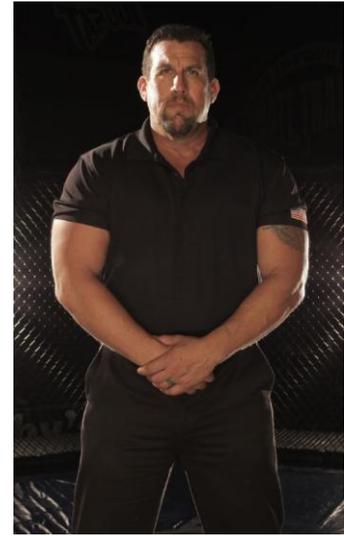


**LOCATION SET!!**

**Mariott, Little Rock  
Formerly The Peabody**



**ASSOCIATION OF BOXING COMMISSIONS  
MMA JUDGES AND REFEREES CERTIFICATION COURSE  
Arkansas State Athletic Commission  
September 28 & 29, 2013**

**Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013**

**MMA JUDGES Course (a must for ref's too)**

**8:30am – 4pm**

**Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013**

**MMA REFEREE Course- 10am-3pm**

**Examinations: After Instruction on each day**

The MMA courses will be taught by none other than “Big” John McCarthy Those who obtain a score of 80% and higher will receive a certificate from the Association of Boxing Commissions noting that Basic MMA Certification has been achieved. The official’s name will also appear on [www.asac.arkansas.gov](http://www.asac.arkansas.gov) as being certified.

“Big” John McCarthy has refereed thousands of bouts worldwide, including hundreds of Ultimate Fight Championships. (UFC) He has also refereed for a diverse number of organizations globally including K-1 (Japan), Strikeforce, Affliction, Bellator, King of the Cage and others. Over the past 20 years, John has served as a licensed referee in 21 states as well in many countries around the world. McCarthy was the key figure in the writing of the Unified Rules for the sport of MMA, which is recognized by the ABC (Association of Boxing Commissions) of which the Arkansas State Athletic Commission is a member. John is also a licensed Boxing Referee, a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Black Belt, and was inducted into the Masters Hall of Fame in 2006 for “Outstanding Achievements in the Martial Arts” and was the first ever recipient of the 2008 World MMA Award “Lifetime Achievement.”

The nickname of 'Big John' came about because of his stature. He stands 6'4" and weighs 270 lb; making him larger than the majority of the athletes over whom he presides. According to a UFC interview, the nickname was given to him by UFC co-founder and promoter Art Davie. McCarthy recalls that the nickname began when he forcibly lifted Davie off the ground and held him in the air.

Please note, the Arkansas State Athletic Commission has amended its Rules and the Legislature has changed Statute 17-22-101 – 17-22-306 so that anyone who referees or judges a professional bout must have ABC certification. The Course can be taken out of state (when offered, if instructor is one of the ABC certified instructors), but this will be the only course taught in Arkansas for the balance of 2013.

Referees must be present for the Judge’s portion and ASAC highly recommends that judges stay for the referee class, although it is not required. Officials that are re-certifying are not required to Saturday’s class. The cost of the training is as follows:

**\$100.00 per person if RECEIVED by ASAC by September 9, 2013 and,**

**\$125.00 per person if entry is received 9/10 or later**

(Please note, these two classes are expected **to fill up quickly**. Arkansas officials have priority attendance, but the Commission will open up the course nationwide after Sept. 9. The fact Arkansas has secured the world's top instructor for such a nominal fee guarantees the **FIFTY (50)** class room spots will go quickly. The registration fee of \$100.00 is for one or both classes.)

A check or money order may be sent to the Arkansas State Athletic Commission, 415 N. McKinley, Suite 440, Little Rock, AR 72205 The check should be made payable to the **Arkansas State Athletic Commission.**

Many hotels are located in the downtown area, and the Commission will try to secure a good room rate and if your registration is in, you will be notified of meeting rooms, exact times, and hotel contact information.

The classes will be held at the Marriott, Little Rock (formerly The Peabody) located at #3 Statehouse Plaza, Harris Brake Room (which has theatre seating!) If you have any questions, contact Brandon Dawson at 501-687-1038 or email to: [Brandon.Dawson@arkansas.gov](mailto:Brandon.Dawson@arkansas.gov)

-----cut along this line-----

Registration is only complete when the Commission receives payment. Class is expected to be full. Include check or money order for \$100 if application is received by Sept. 9 or \$125 if received by ASAC Sept 10 or later. Day of Registration; \$125

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Regular Mail\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take the MMA Judges' Course on Saturday, Sept. 28 (times TBD, but plan on 8:30am-3pm). This course is a must for the ref's as well.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take the MMA Referee's Course on Sunday September 29 from approximately 10a-3pm

Money order or check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (either \$100 or \$125, see above) included.

Mail this form to: Arkansas State Athletic Commission, 415 N. McKinley, Suite 440, Little Rock, AR 72205