

Kage Concepts Inc. (KCI)
Sanctioning Bylaws- State of Indiana
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Authority:

The rules and regulations within this document make up the official rules of Kage Concepts Inc. - (KCI) Regulations must be followed for all KCI Amateur Sanctioned Events.

All individuals and groups that are associated with any KCI Sanctioned Event must be familiar with the rules, regulations and State/Local Ordinances. Any questions or interpretations of the regulations for an event should be directed to the assigned KCI Event Commissioner.

Upon reaching an agreement with a promoter, all KCI requirements must be made within agreed time frames. Enforcement of KCI rules shall be the promoter, promoter representatives, officials, and the KCI Event Commissioner's responsibility.

The promoter will be responsible to ensure that authority of the officials is respected and the rules and regulations of KCI and the instructions of the KCI Event Commissioner are strictly adhered to and carried out. ANY unsportsmanlike conduct and/or threat (verbal or physical) against an official of KCI will not be tolerated. No one shall interfere with the Event Commissioner's duties. It is the promoter's responsibility to have anyone that threatens, uses foul language or interferes with an official's duty, removed from the premises before the event can continue.

Upon request free admission and or tickets must be provided to the appropriate Indiana Gaming Commission Representative, which allows total access to the competitors, officials and dressing area without restraint. Any KCI officer, representative or official must appear before the Indiana Gaming Commission as requested. They must answer any question from an official of the Indiana Gaming Commission truthfully and to the best of their ability, including complaints, protests, and violations of the promoter, contestant, official, or KCI itself.

KCI's Vision Statement:

KCI is dedicated to positively serving the world of Combat Sports, to include, but not limited to Mixed Martial Arts. The implementation of all required (by Indiana State Law) and necessary safety measures, rules and regulations are for the protection of all combat sport athletes and the fairness in the bouts which they compete.

All bouts conducted under KCI Sanctioning will follow ALL Amateur rules and regulations set forth in this document. All promoters, trainers, athletes, officials and medical staff will adhere to said bylaws. State law may play a role in rule alterations.

At no time anywhere, anyhow, may a Professional Athlete compete in an Amateur Bout.

The KCI Sanctioning of an event is a privilege and not a right of any kind or nature, vested or otherwise, and all fighters, promoters, and their representatives must comply with these bylaws and all the rules and regulations of the Indiana Gaming Commission in order to qualify for such sanctioning or designation. The Indiana Gaming Commission will be notified of all sanctioned events and any bylaw changes.

KCI Sanctioning Requirements

-Promoters must contact the KCI Director for sanctioning approval. KCI reserves the right to refuse any promotion applicant. The Indiana Gaming Commission must approve of the event and has every right of refusal regardless of KCI Sanctioning approval.

-KCI logo must be on **all** event signage and advertisements.

-All KCI requirements must be made within the set due dates.

-ALL events **MUST** be registered on the official registry www.mixedmartialarts.com at least (7) days prior to event.

-The final bout list and alternate(s) **MUST BE APPROVED** by KCI or the Indiana Gaming Commission. **APPROVED** alternates may be used in place of an athlete provided the match up is fair and just. The appointed KCI Event Commissioner will make the final decision.

-ALL payments for all fees and services are to be paid **PRIOR TO EVENT START**.

-KCI will appoint and assign qualified officials for the event. The Promoter is responsible for all officials' pay and must provide to the KCI Event Commissioner prior to event start. Officials' pay scale will be set between KCI and Event Promoter upon Sanctioning Agreement.

-KCI will make **ALL** decisions regarding any competitors' weight differences, possible bout re-assignments, officials, medical and security issues. The promoter grants permission for KCI to oversee the event operations including but not limited to the bouts, monitoring locker rooms, and signing off on hand wraps and gloves.

-Any violation of KCI Sanctioning Requirements and/or Indiana Gaming Commission rules, regulations and by-laws will be subject to revoke and denial of sanctioning. There are no refunds for revocation of sanctioning.

-All competing athletes **MUST** provide a current, valid **NATIONAL ID CARD** as well as a current, valid State Identification card upon request of KCI.

-Random drug testing may apply; however, ALL championship title bouts will require drug testing. The promoter is responsible for purchasing all drug tests prior to the event date. KCI will have complete oversight of all drug testing and result reporting to the Indiana Gaming Commission.

-ALL participants must be 18 years of age or over on the date of the event...no exceptions.

-The promoter must have contestants' medical benefit insurance coverage policy with a minimum of \$10,000 defined by the Indiana Gaming Commission and AD & D with a minimum of \$10,000 per athlete, per event defined by the Indiana Gaming Commission.

-All deductibles to be paid by the Event Promoter.

-Sanctioning Fees will be determined on a per event basis with KCI. Sanctioning Fees start at \$200. KCI does reserve the right to waive or discount any event fees on a per event basis.

-There must be at least two Representatives from KCI present. One official will serve as commissioner and will ensure that the rules and regulations of KCI and the Indiana Gaming Commission are strictly adhered to. The second representative may act as an inspector but not as a timekeeper, judge, or referee for any bout.

KCI AMATEUR RULES of MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR COMPETITION

PROMOTERS' REQUIREMENTS

Promoters are responsible and will be held accountable for the following, but not limited to, minimum requirements:

- A safe, clean and conducive venue to host an event
- Updated fire inspection of venue (within 1 year)
- A safe cage or ring of sound structure and vanity
- Proper advance notice (14+ days) of event to the Indiana Gaming Commission and KCI
- Sufficient security
- Event Physician(s) licensed (good standing) in the State of Indiana under IC 25-22.5
- Paramedic/EMT/Ambulance with advanced life support on site at all times during event
- General liability, property damage insurance for the venue and crowd
- Primary medical and accidental death/dismemberment insurance for the competitors.
- Fair matchmaking and treatment of the competitors.
- Payment of KCI and all assigned officials PRIOR to event start
- Any other State and/or KCI requirements
- Event and bout listing (continual) updates on www.mixedmartialarts.com no later than (7) days prior to event
- Promoter is required to provide gloves (ranging in hand size) for all competitors. All gloves must be in good repair and fall within Indiana Gaming Commission specifications. Glove specifications are noted in the KCI Amateur Rules of Mixed Martial Arts.

THE FIGHTING AREA

The fighting area must be sanitary with towels and cleaning solution easily accessible at cage/ring side. Cage personnel will maintain and clean the cage as needed during the event.

Structure of the Fighting Area for Contests

- Contests shall be held in a modified boxing ring, or cage (fenced area).
- Be constructed in a manner that does not pose a substantial risk to the safety or health of any person. The fighting area must have as many as six equal sides for a contest. The fighting area shall be no smaller than 18 feet wide and no larger than 33 feet wide within the ropes, cage or fenced area;
- Fighting area will have two opposing corners, one designated Blue and the other Red. Each clearly indicated with their respective blue and red colors.
- Modified Boxing Ring floor (only) shall extend at least 24 inches beyond the ropes or other barrier.
- The floor (ring or cage) must be of a canvas, duck or similar material that shall be padded with at least a 1 inch layer of foam padding that shall extend to the edge of the platform of the fighting area. Vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering is acceptable upon review of KCI. Materials that may gather in lumps or ridges during the bout or contest are prohibited;
- Fighting area floor shall be no more than 4 feet above the floor on which it is standing and must have suitable steps or ramps for use by officials and the contestants;
- Modified Boxing Ring shall have (5) fighting area ropes, when fighting area ropes are used, not less than 1 inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material. The lowest rope must be no higher than 12 inches from the fighting area floor; and must not be obstructed by any object, including, without limitation, a triangular border, on any part of the fighting area floor.
- The fence or cage enclosure may be composed of vinyl-coated chain link fencing or other similar material

- Any exposed metal on the interior of the fenced or caged area must be covered and padded in a manner approved by the Event Commissioner or Referee. The covering shall not be abrasive to the contestants
- Any metal or abrasive parts used to reinforce the fenced or caged area enclosure shall not interfere with the safety of the contestants
- The enclosure shall provide a minimum of (1) entry onto the fighting area canvas that are sufficient to allow easy access to the fighting area by officials and emergency personnel. The entrances must be padded or covered so that there is no exposed metal on the interior of the fence or caged area
- The enclosure shall not obstruct or limit the supervision and regulation of the bout by officials and not inhibit the judging of the bout in any manner.

VENUE REQUIREMENTS AND SANITATION

Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed at cage/ring side, locker rooms or fighter staging areas at any time.

Spectator seats shall be at least (6) feet from the apron of the fighting area platform. A physical barrier shall be placed at a designated minimum (6) feet from the fighting area platform and shall have at least (1) entrance/exit with security placed at the entrance. The space immediately within (6) feet of the fighting area platform shall be under the jurisdiction of KCI Event Commissioner or promoter for use by designated working officials, contestants, their seconds, timekeepers, judges, referees, physicians, announcers, medical representatives, media personnel and others as approved. Promoters are responsible for seeing that the working area is controlled and free of non-essential personnel.

The promoter of the event will be responsible for ensuring acceptable sanitary standards are met, with respect to the fighting area, dressing rooms, showers, water bottles, towels or other equipment. Physicians and Event Officials are to make a particular examination at every event for violations of these rules. The fighting area must be swept, dry-mopped, or otherwise adequately cleaned before the event and in between each round and bout.

FIGHTERS' ELIGIBILITY

Fighters' eligibility is at the discretion of KCI and the Indiana Gaming Commission upon approval of the fight card. All pre fight medical requirements must be complete in writing and presented to the KCI Event Commissioner. The Event Physician is responsible for verifying these documents.

Any fighter that has competed as a professional, or has been previously paid to compete, remains at that status. This athlete may no longer participate in ANY amateur bouts. Each fighter will be checked on an official record keeper designated by the State.

“Amateur bouts will be broken up into two divisions. The “Novice” division is for competitors who have competed in LESS THAN 3 officially sanctioned bouts. The “Advance” division is for competitors who have competed in 3 OR MORE officially sanctioned bouts. A fighter may be grandfathered into the “Advanced” division, at the discretion of KCI, if he/she has competed in an officially sanctioned bout prior to October 1, 2011. Fighters in the “Advanced” division may fight under “Novice” division rules, at the discretion of KCI.”

SUSPENDED FIGHTERS

Any fighter suspended medically or otherwise, in any State, by any Sanctioning Body or any Promotion, may not compete in an event at the discretion of KCI and the Indiana Gaming Commission. KCI will report all violations, suspensions, etc by promoters, athletes, corner personnel, officials, etc to the Indiana Gaming Commission.

PRE-FIGHT REGULATIONS--EXAMINATION OF FIGHTERS

Any fighter competing must be examined by an M.D. or D.O. Physician who is licensed in good standing under IC 25-22.5 in the State of Indiana. The exam must establish both physical and mental fitness for competition. Any medical requirements by the Indiana Gaming Commission must be completed prior to competition.

- Contestants shall disclose all medical history and conditions to the physician during the physical examination. All female contestants must submit to a pregnancy test on site. Any female contestant who tests positive for

pregnancy shall be prohibited from fighting. The promoter is responsible for providing the pregnancy test to the physician PRIOR to female exam.

- The physician shall conduct examinations and tests necessary to attest to the fitness of the contestants engaged in the contest. The physician shall certify in writing those contestants who are in good physical condition to compete.

- If, upon physical examination, a contestant is determined by the physician to be unfit for competition, the contestant shall be prohibited from competing during that specific contest.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS WEIGHT CLASSES

Male and female fighters will compete against their own gender in (11) weight classes:

<u>Weight Class</u>	<u>Weights</u>
Straw Weight	(up to 115lbs)
Flyweight	(115.1 lbs – 125lbs)
Bantamweight	(125.1 lbs – 135 lbs)
Featherweight	(135.1 lbs – 145 lbs)
Lightweight	(145.1 lbs – 155 lbs)
Welterweight	(155.1 lbs – 170 lbs)
Middleweight	(170.1 lbs – 185 lbs)
Light Heavyweight	(185.1 lbs.-205 lbs)
Cruiser Heavyweight	(205.1 lbs. – 230 lbs)
Heavyweight	(230.1 lbs. – 265lbs)
Super Heavyweight	(265.1 lbs and up)

Contestants shall compete only against contestants within their own weight class. All non-title bouts are allowed a (1) pound overage (ex: a 135lb bout, fighters may weigh 136lb max). There is NO weight overage for title bouts (ex: a 135lb title bout, fighters must weigh between 125.1lbs and a maximum weight of 135lbs).

There shall be no bouts with more than 2 contestants competing in the same bout.

A catch weight bout may be acceptable upon approval of the regulating body with a weight difference between the two competitors NO LARGER THAN 10

pounds up to Middleweight and 14.9 pounds from Middleweight through Cruiser Heavyweight. Heavyweight competitors may compete against Super Heavyweight competitors with a weight difference of no more than 50 lbs.

WEIGHT TIME

Fighters will be weighed on or before the day of the match, at a time to be determined by KCI or Indiana Gaming Commission. Promoters may request a time and venue for the weigh-in.

MAKING WEIGHT/ WEIGH IN PROCEDURE

- The weigh-in shall be conducted by a KCI Representative at an approved time and place no earlier than 24 hours prior to event start.
- The scale used for the weigh-in shall be provided by the promoter and approved by KCI. KCI, in its discretion, use the scales furnished by the promoter or use its own scales. All scales furnished by the promoter shall be thoroughly tested and approved by the KCI Representative prior to being used in connection with any contest.
- Each contestant may be weighed in the presence of his or her opponent (optional), a KCI Representative and an official representing the promoter.
- Weigh-ins shall be open to the public.
- Contestants shall weigh-in unencumbered with any excess clothing or counterweights. Male contestants may wear shorts/underwear and socks. Female contestants may wear shorts, a sports bra and socks.
- The regulating body representative may require contestants to be weighed more than once for any cause deemed sufficient.
- Contestants who fail to make the weight for their designated weight class shall be given up to 1 hour to make required weight. Any contestant who fails to make the weight shall be at the discretion of the KCI Representative.

ADVANCE APPEARANCE OF FIGHTERS

The event promoter is solely responsible for arranging proper arrival times for all athletes. If advance appearance is required, this request needs to be included in the fighters' contracts/agreements. Penalties for late arrival lie solely on the promoter.

FIGHTERS MUST REPORT

All fighters and their corner personnel must attend the pre-fight meeting held by KCI Officials. This meeting will typically be following the weigh-in, or during the afternoon before the event. In addition, fighters will be required to report for physicals, and to their dressing rooms, at the time specified by KCI or the promoter. Failure to do so will result in bout penalties as per KCI and the promoter.

All fighters, once they have seen the Event Physician and report to the KCI Event Commissioner or assigned Inspector in charge of dressing rooms, are not to leave the facility, and are subject to urinalysis and bout penalties, if they do not remain in approved areas.

FIGHTER'S APPEARANCE

All fighters must be clean and present a tidy appearance. Finger AND toe nails MUST be trimmed PRIOR to the bouts start. The use of grease, lotions, oils or any other foreign substance is not permitted. Petroleum Jelly may be used sparingly (upper face "mask" area only) and is not to be applied until arrival at the fighting area with an Inspector present. If a cut person is not available, the corner personnel may apply the Petroleum to the fighter in front of the Inspector. Noncompliance with this rule shall be sufficient cause for disciplinary action and/or disqualification. Long hair must not obstruct the bout. Contact lenses may be worn; however, if contact lenses fall out or obstruct the bout, they must be removed.

FIGHTERS DISQUALIFIED OR DECLARED INELIGIBLE

Fighters, who are declared ineligible for their bouts due to inadequate weight, misrepresented age, significant preexisting physical disability or injury, or other violation of the regulating body regulations, will be subject to suspension by KCI and the Indiana Gaming Commission. Unless otherwise specified in the fighter's agreement, the promoter will have no obligation to the ineligible fighters, and

may demand reimbursement from the fighter for any expenses pre-paid by the promoter. The promoter will, however, be obligated to pay the expenses of the opposing fighter who presents himself properly.

Fighters who are disqualified during their bout for gross rule violations, or unprofessional performance, or who represent themselves improperly following their bout, may be subject to the same penalties, at the discretion of KCI and the event promoter.

FIGHTERS EQUIPMENT AND SECONDS

UNIFORM

Fighters may compete in approved spandex “Speedo” type shorts, board shorts and other approved athletic shorts. The shorts must not have the following: hard plastic, metal, loose or frayed material, exposed pockets or be manufactured with any “tacky” or “adhesive” type of material. Shorts must be tied tight or fastened so not to become loose and disrupt the flow of the bout. Footwear is prohibited during bouts. No jewelry or piercings may be worn during competition. Female competitors must wear a snug fitting rash guard or sports bra.

GLOVES, KNEE PADS, ELBOW PADS AND MOUTHPIECES

All fighters will wear regulation gloves approved by KCI. If the gloves have been used previously, they must be whole, clean and subject to inspection by the referee, inspectors or the KCI Event Commissioner as to condition, make and type. If the gloves are found in poor condition, they shall be changed before the bout starts. No breaking, roughing, or twisting of gloves shall be permitted. All gloves must be made so as to fit the hands of any fighter whose hands may be uncommon in size. Contestants competing in a bout against one another must wear gloves that are equal in weight. **Gloves must be minimum of (6) ounces in weight** (depending on the brand/size).

Knee pads and elbow sleeves of soft substance may be worn by fighters and are subject to the approval of the regulating body and/or referee. No hard plastic, metal, Velcro or abrasive material is allowed.

All male fighters are required to wear an approved groin protector. A plastic cup with an athletic supporter is adequate.

All fighters must wear fitted mouthpieces. All fighters are recommended to have an extra mouthpiece cageside during their match. All fighters may only drink water or electrolyte drinks after examined by the Event Physician, in the locker room prior to their bout and during their bout. All water/electrolyte drink containers must be new and unopened until arrival at cageside for the start of the bout. Containers will be opened in the presence of a cage side official. Pouring of water over a competitor is prohibited and may be considered a foul.

Fighters must furnish their own shorts, rash guard/sports bra (female only), tape, gauze, gloves, knee pads, elbow pads, groin protectors (male only) and mouthpieces. All promoters must have several extra sets of gloves of common sizes to be used in case gloves are broken or in any way damaged beyond use during the course of the bouts. Fighters who do not present themselves properly equipped at the start time of their bout may be penalized by the referee.

HAND AND FOOT/ANKLE WRAPPINGS

All mixed martial arts contestants shall be required to gauze and tape their hands prior to all contests.

In all weight classes, the bandages on each contestant's hand shall be restricted to soft gauze cloth not more than 15 yards in length and two inches in width (one roll), held in place by not more than 10 feet of surgeon's tape, one inch in width (one roll), for each hand. Surgeon's adhesive tape shall be placed directly on each hand for protection near the wrist; however, as opposed to boxing wraps, the tape may cross the back of the hand twice and not extend past the wrist of the glove. One strip of tape may be used to cover and protect the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist.

The bandages shall be evenly distributed across the hand.

Under no circumstances are gloves to be placed on the hands of a contestant until the approval of the assigned Inspector is received.

Substances other than tape and gauze shall not be utilized. For example, pre wraps, cloth wrap or similar will not be permitted.

An approved official must witness gloves being put on. Once the gloves are on, the approved official will sign off on the outer wrist tape. At this time, the gloves may not be removed until the bout has concluded.

The wrapping of feet/ankles is not mandatory but is allowed (using the same materials as the hand wraps) and are subject to inspection.

NUMBER OF CORNER PERSONNEL AND THEIR APPEARANCE

The number of corner personnel is determined by the promoter or the regulating body. Corner personnel must present a professional demeanor at all times. They will be responsible to provide a bucket, tape and gauze, water bottle, scissors, nail clippers and other equipment necessary to perform their function. Corner personnel may not sit, stand on, lean on or touch the ring apron or cage catwalk during the course of the bout, nor otherwise interfere physically or verbally with the bout or the duties of the officials. Corner personnel are not to grab the cage or ring ropes at any time. Seconds must remain seated in the designated area assigned to them by KCI or promoter during the bout. Corner personnel are not permitted to travel around the fighting area during the bout. It is at the discretion of the KCI Officials and promoter whether corner personnel are permitted in the cage between rounds. KCI may levy penalty points and/or disqualification of the fighter for improper and unprofessional conduct by the seconds. Corner personnel MUST wear disposable hygienic laboratory gloves at cage side.

DURATION AND FREQUENCY OF BOUTS

All Amateur bouts, both Novice and Advanced, both non-title and title are three rounds of three minutes. All bouts shall allow a one (1) minute rest between rounds.

The fight continues until one fighter is rendered unconscious, submits, the referee stops the fight, the doctor stops the contest, or the time limits of all scheduled rounds expire. The time will run continuously and may be called or stopped only by the referee in special cases, such as: injury, equipment malfunction, technical issues, or to address fouls.

Fighters shall not compete in more than one event within a seven (7) day period providing they are not suspended for medical or disciplinary reasons. The mandatory (7) day rest period begins the first day after the event.

Any and all championship bouts will be recognized solely by the Event Promoter under the Event Promotion's name. KCI will oversee all title and non-title bouts. Mandatory drug testing is required for ALL title bouts. KCI Sanctioned Events are completely neutral and are independent of the promoters of an event.

REFEREE INSTRUCTION

Fighters and corner personnel must obey the instructions of the referee at all times. The referee's decision takes priority unless there is a medical issue. In this case, the event physician will make the decision whether a competitor may continue. The only other case that will not involve the referee is a judges' decision.

UNAUTHORIZED AMATEUR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS TECHNIQUES

Amateur bouts will not be allowed to use forearm or elbow strikes in any position in both Novice and Advanced Divisions.

Kneeing the head of a fighter in ANY position is illegal in both Novice and Advanced Divisions.

No neck cranks (can opener or bulldog) in both Novice and Advanced Divisions.

No twisting leg lock submissions in both Novice and Advanced Divisions.

Linear strikes or attacks to the front of the knees is prohibited in Novice and Advanced Divisions.

There is no striking the head of a grounded opponent in the Novice Division ONLY.

AMATEUR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS FOULS

- (1) Holding or grabbing the fence/ring ropes with fingers or toes
- (2) Holding opponent's shorts, gloves or other clothing
- (3) Butting with the head
- (4) Eye gouging of any kind
- (5) Biting or spitting at opponent
- (6) Hair Pulling
- (7) Fish hooking
- (8) Groin attacks of any kind

- (9) Intentionally placing a finger into any orifice, or into any cut/laceration of the opponent
- (10) Stomping a grounded opponent
- (11) Small joint manipulation
- (12) Strikes to the spine or the back of the head
- (13) Kicking the head of a grounded opponent
- (14) Throat strikes of any kind, including, without limitation, grabbing the trachea
- (15) No clawing, pinching, twisting the flesh or grabbing the clavicle
- (16) The use of abusive language in the fighting area
- (17) Any unsportsmanlike conduct
- (18) Attacking an opponent on or during a break
- (19) Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee/physician
- (20) Timidity (avoiding contact, or consistently dropping the mouthpiece, or faking an injury)
- (21) Interference from Mixed Martial Arts seconds
- (22) Throwing an opponent out of the ring or caged area
- (23) Flagrant disregard for the referee's instructions
- (24) Spiking an opponent to the canvas onto their head or neck (pile-driving)
- (25) Attacking an opponent between rounds/before/after the bout
- (26) Pouring liquid over a fighter/ice or water down shorts
- (27) Heel Kicks to the kidney
- (28) Spine locks
- (29) Linear strikes to the front of the knee
- (30) Neck cranks (can opener/bulldog)
- (31) Twisting leg locks (heel hooks, etc)
- (32) Forearm, elbow, or tricep strikes at any time in any position
- (33) Kneeing the head of a fighter in ANY position
- (34) Striking the head of a grounded opponent (NOVICE ONLY)

Disqualification occurs after any combination of three (3) significant fouls or after a flagrant foul at the referee's discretion.

Fouls resulting in a point being deducted by the referee shall be noted by the judges in the "notes" section of their scorecards, but officially deducted by the official score keeper. Judges will score the round just as there was no penalty.

Only a referee can assess a foul. If the referee does not call the foul, judges must not make that assessment on their own.

If a foul is committed:

- 1) the referee shall call time
- 2) the referee shall assess the fouled contestant's condition and safety
- 3) the referee shall send the fouling fighter to a neutral location
- 4) the referee shall then assess the foul to the offending contestant, deduct points, and notify the corner men, judges and official scorekeeper

If a foul warrants a deduction of points, the action must be halted, time must be called, and the corners, judges and scorekeeper must be notified of the foul. If the fighter who was fouled was in a dominant position, the fight will be re-started in that same position once the foul has been assessed.

If a bottom contestant commits a foul that requires a point deduction, time will be called, the fighters will be separated. The point deduction will be made clear to the necessary parties. If the top positioned contestant is injured by the foul, he/she will be given recovery time and then put back into top position if able to continue.

FOULING, STOPPING THE BOUT

If the referee determines that the fouled fighter needs time to recover, he/she may stop the bout (and the time) and give the injured fighter a reasonable amount of time to recover. At the end of this reasonable rest period the referee and the ring physician will determine if the fouled fighter can continue the bout, if he/she can, the bout will continue. Groin attack fouls are the only fouls that automatically receive a maximum of five (5) minutes recovery time.

The results of the foul will be based on the following determination by the referee:

If the referee determines that the foul was obviously committed by one of the fighters, and that the fouled fighter did not contribute to the injury (by landing his groin on an opponent's knee, etc.), the referee can disqualify the fighter committing the foul and declare the fouled fighter the winner.

If the referee determines that the injured fighter was responsible for his own injury, the referee will not penalize his opponent in any manner. In this case, if

the referee or event physician determines that the injured fighter is unable to continue, he will lose by “Technical knockout”.

If over two thirds of the bout is complete and an unintentional foul occurs rendering the fouled fighter unable to continue, the bout will go to the judges’ score cards for a “Technical Decision”. If less than two thirds of the bout is complete and an unintentional foul occurs, the bout will be ruled a “no contest”. Refer to section (below)

THE POWER TO STOP THE CONTEST

The Referee, the fighter’s corner personnel, the doctor or the fighter may stop contest. The referee shall have the power to stop a bout at any stage during the bout, if he considers that either fighter is in such condition that to continue might subject him to serious injury. Once the referee stops time during a bout and calls the Event Physician to assess the fighter(s), the bout is then completely in the hands of the Event Physician to solely determine whether a fighter can continue or not.

SECONDS RETIRING A FIGHTER

A fighter’s corner, at the regulating body’s discretion, should have the option to retire their fighter in the quickest and most efficient manner possible, during competition.

If there is consideration that debris in the form of a towel entering the ring or cage may contribute to a disruption or confusion in the contest, then corner-color coded towels might be a consideration to use. A white towel rolled, wrapped at each end with red or blue tape is suggested. Cage rental companies and/or the promoter may furnish these items and place them within reach at each corner.

PROCEDURE FOR FAILURE TO COMPETE

In any case where the referee decides that the fighters are not honestly competing, that a knockout is a “dive”, or a foul is actually a prearranged termination of the bout, he will not disqualify a fighter for fouling, nor render a decision. He shall stop the bout and declare it ended. The announcer shall inform the audience that a “no decision” was rendered. KCI will have the final authority in rendering a decision on the match.

PASSIVITY RULE

If both fighters have gone to the ground and neither is actively working to improve his position then they shall be separated and restarted by the referee. The referee shall immediately restart the bout from the standing position. If the fighters are clinched in a standing position being passive, the referee will separate them.

MOUTHPIECES

No fighter will be allowed to compete in any bout without a mouthpiece. Whenever the mouthpiece is knocked out by a fair blow or a foul tactic, or however the mouthpiece is dropped or spit out by the fighter, the referee shall wait for a lull in the activity of both fighters, call time out, stop the bout in place, and the fighter shall replace their mouthpiece. Willful dropping, or spitting out of the mouthpiece by a fighter, shall also be deemed as a foul, and the fighter shall be penalized accordingly by the referee. The mouthpiece is replaced whenever it is lost for any reason by the fighter, seconds or Event Physician. All fighters are recommended to bring two mouthpieces to the ringside for use during their match.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO EVENT

Physical- All contestants must submit proof of completion of a physical examination by a licensed physician (M.D.). (Yearly requirement)

**HIV-1- A blood test which verifies the contestant is HIV negative. (Yearly requirement)

**HEPATITIS B- A blood test which verifies the contestant is (HB sAg) negative. (Yearly)

**HEPATITIS C- A blood test which verifies the contestant is (HCV Ab) negative. (Yearly)

FEMALE CONTESTANTS- Pregnancy test (negative) taken within 24 hours of the bout.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND FEES

The attending physician will have a suitable place or room in which to make their examinations. Their fees shall include temporary or emergency treatment to any injured fighter in the arena or dressing room. The fees for such examination shall be borne by the promoter. The physician to be retained must have been the recipient of an M.D. or D.O. and be currently licensed under IC 25-22.5 in good standing in the State where the event takes place.

REJECTIONS AND REPORTS

Should any fighter examined prove unfit for competition, the fighter must be rejected, and an immediate report of the fact made to the promoter and the KCI Event Commissioner. The examining physician will, before the start of any event, clarify in writing to the KCI Event Commissioner that the fighters are in good physical condition.

REPORTS OF ILLNESS

Whenever a fighter, because of injury or illness, is unable to take part in a bout for which he/she is under agreement, his or her manager must immediately report the fact to the KCI Commissioner and the promoter. The fighter will then

submit to an examination by a physician designated by the regulating body and the promoter. The examination fee of the physician is to be paid by the fighter, or the promoter, if the latter requests an examination.

CONTINUOUS PRESENCE OF PHYSICIAN AND EMERGENCY MOBILE UNIT

At least one licensed physician under IC 25-22.5 (two are recommended), possessing an M.D. or D.O., and one ambulance onsite for the duration of the event, all approved in advance by KCI, must be in attendance at all events. The use of two physicians at ringside is strongly recommended. The mobile unit must include a full range of resuscitative equipment and advanced life support services and be parked inside or adjacent to an entrance of the building hosting the event. The physician(s) must sit at immediate ringside throughout the duration of the bouts. A stretcher and oxygen tank, and containers of “instant ice”, must be readily available at ringside. A minimum of two Paramedics or R.N.’s are required stationed near ringside.

No bout will be allowed to proceed unless the physician is seated at cage side and two paramedics or nurses are readily available and have a planned exit route with knowledge of direction to the nearest hospital with a neurological/neurosurgical unit. An ambulance **MUST** be on site at all times during the event. If the ambulance must leave the venue, the event will be halted until a replacement ambulance is **ON SITE**.

The physician shall not leave the venue until ALL fighters have physically been cleared to exit the venue. He/ She shall be prepared to assist if any serious emergency arises, and will render temporary or emergency treatments for cuts or minor injuries sustained by the fighters.

PHYSICIANS AND PARAMEDICS

- The physician shall sit immediately adjacent to the fighting area at every contest. A contest may not proceed unless the physician is in his or her seat. The physician shall not leave the venue until after all contestants have left. If called upon, the physician shall be ready to advise the referee.
- The physician may enter the fighting area during the progress of a bout when the referee deems it necessary. The physician may enter the fighting area between rounds on his or her own judgment and shall inform the referee about his or her opinion in relation to the physical condition of either contestant.
- The physician shall report in writing to KCI all injuries received by a contestant immediately following the bout. The physician shall also report on the fitness of the contestants to engage in further competition.
- Paramedics are responsible for knowing the location of the closest hospital emergency facility where adequate neurosurgical care is immediately available for skilled emergency treatment of an injured contestant.
- Paramedics must check the vital signs of all contestants prior to their participation in a contest and after contestants complete their bouts. Paramedics shall record this information and provide to the KCI Event Commissioner. Paramedics shall also record their recommendation (stitches, x-rays, etc.) and advise the physician of their recommendation.

FIGHTERS RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS

Fighters who have been rendered unconscious will be kept lying down until they have recovered. When a fighter is rendered unconscious, no one will touch, move or administer aid to the fighter except the Event Physician. The referee will stay with the fallen fighter until Event Physician enters the fighting area and personally attends the fallen fighter. The physician may issue instructions as he/she sees fit to the fighter's handlers. If a fighter suffers an injury, has been knocked out, or has participated in an unusually punishing bout, or if a technical knockout decision has been rendered against him by the referee, such fighter will be placed on the ill and unavailable list for such period of time as may be recommended by KCI, Indiana Gaming Commission and/or physician who may examine him. A fighter who loses a bout by knockout may be suspended from competition for a minimum of 60 days. A fighter who loses a bout by technical knockout will be suspended for a minimum of 30 days, if substantial head or

body trauma was involved. It is the Event Physicians and promoter's responsibility to report a medical suspension (in writing) to the Indiana Gaming Commission.

SUSPENSIONS AND MANDATORY REST PERIODS

- KCI shall report all contestants' suspensions and mandatory rest periods to the Indiana Gaming Commission, the official record keeper designated by the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) or other record keeper designated by the Indiana Gaming Commission.
- Any disciplinary suspension will be issued by KCI and reported to the Indiana Gaming Commission, the official record keeper designated by the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) or other record keeper designated by the Indiana Gaming Commission.

ADMINISTRATION OR USE OF DRUGS

Use by a fighter of any illegal substances, legal substances used illegally or any other drugs, will result in disqualification from his bout. This misconduct will be reported to all State Athletic Commissions and the official record keeper designated by the ABC. KCI may also penalize and suspend the fighter. Random drug testing may apply. ALL championship bout competitors are subject to drug testing.

TYPES OF BOUT RESULTS

- ❑ KO: Fighter is rendered unconscious due to an opponent's legal attack (ex: strikes, slams, etc).
- ❑ TKO: Fighter is unable to intelligently defend him/herself AFTER taking excessive punishment during the course of a TOUGH, DAMAGING bout or doctor stoppage.
- ❑ RSC (Referee Stops Contest): Fighter is taking some punishment and/or cannot intelligently defend, improve their position, fight back or will not submit/quit; the referee may intervene and stop the bout. PRIOR to EXCESSIVE damage with NO chance of the defending fighter improving their position. May also be considered a TKO.

- ❑ Doctor Stoppage: A bout is terminated by the Event Physician's determination that the safety of the fighter is in question or a cut/injury will lessen the athlete's ability to perform. May be considered a TKO.
- ❑ Submission: A fighter "submits" by physically "tapping out" or verbally quits as a result of a legal submission hold or any other legal attack.
- ❑ Technical Submission: The bout is halted due to a legal submission hold that may: render a fighter unconscious, dislodge a joint or the fighter does not/cannot tap. The referee deems the submission hold may lead to injury.
- ❑ Retirement/Quit: An athlete simply refuses to continue by not engaging in the contest. (Refer to foul- Timidity).
- ❑ Corner/Second Stoppage: The lead second decides that their fighter has absorbed enough damage.
- ❑ Judges' Decision: The bout ends due to round and time duration or injury due to an illegal attack. A decision will be determined by (3) Judges using scoring criteria set forth in the rules. Types of Judges' Decisions include: unanimous, split, majority, draw, technical draw and technical decision.
- ❑ Disqualification: Flagrant disregard for the rules and/or multiple fouls compounded in one bout.
- ❑ Forfeit: An athlete no shows, chooses not to compete after weighing in or does not make weight.
- ❑ No Contest: Bout is halted by unintentional foul/injury with less than 2/3 of the bout complete.
- ❑ Technical Decision/Draw: A fighter injured due to an unintentional foul cannot continue. A decision is rendered according the Judges' score cards if more than 2/3 of the bout is complete.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS JUDGING CRITERIA

Rounds are to be assessed by the following criteria in the order they are written, with Effective Striking and Effective Grappling being of equal weight.

- Effective Striking
- Effective Grappling
- Fighting Area Control
- Effective Aggressiveness
- Effective Defense (Defense does NOT render in the Judges' scores)

POTENTIAL ROUND SCORES

- 10-10 – the round is ruled a draw
- 10-9 – clear winner of the round
- 10-8 – complete domination, significant damage

SCORING OF INCOMPLETE ROUNDS

There will be scoring of an incomplete round. If the referee penalizes either contestant, then the appropriate points shall be deducted when the scorekeeper calculates the final score for the partial rounds. The Judging Criteria should be used in the same format when scoring a partial round for the duration that the partial round existed.

CHANGE OF DECISION

A decision rendered at the termination of any bout is final, and cannot be changed unless the KCI Event Commissioner at the event, or subsequently the KCI Director, determines that any one of the following occurred:

1. There was collusion affecting the results of any bout.
2. There was a clear violation of the rules or regulation governing KCI Sanctioned bouts which affected the result.

If the KCI Event Commissioner or KCI Director determines that any of the above occurred with regard to any bout, then the decision rendered shall be changed as the KCI Event Commissioner or KCI Director may direct.

PROTESTS

All protests over the decision of a match shall be registered in writing only by the protesting fighter and/or his chief handler to the KCI Event Commissioner prior to the end of the event, who will note the nature of the protest in the results report. All protests must be received by the KCI Director, in writing and accompanied by all pertinent evidence (videotapes, affidavits, etc.), no later than 10 days following the bout in question.

No protest will be considered unless accompanied by the fee of \$100.

All decisions by the KCI Director are final.

All parties should recognize that KCI has NO authority over State Athletic Commissions and cannot change their rules or decisions. The standard for review is “clear” evidence which would justify a change of decision, or “clear” circumstances which in the best interest of the sport, would justify a change in decision.

KCI agrees to willfully share any disposition of complaints with the Indiana Gaming Commission. KCI will appear at reasonable times to truthfully answer any lawful inquiry of the acting State Athletic Commission.

Any questions, concerns and/or Public Relations should be directed to the KCI Director:

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