) Stomping of a grounded Contestant;
- (17) The use of abusive language in fighting area;
- (18) Any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to opponent;
- (19) Attacking an opponent on or during the break;
- (20) Attacking an opponent who is under the referee's care at the time;
- (21) Timidity (avoiding contact, or consistent dropping of mouthpiece, or faking an injury);
- (22) Interference from a Contestant's seconds;
- (23) Throwing an opponent out of the fighting area;

- (24) Flagrant disregard of the referee's instructions;
 - (25) Spiking an opponent to the canvas on his or her head or neck.
- (B) Disqualification occurs after any combination of three of the fouls listed in (A) above or after a referee determines that a foul was intentional and flagrant.
- (C) Fouls will result in a point being deducted by the official scorekeeper from the offending Contestant's score.
- (D) Only a referee can assess a foul. If the referee does not call the foul, judges shall not make that assessment on their own and cannot factor such into their scoring calculations.
- (E) A Contestant who has been fouled has up to five minutes to recuperate.
- (F) If a foul is committed, the referee shall:
- (1) call time;
 - (2) check condition and safety of the Contestant who was fouled; and
 - (3) assess the penalty for the foul to the offending Contestant, deduct points, and notify each corner's seconds, judges and the official scorekeeper.
- (G) If a bottom Contestant commits a foul, unless the top contestant is injured, the fight shall continue, so as not to jeopardize the top Contestant's superior positioning at the time.
- (1) The referee shall verbally notify the bottom Contestant of the foul.
 - (2) When the round is over, the referee shall assess the foul and notify both corners' seconds, the judges and the official scorekeeper.
 - (3) The referee may terminate a contest based on the severity of a foul. For such a flagrant foul, a Contestant shall lose by disqualification.

Section 5319 Injuries sustained during a contest

- (A) If an injury sustained during a contest as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to terminate the contest, the injured Contestant loses by technical knockout.
- (B) If an injury sustained during a contest as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate the contest, the Contestant that committed the foul that caused injury shall lose by disqualification.

(C) If an injury is sustained during a contest as a result of an intentional foul and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the scorekeeper to automatically deduct two points from the Contestant who committed the foul.

(D) If an injury sustained during a contest as a result of an intentional foul causes the injured Contestant to be unable to continue at a subsequent point in the contest, the injured Contestant shall win by technical decision, if he or she is ahead on the score cards. If the injured contestant is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage, the outcome of the contest shall be declared a technical draw.

(E) If a Contestant injures himself or herself while attempting to foul his or her opponent, the referee shall not take any action in his or her favor, and the injury shall be treated in the same manner as an injury produced by a fair blow.

(F) If an injury sustained during a contest as a result of an accidental foul is severe enough for the referee to stop the contest immediately, the contest shall result in a no contest if stopped before two rounds have been completed in a three round contest, or if stopped before three rounds have been completed in a five round contest.

(G) If an injury sustained during a contest as a result of an accidental foul is severe enough for the referee to stop the contest immediately, the contest shall result in a technical decision awarded to the contestant who is ahead on the score cards at the time the contest is stopped only when the contest is stopped after two rounds of a three round contest, or three rounds of a five round contest have been completed.

(H) There will be no scoring of an incomplete round. However, if the referee penalizes either Contestant, then the appropriate points shall be deducted when the scorekeeper calculates the final score.

Section 5320 Types of Contest Results

(A) The following are the types of contest results:

(1) Submission by:

(a) Tap Out: When a Contestant physically uses his hand to indicate that he or she no longer wishes to continue; or

(b) Verbal tap out: When a Contestant verbally announces to the referee that he or she does not wish to continue;

(2) Technical knockout by:

(a) Referee stops contest;

(b) Ringside physician stops contest; or

(c) When an injury as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to terminate a contest;

- (3) Knockout by failure to rise from the canvas;
- (4) Decision via score cards:
 - (a) Unanimous: When all three judges score the contest for the same Contestant;
 - (b) Split Decision: When two judges score the contest for one Contestant and one judge scores for the opponent; or
 - (c) Majority Decision: When two judges score the contest for the same Contestant and one judge scores a draw;
- (5) Draws:
 - (a) Unanimous - When all three judges score the contest a draw;
 - (b) Majority - When two judges score the contest a draw; or
 - (c) Split - When all three judges score differently and the score total results in a draw;
- (6) Disqualification: When an injury sustained during a contest as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate the contest;
- (7) Forfeit: When a Contestant fails to begin a contest, or prematurely ends the contest, for reasons other than injury or by indicating a tap out;
- (8) Technical Draw: When an injury sustained during a contest as a result of an intentional foul causes the injured Contestant to be unable to continue and the injured Contestant is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage;
- (9) Technical Decision: When the contest is prematurely stopped due to injury and a Contestant is leading on the score cards; and
- (10) No Contest: When a contest is prematurely stopped due to accidental injury and a sufficient number of rounds have not been completed to render a decision via the score cards.

Section 5321 Bond procedure

All Unarmed Combat competitions shall be subject to the following bond procedure requirements:

- (A) Each promoter shall execute and file with the Commission a bond in the sum of at least \$10,000 in a form and with sureties thereon satisfactory to the Commission, which bond shall be conditioned for the payment of any fees due to the Commission.

(B) No license shall be granted under this Chapter unless such bond in connection therewith has been so filed and approved.

Section 5322 Inspectors

All Unarmed Combat competitions shall be subject to the presence, duties and compensation of inspectors appointed by the Commission.

Section 5323 Health and safety rules and Medical requirements

(A) Pre-licensure medical requirement

(1) A Contestant, as a condition to licensure or to the renewal of licensure by the Commission, shall undergo a thorough medical examination by a physician or physicians to establish his or her physical and mental fitness for competition.

(2) An examination shall be made no earlier than 30 days but no later than one day prior to licensure or the renewal thereof except for the Hepatitis B and C and HIV tests which shall be conducted no earlier than 180 days prior to participation in each scheduled Unarmed Combat competition. The testing for complete blood count, bleeding and coagulation time shall only be required for initial licensure, not renewals.

(3) In addition to the examination required herein, the Commission (at its discretion) may order such additional examinations of a Contestant at any time for the purpose of determining his or her continued fitness and qualification to engage in a contest.

(4) No applicant shall be granted a license unless a physician has certified his or her fitness to engage in a contest.

(B) Thorough medical examination defined

(1) CT/MRI Brain scan within the last 3 years

(2) Electrocardiogram

(3) Ophthalmological dilation

(4) An annual gynecological and breast examinations for women

(5) A serum pregnancy test for women

(6) A comprehensive history and physical examination

(7) A complete blood count for bleeding and coagulation time for initial licensure only

(8) Hepatitis B and C and HIV test conducted no earlier than 180 days prior to participation in each scheduled competition

(9) A urinalysis; and

(10) The completion of a Communicable Bodily Fluid Virus High-Risk Questionnaire no earlier than 180 days prior to participation in each scheduled competition. The Questionnaire will be on a form provided by the Commission, and will involve questions with regard to behaviors, practices or settings that likely increase one's possible risk of contracting a communicable bodily fluid virus.

Section 5324 Pre-Contest Weigh-In Examination

(A) All Contestant shall be given a medical examination by a physician approved by the Commission prior to the start of the contest, both at the weighing-in and a short while before the competition program commences. All such examinations shall be conducted privately with no other persons present besides the physician and the Contestant. This physical examination shall include as many of the procedures outlined in section 5323 as the examining physician may decide are necessary. In all cases, the examination shall include the administration of a thorough ophthalmological and neurological examination and a urinalysis. In all cases, the boxer shall present to the physician the results of a test for the HIV virus in accordance with section 5325

(B) The examination shall include a pregnancy test for all female Contestants. Any Contestant determined to be pregnant shall not be permitted to engage in Unarmed Combat.

(C) No Contestant shall be permitted to enter the fighting area unless the physician approved by the Commission has certified his or her fitness to engage in Unarmed Combat. The physician's decision that a Contestant is not fit to engage in Unarmed Combat shall not be subject to change by any other official. A Contestant may be disqualified for any medical reason.

Section 5325 HIV Examination

All Contestants in Unarmed Combat shall complete an HIV examination. An HIV test shall be completed by every Contestant prior to his or her participation in each contest. Pre-contest HIV tests shall be administered no earlier than 180 days prior to the contest. Any Contestant who fails to produce the results of such a test, or who produces a test result showing that the Contestant is infected with the HIV virus, shall not be permitted to engage in Unarmed Combat. In addition to the negative test result, a Communicable Bodily Fluid Virus High-Risk Questionnaire must be completed no earlier than 180 days prior to participation in each scheduled contest.

Section 5326 Required hepatitis testing and recommended vaccinations

Hepatitis B and C testing shall be completed by all Contestants prior to his or her participation in each contest. Pre-contest Hepatitis B and C testing shall be administered no earlier than 180 days prior to the scheduled contest. Any Contestant who fails to produce a negative test result shall not be permitted to engage in Unarmed Combat. In addition to the negative test result, a Communicable Bodily Fluid Virus High-Risk Questionnaire must be completed no earlier than 180 days prior to participation in each scheduled contest. Hepatitis vaccinations, as opposed to testing, are recommended for all Contestants, but are not mandatory.

Section 5327 Usage of drugs

(A) The use of any drug, narcotic, stimulant, depressant, or analgesic of any description, or alcohol substance, by a Contestant either before or during a contest, shall result in the immediate disqualification of the Contestant from the contest and disciplinary action.

(B) A Contestant shall submit to any pre-contest or post-contest urinalysis or other laboratory procedure ordered by the Commission to detect the presence of any drug. Refusal to submit to such testing shall result in the immediate disqualification of the Contestant from the contest and an indefinite suspension of the Contestant's license to engage in Unarmed Combat.

Section 5328 Urinalysis

(A) All Contestants in all contests shall complete a pre-contest urinalysis exam to detect the presence of any drug.

(B) In addition to the mandatory pre-contest analysis, the Commission may, at its discretion, decide to test for the presence of performance enhancing drugs and thereby require additional urine specimens to be produced at any time after the completion of the contest.

(C) Collection of specimens for urinalysis testing shall be conducted by a Commission official. Refusal to submit to such testing shall result in the immediate disqualification of the Contestant from the contest and an indefinite suspension of the Contestant's license to engage in Unarmed Combat.

Section 5329 Post-contest medical examination

(A) All Contestants in all contests shall be given a physical examination by a physician approved by the Commission immediately following the contest. This physical examination shall include as many of the procedures outlined in section 5323(B) as the examining physician may decide are necessary. In all cases, the examination shall include the administration of a thorough ophthalmological and neurological examination.

(B) Any Contestant refusing to submit to a post-contest medical examination shall result in an indefinite suspension of the Contestant's license to engage in Unarmed Combat.

Section 5330 Post-knockout suspension

(A) Any Contestant who is knocked out in a contest shall be suspended from engaging in Unarmed Combat for a minimum 60-day period. The knocked-out Contestant shall not be permitted to engage in a contest until a thorough medical examination is completed and submitted to the Commission.

Section 5331 Post-technical knockout suspension

Any Contestant who is technically knocked out in a contest shall be suspended from engaging in Unarmed Combat for a minimum 30-day period. At the time of the knockout, a Commission physician shall make a determination of whether or not any additional testing is required. The knocked out

Contestant shall not be permitted to engage in Unarmed Combat until he or she has completed and submitted any such medical examinations to the Commission.

Section 5332 Post-knockout neurological examination

Any Contestant who is knocked out or technically knocked out in a contest must complete and submit to the Commission the results of a thorough neurological examination.

Section 5333 Use of disposable hygienic gloves

(A) The Commission shall provide, at each Unarmed Combat competition, an adequate supply of latex, disposable hygienic laboratory gloves of a type approved by the Commission, to be worn by seconds, referees, physicians and inspectors while involved with the Unarmed Combat competition.

(B) The Commission shall provide, during the medical examination phase of the weigh-in, an adequate supply of latex, disposable hygienic laboratory gloves to be worn by physicians and inspectors.

(C) No referee shall be permitted to enter the fighting area unless the referee is wearing the hygienic gloves specified in (A) above.

(D) No second shall be permitted to work in that capacity during a contest unless the second is wearing the hygienic gloves specified in (A) above.

(E) No physician shall be permitted to examine or medically treat a Contestant during a contest unless the physician is wearing the hygienic gloves specified in (B) above. Exceptions shall be permitted if the treatment is considered an emergency, or the nature of treatment or examination makes the wearing of hygienic gloves impractical during the procedure.

(F) No inspector shall be permitted to perform his or her assigned duties during a contest unless the inspector is wearing the hygienic gloves specified in (B) above, except as the Commission, in its discretion, may authorize for inspectors on certain assignments. At each Unarmed Combat competition, an adequate supply of disposable hygienic laboratory gloves of a type approved by the Commission shall be worn during the entire contest by seconds, referees, ringside physicians, and inspectors working the event.

Section 5334 Medical training required by referees

All referees shall attend a minimum of two medical training seminars each year. These medical training seminars must be conducted or approved by any state boxing commission or any recognized boxing organization, such as a sanctioning body. Nationally recognized boxing organizations include, but are not limited to, the World Boxing Council, the North American Boxing Federation and the United States Boxing Association.

Section 5335 Presence of an ambulance

An ambulance shall be present at all Unarmed Combat competitions, from the commencement of the first contest, throughout the duration of the event, and until the last Contestant leaves the arena. No

competition shall be allowed to continue if an ambulance is utilized to transport a Contestant to a medical facility, until another ambulance is available and present at the arena.

Section 5336 Presence of emergency medical technicians

There shall be at least two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) present at all Unarmed Combat competitions, from the commencement of the first contest, throughout the duration of the event, and until the last Contestant leaves the arena. No Unarmed Combat competition shall be allowed to continue if an EMT leaves the arena to transport a Contestant to a medical facility, until an EMT replacement is available and present at the arena.

Section 5337 Use of Monsel's solution prohibited

The application of Monsel's solution, or any of its derivatives or any similar drug or compound, on the body of a Contestant before a fight is prohibited.

Section 5338 Duties of appointed physicians

(A) All physicians acting in an official capacity at an Unarmed Combat competition shall be appointed by the Commission. No Unarmed Combat competition may commence or proceed unless one appointed physician is present and seated adjacent to the fighting area.

(B) An appointed physician shall terminate any contest if in the opinion of such physician any Contestant has received severe punishment or is in danger of serious physical injury. In the event of any serious injury, the physician shall immediately render any emergency treatment necessary, order further treatment or hospitalization if required, and fully report the entire matter to the Commission within 24 hours and subsequently thereafter, if necessary. The physician may also require that the injured Contestant and his or her manager remain in the fighting area or in the arena or report to a hospital after the contest for such period of time as such physician deems advisable. Any Contestant, manager or second refusing to comply with the appointed physician's orders regarding hospitalization may be suspended from engaging in Unarmed Combat by the Commission in the absence of good cause shown to the contrary.

(C) The appointed physician shall not enter the fighting area during the progress of a contest unless expressly requested to do so by the referee, after the referee has ordered combat to stop and has separated the Contestants. The physician may enter the ring between the rounds of a contest. The appointed physician shall have the authority, after examining a Contestant, to terminate any contest to prevent severe punishment or serious physical injury to a Contestant.

(D) The Commission shall appoint a minimum of two physicians to each Unarmed Combat competition.

Section 5339 Mandatory medical examinations of Contestant losing six consecutive contests; inactivity for one year

(A) Any Contestant who has lost six consecutive contests shall be automatically suspended from engaging in Unarmed Combat. The Contestant shall not be reinstated until he or she has submitted to a

medical examination, of the type specified by section 5323(B), conducted by a physician appointed by the Commission.

(B) Any Contestant who has not been active for one year or more shall not be permitted to engage in Unarmed Combat until such time that he or she has submitted to a medical examination of the type specified by section 5323(B), conducted by a physician appointed by the Commission.

Section 5340 Medical examination of judges and referees

(A) Annual medical examinations shall be given to all licensed judges and referees by a physician approved by the Commission and such examinations shall be of the same type and thoroughness as specified by section 5323(B).

(B) All referees must also submit to a pre-contest medical examination, by a physician appointed by the Commission, on the day of the contest, of the type specified by section 5323(B).

(C) No referee shall be permitted to enter the fighting area unless the physician appointed by the Commission has certified the referee's fitness to perform his or her duties during the contest.

Section 5341 Inability to perform contract due to injury or illness

(A) Whenever a Contestant considers himself or herself unable by reason of injury or illness to participate in a contest for which he or she is under contract, the Contestant shall immediately notify the Commission of this fact and, before entering the fighting area again, the Contestant shall submit to a medical examination performed by a physician appointed by the Commission of the type specified by section 5323(B).

(B) In the event that a Contestant is treated for any serious injury or disabling illness, or has been hospitalized, by his or her personal physician for any reason, the Contestant or his or her manager shall immediately notify the Commission, who shall refer the matter to a physician appointed by the Commission for review. The Contestant, thereafter, shall submit to such medical examination as may be ordered in the discretion of the physician appointed by the Commission before engaging in any Unarmed Combat contest.

(C) Any Contestant or manager failing to immediately report any illness or injury to the Commission as required by (A) and (B) above shall be immediately suspended from Unarmed Combat for an indefinite period.

Section 5342 Medical reports

(A) The physician appointed by the Commission shall make a detailed written record of each and every medical examination performed by him or her under these regulations, on forms provided by the Commission or on such other forms as may be necessary. The original of all such records shall be filed with the Commission within 24 hours of each such examination.

(B) The Commission shall provide copies of all medical records pertaining to an individual Contestant to the physician appointed by the Commission who is assigned to that Contestant's next

contest, at least one day in advance of said contest. No Contestant shall be permitted to engage in Unarmed Combat unless the physician appointed by the Commission who is assigned to that contest has in his or her possession the Contestant's complete medical history prior to the pre-contest examination.

(C) Physicians appointed by the Commission shall fill out and return to the Commission immediately after an Unarmed Combat competition a printed injury insurance form, reporting serious injuries.

Section 5343 Suspension notices

(A) The Commission shall maintain a current listing of all Contestants who are under suspension within the jurisdiction of the Tohono O'odham Nation, the State of Arizona, and in any other jurisdiction. The Commission shall provide a copy of the suspension list to each attending physician at each Unarmed Combat competition conducted within the jurisdiction of the Tohono O'odham Nation and shall promptly transmit a current copy of the suspension list to every other jurisdiction that licenses/sanctions Unarmed Combat competitions. Under no circumstances shall a Contestant on the suspension list participate in a contest.

(B) The Commission, upon placing a Contestant on the suspension list, shall immediately mail a written suspension notice to the Contestant and his or her licensed manager at their last known addresses, specifying the nature of the suspension, the reason therefor, and the length of the suspension, where known.

(C) Any Contestant who participates in Unarmed Combat during the period of his or her suspension shall have his or her license revoked. Any licensed manager of a Contestant on the suspension list who participates in a contest shall have his or her license revoked. Any licensed promoter of an Unarmed Combat competition in which a Contestant on the suspension list participates shall have his or her license revoked.

Section 5344 Compensation for physicians

(A) The compensation to physicians shall be paid by the promoter conducting the Unarmed Combat competition and shall be on the following basis:

(1) Each physician appointed by the Commission to perform duties at the pre-contest weigh-in at an Unarmed Combat competition shall receive a fee of \$100.

(2) Each physician appointed by the Commission to perform duties during the Unarmed Combat competition or wrestling show shall receive a fee of \$200.

(B) The compensation schedule set forth in (A) above shall not apply in a sanctioned championship Unarmed Combat competition or contest. The Commission shall set the compensation to be paid to physicians assigned to perform duties at sanctioned championship boxing bouts. In making this determination, the Commission may consider any determinations, standards or recommendations made by a nationally recognized boxing association whose voting membership is composed of representatives of governmental agencies regulating boxing. A nationally-recognized boxing association shall include, but not be limited to, the World Boxing Council, the North American Boxing Federation and the United States Boxing Association. Nevertheless, the Commission shall retain full authority to set the

compensation schedule for physicians in championship Unarmed Combat competitions irrespective of a determination or a recommendation by such an association.

Section 5345 60-day rest period for Contestants leaving in-patient drug rehabilitation facility

No Contestant shall be permitted to enter the fighting area for a contest if he or she has left or been discharged from an in-patient or residential drug or alcohol rehabilitation facility or program within the 60-day period preceding the contest. Any Contestant who competes, or any promoter, manager, or second who knowingly allows a Contestant to compete within 60 days of leaving or being discharged from an in-patient or residential drug or alcohol rehabilitation program or facility shall be subject to discipline by the Commissioner.

Section 5346 Emergency Medical Facilities and Equipment

All promoters must provide medical information, facilities and equipment, including but not limited to a stretcher and emergency oxygen, adequate for emergency occasions, and an ambulance for each Unarmed Combat competition, and all such medical facilities and equipment must be approved in advance by the Commission.

Section 5347 Insurance Requirements

- (A) Licensed promoters must carry accident insurance covering all Contestants.
- (B) Each licensed promoter shall be required to submit proof to the Commission in advance of each Unarmed Combat competition that all premiums for insurance required under this Title are pre-paid before the first contest commences.
- (C) Insurance will cover Contestants for medical, surgical and hospital care of at least \$20,000.
- (D) In the event of accidental death, no less than \$50,000 will be paid to the estate of the deceased.
- (E) No Unarmed Combat competition shall take place within the jurisdiction of the Tohono O'odham Nation unless the accident insurance plan is met with the fullest compliance.

Section 5348 Weigh-in

- (A) Weighing of all Contestants for an Unarmed Combat competition must take place on the day of the scheduled competition, not later than one o'clock p.m., at a time and place approved by the Commission.
- (B) Weighing of Contestants must be supervised, and weights of each Contestant determined, by a representative of the Commissioner with the matchmaker concerned present.
- (C) Opponents should be weighed in the presence of each other.
- (D) Members of the press, in addition to the responsible handlers of the Contestants, shall be permitted to attend the weighing of Contestants.

(E) All weights stripped.

(F) No Contestant shall be permitted to lose more than one percent of his body weight on the day of the contest in an attempt to make the weight required by his contract.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Adopting and Codifying Tohono O'odham Code Title 17, Chapter 5, Boxing and
Unarmed Combat)

RESOLUTION NO. 08-512

- 1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to provide laws "to**
2 **promote, protect and provide for public health" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**
3 **Nation, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2)); and**
- 4 **WHEREAS, Ordinance No.02-01, the "Ordinance for the Regulation of Professional Boxing**
5 **Matches Within the Tohono O'odham Nation" and its implementing regulations were**
6 **adopted to govern professional boxing matches on the Nation and establish health**
7 **and safety standards for the protection of boxers and participants (Resolution No. 02-**
8 **599, as amended by Resolution No. 02-604); and**
- 9 **WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 02-599, the Legislative Council authorized the Chairman of the**
10 **Nation to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement to allow the Arizona State Boxing**
11 **Commission to carry out the regulation of professional boxing matches on the Nation's**
12 **lands on the Nation's behalf; and**
- 13 **WHEREAS, over the past several years "mixed martial arts" contests and "unarmed combat"**
14 **competitions have gained in popularity across the country as both competitive sports**
15 **and an entertainment event that generates revenue for venues that offer them; and**
- 16 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise wishes to offer unarmed combat contests at**
17 **its facilities to generate revenue for the Nation; and**
- 18 **WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the Nation to assert civil regulatory jurisdiction over unarmed**
19 **combat contests conducted within the Nation's lands through the adoption of rules**
20 **and regulations to protect the health and safety of contestants, as well as ensure the**
21 **fairness and integrity of the contests; and**
- 22 **WHEREAS, the Nation may choose to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona**
23 **State Boxing Commission to regulate such contests in the future; and**
- 24 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Commerce Committee has reviewed the new and amended laws**
25 **governing such contests and recommends the adoption and codification of (1) Tohono**
26 **O'odham Code Title 17, Chapter 5, Article 1, "Boxing and Unarmed Combat"; (2)**
27 **Tohono O'odham Code Title 17, Chapter 5, Article 2, "Boxing Regulations"; and (3)**
28 **"Unarmed Combat Regulations," which are dated for reference "September 2008" and**
29 **which are hereby incorporated by this reference.**
- 30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it hereby**
31 **approves and adopts**

RESOLUTION NO. 08-512

(Adopting and Codifying Tohono O'odham Code Title 17, Chapter 5, Boxing and Unarmed Combat)

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1. Tohono O'odham Code Title 17, Chapter 5, Article 1, "Boxing and Unarmed Combat."
2. Tohono O'odham Code Title 17, Chapter 5, Article 2, "Boxing Regulations."
3. Tohono O'odham Code Title 17, Chapter 5, Article 3, "Unarmed Combat Regulations."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it hereby repeals Ordinance No. 02-01, the "Ordinance for the Regulation of Professional Boxing Matches Within the Tohono O'odham Nation," and the "Regulations Adopted under the Ordinance for the Regulation of Professional Boxing Matches Within the Tohono O'odham Nation," as adopted by Resolution No. 02-599 and amended by Resolution No. 02-604.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Nation's Chairman is authorized to take all reasonable and necessary steps to implement this Resolution, including to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona State Boxing Commission to carry out the regulation of professional boxing matches and unarmed combat competitions on the Nation's lands on behalf of the Nation.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12TH Day of SEPTEMBER, 2008 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,216.05 FOR; -0- AGAINST; 318.45 NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1 (c)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL


Verlon M. Jose, Legislative Chairman

11 day of September, 2008

ATTEST:


Lucille Lopez, Acting Legislative Secretary

12 day of September, 2008.

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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 11 day of September, 2008 at 3:56 o'clock, P..M., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Verlon Jose
Verlon M. Jose, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 12th day of September, 2008

DISAPPROVED

at 2:20 o'clock, P..M.

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NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 12 day of

September, 2008, at 2:47 o'clock, P..M.

Lucille Lopez
Lucille Lopez, Acting Legislative Secretary