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100.00 ***Definitions and Clarification***

"Announcer"—the person responsible for announcing the names of the officials, the contestants, the contestants' weights, and the decisions of the referee and judges during a bout. The Announcer has NO control over any aspect of the actual contest.

"Bout"—one (1) match involving 2 (two) AMATEUR mixed martial arts contestants.

"Commission" Indiana Gaming Commission.

"Commission Representative" Means any individual appointed by the executive director or his designee.

"Contest"—a group of bouts involving qualified contestants competing in mixed martial arts.

"Contestant"—any human being who enters the fighting area to compete against another human being during a mixed martial arts event.

"Event"--the entirety of pre-production, announcements, introductions, bouts, and post-production on a specified date for the purpose of displaying amateur mixed martial arts within the rules and regulations of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC and state licensing.

"Fighting area"--the ring, cage or physical area of the event site where the contestants compete during the mixed martial arts bout or contest.

"Judge"--a person serving as a member of a judging panel for mixed martial arts. The panel is responsible for determining a decision in each bout.

"Manager"--one who, directs or controls the activities of any contestant.

"Mixed martial arts"--any bout or contest in which any form of martial arts or self-defense is conducted on a full-contact basis. Where weapons are not used and where other combative techniques or tactics are allowed in competition, including, chokeholds, boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, grappling and/or joint manipulation.

"Matchmaker"--the person responsible for matching the contestants for a bout(s) as to weight and experience.

"Official"--referee(s), judge(s), matchmaker(s), manager(s), second(s), announcer(s), timekeeper(s) and physician(s) certified and licensed by Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC and / or the Indiana Gaming Commission, and are allowed to conduct themselves in that capacity at a mixed martial arts contests.

"Physician"--a person who is licensed as a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy, and who has received a license as a physician by the State of Indiana.

"Professional"--the status of any athlete that has received direct or indirect compensation for competing in any contest in any state or sport.

"Promoter"--a person, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or any form of business entity which enters into an agreement with Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC, to arrange, advertise or conduct a mixed martial arts event, and is responsible for payment of any, production right taxes, expenses not covered by the sanctioning contract, and associated sanctioning fees.

"Purse"--the financial guarantee or any other remuneration which contestants receive for participating in a bout. It includes the contestant's share of any payment received for radio broadcasting, television or motion picture rights.

"Referee"--the person in charge of enforcing the rules of the sanctioning body and/or rules placed by the state Gaming Commission during any mixed martial arts contest.

"Representative"--the person employed by Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC to attend a sanctioned mixed martial arts events to ensure that all rules and regulations set forth are adhered to and all applicable state laws, as set forth in the license of the Gaming Commission.

"Scorekeeper"--the individual that is responsible for calculating, deducting points if appropriate, and recording all of the judges' score cards immediately following a contest which warrants a judge's decision, and reporting said scores to the representative.

"Second"--an individual who attends to the contestant between rounds.

"Timekeeper"--a person responsible for keeping accurate time during each bout for a mixed martial arts bout.

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Authority to Govern

The rules and regulations within this document constitute the official rules of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC, hereinafter known as the sanctioning body and must govern all sanctioned events under the license of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC.

Enforcement of these rules shall be by contractual agreement and the responsibility of the Promoter, Officials, Representative, Employees, the Promoter, and Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC.

These rules must be followed for all Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC amateur events. Use of these rules does not necessarily carry the sanctioning of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC.

To obtain a sanction, a properly signed sanction agreement must be submitted, which becomes a binding contract when signed by the promoter and designated staff representative of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC.

All individuals associated with any sanctioned event must acquaint themselves with all applicable rules, regulations of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC, as well as, any regulations set forth by the State of Indiana, the governing authority.

Any questions and interpretations should be referred to the event representative or chief official on site.

The authority of the officials and event representative will be respected. No one will interfere with the officials or event representative's duties, use foul language, or use threats of physical harm.

The promoter will be responsible for seeing that all regulations promulgated by Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC are strictly adhered to and the instructions of the officials are carried out. The Promoter is also responsible for the safety of all spectators, contestants, Spire personnel, and personal staff.

All officials, administrative personnel, and participants of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC, must be available to appear before any state authority as requested and truthfully answer any appropriate questions which such personnel may have knowledge of including complaints, protests, intervention or suspensions which if deemed necessary or requested will be shared with such appropriate authority.

210.0 Cooperative Agreement

The Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC acts as an Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Sanctioning Body in accordance with The Indiana Gaming Commission.

The Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC has an obligation to constantly make improvements. These improvements mean continuous education of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Staff, self-reporting of incidents that happen within the Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Staff before, during, or after an Event.

The Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC has an obligation, when asked, to turn over to The Indiana Gaming Commission any information pertaining to complaints, violations, suspensions and expulsions administered by the Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC.

300.00 Event Regulations

A promoter must register each event with the website registry certified or operated by the Association of Boxing Commissions prior to the start of the event.

ALL Events must be fully approved before being confirmed for official Sanctioning. Promoters must provide the following information to the Indiana Gaming Commission not fewer than (14) days before the proposed event:

- 1) The name and license number of the Mixed Martial Arts Promoter.
- 2) The proposed date and starting time of the event.
- 3) The name of the venue, including the address.

- 4) The name of the Sanctioning Body that will be providing regulatory oversight at the event including the: name, telephone number, and email address.

Any changes must be posted in a conspicuous location (e.g.; internet website) 14 days prior to the beginning of the first scheduled phase.

All advertisements of events sanctioned by the Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC must have the Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Logo placed in a clear identifiable manor. This includes Posters, Banners, Programs, Flyers, and Handbills.

Participants are required to submit insurance information should they have private medical insurance.

310.00 *No Smoking Rule*

For all indoor events, there will be **NO SMOKING** allowed!

320.00 *Official Ring / Cage*

All sanctioned matches, administered by Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC must take place in one of the following types of contest area; a boxing ring or an enclosed cage of any shape, enclosed by ring ropes or a cage type structure. The Lead Referee or his designee will inspect the fighting area prior to the start of every event. Any repairs or corrections are to be handled without delay and is the responsibility of the Promoter, cage rental representative, or designee.

Boxing type ring or enclosed cage must have a fully padded floor covered by canvas or vinyl. Boxing type rings must be at least a 16 (sixteen) feet by 16 (sixteen) feet square. An enclosed cage must be at least a 16 (sixteen) foot diameter, and must have at least 1 (one) door opening out with a 36" (thirty-six inch) doorway width for emergency personnel.

If using a boxing ring, there must be at least 4 (four) ropes that surround the fighting area; all ropes must be connected with a vertical tie, centered on each of the four sides. The ropes must maintain tension throughout the event. All corner posts, buckles, and any hard surface must have protective padding in place.

If using a cage structure, the top may not be enclosed and all corners, top rail, bottom rail, and door areas, must be padded and covered by canvas or vinyl. The covering and padding materials must be in good repair without any tears exposing the interior padding. The cage fencing material must have a protective vinyl coating and it must be intact with no impairments. All hard surfaces must have protective padding in place. There must be 2 doors, or 1 door that opens OUT.

No banners, signs or any other obstruction may be placed on any part of the enclosed cage area, which may block the view from any perspective.

330.00 *Rule Meeting*

A pre-fight rules meeting will be hosted by the lead referee or representative for all fighters, corner men, coaches, and other representatives. The rule meeting is required to be attended by all persons previously listed, and is to be open to the public if the promoter so desires.

340.00 *Weigh-Ins*

All fighters are required to weigh-in prior to being permitted to participate in any contest, on an approved scale with a certified official of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC officiating the weigh-ins.

Each contestant must be weighed in the presence of his/her opponent, so long as. His / her opponent is not a late arrival.

Contestants shall have all weights stripped from his/her body before he/she is weighed in. Male contestants may wear shorts. Female contestants may wear shorts and a sports bra.

A weight allowance of 2 lbs will be acceptable for all **NON-TITLE** fights, 1 lb for **TITLE** fights, unless otherwise agreed upon in the Fight Agreement

A contestant who fails to make the weight for their designated weight class shall be given up to two (2) hours to make required weight. Any contestant who fails to make the weight on a second attempt will be disqualified. A loss will be recorded for the offending contestant; however, a victory will not be awarded to the opponent.

Weigh-ins are open to the public. All participants are encouraged to interact with any fans that come to the weigh-ins.

If a contestant cannot or will not be present at the designated time established, a contestant shall waive his/her rights under this section. If the contestant cannot make weight on his/her initial weigh-in, a loss will be recorded.

350.00 *Physicals*

All fighters are required to receive a physical no more than (2) hours prior to the start of the event from a licensed Medical Doctor prior to their match. It is the sole discretion of the Medical Doctor performing the examination of the contestant's ability to compete. If the Medical Doctor rules that the fighter may not participate at the event, his ruling is final. The Medical Doctor will complete the form and explain his decision and turn the form into the event representative to be put on file.

The Medical Doctor must evaluate the fighter and witness him/ her sign the pre-fight medical waiver as noted on the medical examination form.

If the competitor, coach, corner-man, trainer, or other representative has personal knowledge that a competitor has suffered a serious injury during training or previous fight, and has failed or refused to inform the Medical Doctor at the medical pre-fight physical about that injury. The competitor, trainer or corner-man will be held personally, financially responsible and liable for potential disciplinary action, up to and including, being permanently banned from all combat sports, as well as, any additional medical expenses that may arise due to the failure to disclose information.

All fighters must submit a complete background form and must be turned into the event representative so it may be found at any time during the event.

The physician must give a thorough physical examination to each contestant no later than 60 (sixty) minutes prior to the start of the event.

Participants are forbidden from competing while under the influence of any illegal drug, or legal drug used illegally.

Fighters must report all medication that they are taking to the Medical Doctor during the examination.

If a fighter is under the influence of alcohol or any stimulant, or is taking any narcotic or other medication, which the Medical Doctor feels would endanger the well being of the fighter or his/her opponent, he/she will not be allowed to compete.

Referees shall also be given physical examinations immediately before officiating at any match.

The ringside doctor must always evaluate any fighter who was stopped due to blows immediately.

All fighters must be examined by the Event Physician before he/she exit's the fighting area.

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Outdoor Event Regulations

410.00 Temperature Rule

If at anytime during the event, the temperature drops below 50°F the event must be stopped. This is to ensure the fighters safety.

420.00 Slick Cage/Ring Floor Rule

If at anytime during the event, the cage/ring floor becomes slick due to dew or any other type of moisture, the event cannot continue until the floor meets proper traction requirements.

430.00 Suggested Start/Stop time of Outdoor Events

As per rules 410.00 and 420.00, we suggest your outdoor event is finished before sundown to avoid either of these problems.

500.00 Contestants

All contestants competing in states that require a National ID Card must obtain a National Identification card from any State, Country, or Tribal Nation recognized by the Association of Boxing Commissions before they'll be allowed to compete.

All contestants participating in events sanctioned by Spire must be in amateur status and have a signed confirmation on file prior to the event. Contestants are required to provide Spire Sanctioning Alliance the following before allowed to compete in any Spire Sanctioned event.

- 1) Name
- 2) Mixed Martial Arts National ID #.
- 3 Laboratory results not more than (1) one year old from the date of the event, affirming the negative test results of the amateur mixed martial artist for:
 - a) Antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
 - b) The surface antigen of the Hepatitis B virus.
 - c) Antibodies to the Hepatitis C virus.
- 4) A written statement from a licensed physician, not more than (1) one year old from the date of the event, affirming that the amateur mixed martial artist has undergone a thorough medical examination and is physically fit and qualified to participate in amateur mixed marital arts. The examination must take place at the office of the licensed physician.
- 5) Female competitors must provide:
 - a) Lab results, not more than (5) five days old from the day of the event, affirming the negative test results for pregnancy. Or (2) two negative over the counter pregnancy tests, taken by the competitor approved by the Spire Representative and Physician, on site at the event.

510.00 Code of Conduct

Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC is based on Class, Dignity, Honor, Loyalty, and Respect! Remember, when your in the public eye, you're not only representing yourself. You're representing your family, friends, team, trainers, Promotions, and Spire, but most importantly you're representing the sport of MMA. We at Spire love this sport and intend to keep it around following these basic principals.

All fighters must obey all event Officials, Medical Doctor, Representative, Promoter and Designee at all times.

Contestants must maintain respect for themselves and others at all times. Bear in mind that you are representing, yourself, your family, your training partners, your gym, the promoter, Spire Sanctioning Alliance, and most of all, our sport. We expect you to act accordingly.

Contestants are expected to maintain appropriate hygiene and a professional appearance at all times.

The referees' instructions must be followed at all times. Any infractions of this will not be tolerated and will be dealt with swiftly.

Although our sport requires a certain mindset, unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Contestants do not have to participate in the pre-fight handshake, however, they are expected to show their opponent respect and honor before, during, and after the contest.

Should the doctor be attending to a downed fighter, it is our wishes that the uninjured fighter take a knee in his corner, and wait for the fighter to sit up to celebrate. After the fighter sits up, contestants are welcome to wish regards to their opponent.

Upon conclusion of the bout, both contestants are required to stand with the Referee for the official announcement. If one contestant is under the doctors care, the victor must stay for the announcement.

At no time are contestants or corners to make inappropriate hand gestures, vulgar language, or verbal sparring, with the opposition, officials, or spectator. Should a problem arise involving a spectator, all participants are expected to alert officials and allow them to handle the situation.

520.00 Pro / Am Rule

If any contestant wishing to participate in an event sanctioned by Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC has ever received any type of purse, received prize money, or received compensation above and beyond travel expenses, for participating in any type of striking sport, you are considered a professional and can not participate in any contest.

When a participant receives any compensation for participation in any striking sport, your status as a professional cannot be reversed.

Should a participant that is considered a professional participate in any event sanctioned by Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC without disclosure, a complaint will be forwarded to the Indiana Gaming Commission for possible sanctions. A copy will also be forwarded to the Prosecuting Attorney with jurisdiction for possible criminal charges.

530.00 Minimum/Maximum Age Requirement

Contestants are required to be a minimum of 18 (eighteen) years old to compete in a mixed martial arts contest.

Contestants above the age of 40 require a more thorough Physical by the Physician.

Contestants above the age of 50 are not permitted to compete in a mixed martial arts contest.

540.00 Pre- Fight Entrance / Music / Conduct

All entrance music must be **free of vulgar, offensive, or cursing language and in good taste**. An edited version of any song may be used and should be edited to no more than 90 (ninety) seconds. Violation of this rule will warrant contestant not being allowed to offer his choice of entrance music on future events, possible 30-day suspension and incur a \$50 Fine from Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC.

Contestants will refrain from using profane language or hand gestures while participating in a sanctioned event. At no time is a contestant allowed to yell or signal to any spectator for any reason. Any contestant that feels a spectator is belligerent should be directed to an event official immediately.

All contestants will be announced prior to them walking to the ring / cage for their bout.

Contestants have 120 (One hundred Twenty) seconds from the time the announcement begins to make contact with the exterior referee located at the entrance of the competition area to be checked-in.

All Championship Bouts of State or Higher level will announce the fighter after he has made

his way to the competition area. Entrance music will be played and the contestant has no more than 2 (two) minutes to make contact with the exterior referee located at the entrance to the competition area to be checked-in. Contestants are to make their way to their color-coded corner and wait for their official announcement.

Competitors are not allowed an escort inside the competition area prior to the contest.

550.00 *Trainers / Seconds / Coach*

Failure to obey the following Rules & Regulations will result in a disqualification, and loss to their fighter, and a possible suspension. All suspensions will be forwarded to the Indiana Gaming Commission for sanctions.

For NON TITLE fights, fighters are allowed a maximum of two (2) corner men or trainers at ringside.

For TITLE fights, Three (3) corner men are allowed for Regional, Sectional, State, National, or International Titles.

Corner men are required to STAY in their fighter's corner, outside the ring or cage, while the match is in progress. Corners must be in contact with the assigned corner post, (e.g.; trainer must be able to reach the corner post at all times)

Corner men working on a sanctioned event must conduct themselves with appropriate and proper respect to all Officials.

Corner men must conduct themselves with appropriate and proper sportsmanship in all ways connected with the match.

During the round breaks, 1 (one) corner man is allowed in the ring for all Non-Title Bouts and 2 (Two) for all Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Sanctioned Title Bouts, while the others can stand outside the ring ropes or on the outside edge of the ring or on the floor.

No corners are allowed inside the competition area prior to the start of the contest.

One corner man is allowed in the cage/ring at the conclusion of a match; however, no other persons are allowed in the cage or ring until after the official announcement is made. For Regional Titles and above, additional persons are allowed in the cage/ring after the official announcement.

Corner men must obey the referee at all times during the match.

Corner men may spray (not pour) water and apply bagged ice to a fighter between rounds. **No other substances may be applied between rounds.** The corner men are responsible for drying the area prior to exiting.

560.00 *Corner Conduct*

At no time is it acceptable for a fighter or corner to make comments to the opponent during the bout. The corners are not permitted to communicate between themselves while the bout is in progress.

No corner person should speak to the referee, judges, or representative for any reason while the bout is in progress.

If a fighter's corner leaves his/her corner area and goes directly ringside or cage side where the two fighters are grappling and it is not their corner area (within arms reach of the properly colored corner pad), to coach their fighter, the referee shall stop the bout and make one of the following determinations:

Give a verbal warning for being out of the corner.
Deduct 1 (one) point from offending corners fighter.
End the bout, awarding the bout to the opposite fighter.

Corner men must stay off the ring floor/canvas etc., while the bout is in progress. At no time is it permitted to lean on, grab, climb, shake, or hit the ring, cage, or fighting area. All corners are required to stay with shoulders no higher than the floor of the ring or cage.

Violation of these rules by any corner personnel can result in warnings, point deductions, and/or immediate disqualification of that corner's fighter.

Other fighters are not allowed to coach other fighters during a bout unless they are there as a corner.

Any unacceptable, inappropriate, rude or disrespectful behavior of any kind by a Corner man or Trainer working an event will result in immediate corrective action by The Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC and forwarded to Indiana Gaming Commission for sanctions. Corrective action may result in suspensions, fines, or legal actions as warranted by the authority having jurisdiction for the offending party. In addition, the offending party and/or the fighter may be suspended from any future events permanently.

570.00 *Travel Expenses*

Actual travel expenses may be paid or reimbursed to a contestant, and are limited to, mileage payment not to exceed 12% of current local gas prices per mile one-way, 1 (one) lodging room not to exceed \$65.00, and 1 (one) meal, if applicable, not to exceed \$25.00.

Any contestant, corner, supporter, or any other person relative to the fighter is not eligible to receive any form of compensation, reimbursement, or goods of value, from the promoter, sanctioning body, sponsor, or spectator.

Any violation of these standards will result in disciplinary actions and a copy will be forwarded to the Indiana Gaming Commission for sanctions. Actions may result in a contestant being suspended from participating in any striking sport indefinitely.

600.00 *Officials*

None of the following may act as an event official for an amateur mixed martial arts bout if they hold a promoters license in Indiana:

- 1) A sole Proprietor
- 2) A Companies:
 - a) Principal Owner
 - b) Substantial Owner
 - c) Key person
 - d) Employee
 - e) Agent

It is the official ring referee's duty to determine and announce all submissions, knockouts, technical knockouts, or other bout stoppages. If there is no submission, knockout, technical knockout, or stoppage by a referee, corner man, fighter, etc., by the conclusion of the bouts time limit, then the (3) three ringside judges shall determine the bout winner.

Under no circumstances may a certified Official fraternize, cheer on, congratulate, or discuss the potential outcome, actual outcome of any match in a manner that may indicate potential favoritism. If it is determined that an official has violated this rule, the official in question, will be brought up for review and subsequently may lose the privilege of officiating at any events in the future.

The Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC office for each event assigns all officials.
Considerations are relative location to the venue, experience level, availability, and

potential conflicts. A certification does not guarantee the ability to participate at any event.

NO Officials are allowed to consume alcohol during the event; Smoking is also prohibited at Cage side during the matches.

Officials working a match may not have any **DIRECT** affiliation with any of the Contestants that are competing. This means being a Trainer, Family Member, and Team Member. There has to be a direct affiliation in order to have the official removed from officiating that match.

610.00 Requirements for Certification

All Officials working any event sanctioned by Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC are required to attend a training session once a year and pass a written examination prior to any scheduled event in which they are to work in that capacity.

Any official that violates the code of conduct or rules of Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC will be brought before the review board immediately for disciplinary actions and possible expulsion and or fines.

620.00 Required Personnel for an Event

All events **must** have the following personnel present at all times.

- 1 (one) Representative
- 1 (one) Lead Referee
- 1 (one) Second Referee
- 3 (three) Judges
- 1 (one) Timekeeper / Scorekeeper
- 1 (one) Medical Doctor (M.D. or D.O.)
- 2 (two) Paramedics or 1(one) Paramedic and 1 EMT
- 1 (one) Ambulance (MUST BE ON SCENE)

621.00 Representative

It is the responsibility of the event Representative to record all historically relevant events, statistics, and to assist the promoter with concerns regarding the event.

All administrative duties, filings, insurance information, and forms are completed and coordinated through the representative.

622.00 Scorekeeper

The Scorekeeper has the responsibility of calculating and recording the judges' scores from each contest, subtracting any point deductions, recording the official time and reporting the results to the event representative. The timekeeper may be assigned this duty.

623.00 Physician

All Physicians must be licensed under IC25-22.5 in order to work as an event Physician. Physician is to be at cage side for all active matches and cannot leave until the completion of the final match.

624.00 EMT/ Ambulance

Ambulance equipped with ALS (Advanced Life Support) equipment and also with at least 1(one) Paramedic and 1(one) EMT must be on scene during all matches. If the ambulance is required to leave, another ambulance **MUST** be on site before any matches may be allowed to begin. A hospital with a full time emergency department is also required to be within 50 miles of the event venue.

625.00 Referee

A registered, trained, and certified Referee will be appointed for all events.

The Referee will oversee the entire match from within the ring / cage in order to ensure the safety of the fighters. If a fighter looks helpless and receives repeated blows but does not tap out or call out a signal to quit or end the bout, he may be called "out" by the ring referee and the bout stopped if the referee feels it is necessary for the safety of the fighter in question.

If a fighter is knocked down to the ring floor by a strike, the bout may continue on the floor. If the downed fighter is unconscious upon contact to the ring floor, the official ring referee shall step between the fighters for the safety of the downed fighter and stop the bout.

If the action of the bout has stalled and neither competitor is working aggressively to gain an advantage, the referee shall warn the competitors to accelerate the action or face a restart. If, after the warning, the action remains stalled, the referee shall stop action and separate the competitors to their respective corners.

If a fighter drops his mouthpiece, the referee shall allow the fighter to replace the mouthpiece during a moment of non-contact between the two fighters. At that time, the referee shall return each fighter to his corner in a standing position and restart the match.

Should a fighter in a non-dominant position, in the opinion of the referee, "spit out" his / her mouthpiece to circumvent his position, the referee has the authority to re-start the match from the same position, after replacing the mouthpiece.

If a fighter drops his mouthpiece 3 times during the entire contest, he will be disqualified from the match and the victory awarded to his opponent.

If the referee wishes to examine a fighter with the doctor's assistance for any concern, the referee will stop action and separate the competitors to their respective corners. At that time, the referee shall signal the timekeeper to stop the time. The referee will then signal the doctor to come into the fighting area to examine the athlete in question, and restart the match, if necessary. If so, the bout shall be restarted with both fighters standing in their respective corners.

In the event that any equipment problems that threatens the safety of the fighters exists, the referee will have the action stopped for repair and the bout restarted, with both fighters standing in their respective corners.

It is the official ring referee's duty to determine and announce all submissions, knockouts, bout stoppages, warnings, point deductions, and/or disqualifications.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the referee shall alone determine whether and what warnings and/or point deductions are necessary, or whether disqualification is appropriate, for all rule infractions and violations. In the event of a warning or point deduction, the referee shall stop time and separate the fighters, send each to his corner, indicate the penalty to each judge and scorekeeper, and then restart the bout with both fighters standing.

626.00 *Second Referee/Doorman*

Also known as an Exterior Referee, areas of responsibility are primarily on the exterior and entrance area of the fighting area.

The Second Referee prior to entering the fighting area must inspect all fighters.

All equipment is to be checked for safety. Gloves, hand tape, shorts, mouthpiece, protective cup, any braces, and the body for foreign substances.

Any violations must be corrected immediately or the fighter will not be allowed to proceed.

Prior to entering the fighting area, the Second Referee will witness the application of

petroleum jelly to the brow, and eye orbits of each fighter, if they so choose. These are the only areas allowed to have any substance on them.

When the round is set to begin, the Second Referee is to secure the door, and open it between rounds to allow seconds inside to tend to their fighter.

Between rounds, the Second referee is to watch one corner to ensure that no foreign substances are applied to the fighter between rounds.

During the round, the Second Referee is to watch the corners to make sure they are within standards and make contact when they are not. A point deduction is possible if warranted and will be deducted at the start of the next round, or prior to the final scoring of the bout.

627.00 ***Timekeeper***

The primary responsibility of the timekeeper is to begin the clock for the start of each round, as initiated by the referee.

Start and stop the match clock for time stoppages as called by the referee.

To begin the contest, the referee will announce for the contests to begin, start the clock at that time.

The clock should only be stopped as directed by the referee after the initiation of the contest.

At 10 (ten) seconds prior to the end of each round, a signal should be given. Using the hammer, strike the table, or a whistle blast will be acceptable.

Signal the end of each round by the use of a bell, buzzer, or other available signal.

Again, at 10 (TEN) seconds prior to the beginning of the next round, signal by striking the hammer on the table or a whistle blast.

As indicated by the official clock, start the next round using the appropriate signal device, do not wait to start the round. If needed, the referee will call "TIME", at which point, the timekeeper will PAUSE the time, until a point that the referee calls for the action to begin.

Repeat these steps until the completion of the bout.

In the event of any stoppage by the referee, corner man, doctor, etc; the official time should be recorded on the timekeepers' official time sheet and given to the on-site representative.

628.00 ***Judges***

Judging is scored on a Round by Round basis using a 10 (Ten) point must system using 3 levels of criteria formed by Referee Dustin Severs.

628.10 ***Judging Criteria***

Level 1: Damage Inflicted

The winner of the round is determined by the fighter who inflicts the most Physical Damage to his/her opponent. This includes but is not limited to:

Hand Strikes: Punches to the head or body.

Kicks: This includes leg kicks. They do damage as well!

Slams: This does not include takedowns that do NOT cause damage.

Submission attempts: Only those causing damage to his/her opponent. Submissions can cause damage too! (Arm Bars, Neck Cranks, Ankle locks, knee bars, etc... Chokes can also do damage to an opponents breathing and cardio. Take that into consideration!

Damage CAN be inflicted from the bottom while on the ground! If Fighter A takes Fighter B down, but Fighter A is not staying active while Fighter B is constantly throwing punches and inflicting damage, this is still damage and should be taken into consideration!

You can think of it like a % of damage in a video game. Each fighter starts every round with 100% energy. As they take damage, that % goes down. Whoever is left with the highest % at the end of the round wins that round. Or, at the end of each round, who would you rather NOT BE?

If after considering all criteria in level 1, and cannot clearly declare a winner of the round, move onto the 2nd criteria.

Level 2: Effective Control

Who dictated where the fight took place? Who attained the most dominant positions? Who got the takedowns? Who defended the takedowns? Who got the near submissions? Who controlled the clinch? Who controlled the fence battle?

All of these questions should be considered for both on the ground and on the feet.

If on the ground;

Who took it there? Who controlled more while on the ground? Who worked harder to keep their position? Who advanced positions? Who got the sweeps? Who tried for submissions?

If on the feet:

Who kept whom against the fence? Who controlled the clinch? Who defended takedowns?

Now, although getting right back up from a takedown should be considered here, an offensive move ALWAYS outweighs a defensive move! So if fighter A takes Fighter B down, but Fighter B gets right back up, a slight advantage should go to Fighter A for successfully completing an offensive move.

If after considering all criteria in level 2, and cannot clearly declare a winner of the round, move onto the 3rd criteria.

Level 3: Aggressiveness

Who took the fight to whom? Who was more offensive? Who threw more strikes? Who went for more submissions?

Do not mistake counter striking for non-aggression! Counter strikers can still be aggressive!

Draw:

If the fight is still inconclusive after all three levels of Criterion, Score the round a 10-10. A Tie.

628.20 Possible Round Scores

Although the vast majority of rounds are scored 10-9 rounds, any combination of the following could occur with the possibility of Dominant rounds, Point Deductions, and Ties. If 3 points are taken from any fighter, the fight will be stopped and declared a disqualification of that fighter.

10-10 Tie

10-9 Clear winner with no penalties or tie with 1-point deduction.

10-8 Clear winner with a point deduction of the loser, Dominant round for winner, or tie with 2-point deductions of 1 fighter.

10-7 Dominant round and a point deduction of the loser.

10-6 Dominant round and 2 point deductions of the loser.

9-9 Clear winner with a point deduction of the winner.

9-8 Dominant round but a point deduction for the winner, or Clear winner with a point deduction of winner and loser.

9-7 Dominant round plus point deduction for both winner and loser.

9-6 Dominant round plus 1 point deduction of winner and 2 point deduction of loser.

Other scores could occur but not likely are:

8-8
8-7
8-6

What is a dominant round?

A round where the winner of the round clearly outclassed his/her opponent in the 1st level of criteria, damage inflicted. A round where you feel the referee is close to stopping because they're so overwhelmed with damage. That's a "dominate" or 10-8 round.

628.30 Judges Decisions

If there is no submission, stoppage by the referee, corner man, fighter, etc., by the conclusion of the scheduled time limit, the (3) three ringside judges must determine the winner of the contest.

This will be determined after the on-site representative or scorekeeper, who will determine the winner of the contest, has counted the judge's scorecards.

The types of judges' decisions are as follows:.

UNANIMOUS DECISION: All 3 (three) judges awarded the same fighter the winner on points.

SPLIT DECISION: 2 (two) judges scored the fight for one fighter and the other judge scored the fight for the other fighter.

MAJORITY DECISION: 2(two) judges scored the fight for one fighter and the other judge scored the bout a draw.

DRAW: Indicates that one judge had the fight for one fighter, one judge had the fight for the other fighter, and the third judge had the fight even, or that all 3 (three) judges scored the bout even.

629.00 Matchmaker

It is the responsibility of the Matchmaker to ensure that all fights are evenly matched using the matchmaking point system below in section 629.10.

All fight cards must be turned into the Spire office for approval by 5pm the day prior to the event. This fight card should include all names with correct spelling, (including anyone on the "alternates list"), and current fight record.

Fighters may be added to the fight card after this time ONLY if the event Representative has the proper time and Internet access to perform a proper background check.

629.10 Matchmaker Point System

Each MMA Win = 1 Point

Each MMA Loss = .25 Point (1/4 Point)

Each Martial Arts Tournament competed in = .25 Point (1/4 Point)

Jiu Jitsu, Wrestling, Kick boxing, Boxing, etc.

Each Major Martial Arts Tournament Won = 1 Point.

NAGA, Golden Gloves, High School State Wrestling Tournaments, etc.

629.20 Fighter Levels

Level 1: Novice = 0 - 3.75 Points

Level 2: Intermediate = 4 - 7.75 Points

Level 3: Advanced = 8 + Points

A Level 1 fighter may NEVER fight Level 3 fighter.

Level 1 fighter may only fight a Level 2 fighter if they're within 3 Points of each other.

A Level 2 fighter may only fight a Level 3 fighter if they're within 3 Points of each other.

700.00

Weight Classes

Contestants are allowed a two-pound (2#) weight allowance for to remain in a weight class for NON-Title Bouts and one pound (1#) for Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Sanctioned Title Bouts. No bout may take place between contestants in different weight classes unless they're within the following allowances:

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Up to 135 pounds | not more than 3 pounds |
| 2) 135.1 - 170 pounds | not more than 5 pounds |
| 3) 170.1 - 265 pounds | not more than 7 pounds |
| 4) Over 265 pounds | No limit |

Flyweight:

125 lbs. & Below
56.7 kg & Below

Bantamweight:

125.1 to 135 lbs.
56.71 kg - 61.23 kg

Featherweight:

135.1 to 145 lbs.
61.24 kg - 65.77 kg

Lightweight:

145.1 to 155 lbs.
65.78 kg - 70.31 kg

Welterweight:

155.1 to 170 lbs.
70.32 kg - 77.11 kg

Middleweight:

170.1 to 185 lbs.
77.11 kg - 83.91 kg

Light Heavyweight:

185.1 to 205 lbs.
83.92 kg - 92.99 kg

Cruiserweight:

205.1 to 230 lbs.
93.0 kg - 104.33 kg

Heavyweight:

230.1 to 265 lbs.
104.34 - 120.2 kg

Super Heavyweight:

265.1 lbs. & Above
120.21 kg & Above

800.00

Equipment/ Attire

Shoes of any type are prohibited.

Shirts of any type are prohibited.

Pants of any type are prohibited.

The use of knee and ankle supports will be allowed. Inspection of these items must be thorough!!

Fighters may not place oil on any part of their body.

Prior to the start of the fight, Petroleum Jelly may only be applied to the brow above the eyes and the lower orbit of each eye. No other areas may have any substance of any type.

No substance will be allowed to be applied between rounds, UNLESS, when working on a cut. Substance may only be applied to the cut to slow the bleeding.

Fingernails and toenails must be cut and trimmed.

Jewelry and/or piercing accessories are prohibited.

810.00

Gloves

Gloves are designed to protect the fighter wearing them and not meant to stop damage to opponent. Therefore, ALL gloves and taping will be inspected.

Fighters are required to wear only approved mixed martial arts style gloves which must be provided by the sanctioning body or the promoter.

All fighters must use the same style and brand of glove worn by their opponent.

At no time may a contestant wear an MMA Glove Smaller than 6 (six) ounces.

All gloves are required to be taped to the fighter, using colored tape that corresponds with the contestants corner color.

820.00

Hand Taping

All hand wraps shall be in compliance with the following:

The bandages/hand wraps shall consist of **soft gauze type cloth** that is no more than **ten (10) yards** in length and two inches (2") in width and held in place by no more than ten feet (10') of surgeon's tape provided that the tape shall be no more than one inch (1") in width for each hand.

The surgeon's tape shall be placed directly on each hand for protection near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand and extend to cover and protect the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist, the knuckles of the fighter must be covered and not exposed. There will be no tape allowed behind the knuckles of the fighter.

Bandages shall be evenly distributed across the hand, **covering the knuckles**; while **leaving the palm area open for inspection**. The Thumb may also be wrapped if the fighter wishes.

Training hand wraps, quick wraps, Pre-Wrap or any other type of "wraps" are NOT acceptable for use in competition.

Bandages and tape shall be placed on the contestant's hand in the dressing room prior to the bout and in the presence of the fight coordinator or both contestants. This may not be

done in a private or secluded area of the dressing area. Either contestant may waive the privilege of witnessing the bandaging of the opponent's hands.

The Lead Referee, Representative, and any attending Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC certified Official must approve all bandages and taping prior to gloves being placed on any contestant and must bear the initials of that official.

Under no circumstances are gloves to be placed on the hands of a contestant before approval.

All participants must remove their gloves at the exit of the fighting area and present the wraps for post-fight inspection by the ringside representative.

830.00 *Apparel*

All traditional martial arts uniforms. Wrestling singles. Boxing or kickboxing shorts/pants. Latex bike style shorts, "Speedos" are acceptable apparel.

Any combination of the foregoing, and/or any other clothing approved by the referee who may require such apparel to be taped or otherwise secured to ensure its stability during the match.

Under no circumstances shall apparel or equipment, which includes metallic and/or hard plastic and/or any edge or surface, which could cause injury to the fighters, will be allowed.

840.00 *Protective Equipment*

All male contestants are required to wear a protective groin cup during all matches.

All contestants are required to wear a fitted mouthpiece at all times while the bout is in progress.

Knee pads, elbow pads, breast protectors, footwear, shoes or shin guards shall not be allowed;

850.00 *Female Contestants*

Female contestants shall wear an appropriate athletic garment that covers the breasts.

Female contestants may wear a pelvic protector at the option of the contestant.

All other rules and standards apply to female contestants regarding protective equipment and apparel.

900.00 *Access for Officials and Staff*

It is the right of each promoter to restrict the admission of any person(s) to an event hosted by them. The listed exceptions must be given access to the venue at no charge while on official business.

910.00 *State Officials on Official Business*

Any Official representing the Indiana Gaming Commission, while on official business, and presenting with credentials of their affiliation, will be allowed unlimited access to the event.

1000.00 *Round Times and Length*

1010.00 *Non-Title Bouts*

ALL Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Sanctioned Bouts that are **not** Title Bouts will consist of 3 (three) rounds of 3 (three) minutes with a 1 (one) minute rest period between each round.

1020.00 Title Bouts

All bouts in which a Championship Title for a Regional or higher level will have 5 (five) rounds of 3 (three) minutes with a 1 (one) minute rest period between rounds.

1100.00 Title Bout Regulations

1110.00 Spire Sanctioning Titles

All Spire Sanctioning Titles MUST be approved through the Spire Office before the bout is to take place.

To qualify for a Spire Regional Title, the fighter must have at least 6 points.

To qualify for a Spire Sectional Title, the fighter must have at least 8 Points or a Regional Title.

To qualify for a Spire State Title, the fighter must have at least 10 Points or a Sectional Title.

For any clarification of the point system, see section 629.10.

Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC reserves the right to deny or remove any title from any Fighter or Promotion if they feel its not being represented in a manner they see fit. See Code of Conduct in section 510.00.

1110.10 Cost of Spire Sanctioning Titles

For any Promotion to hold a Spire Sanctioning Title on their event, the below fee's must be paid 14 days prior to the event in which the title is to take place.

Spire Regional Title: \$200

Spire Sectional Title: \$225

Spire State Title: \$250

For any defense of a currently held title, (if a new belt is not required) \$50 will be paid to Spire to hold the Title Belt on the said event.

1110.20 Mandatory Defense of Spire Sanctioning Title Fights

Unless injured, called to Military Duty, or have a family emergency, contestants that hold a Regional, Sectional or State Title must defend their Title when it becomes mandatory to do so. Usually within 3 (three) months.

If injured, called to Military Duty, or have a family emergency, for more than 3 (three) months, the held title will be reopened. However, when the said fighter returns, they will have the first opportunity, above all other fighters, to fight for that title.

A fighter must successfully defend his/her title 1 (one) time to keep the physical belt.

1120.00 Promotional Title Regulations

Spire has no jurisdiction on how a Promotion handles its Titles as long as the fights follow in accordance with the matchmaking point system and fighter level rules in sections 629.10 and 629.20.

1200.00 Suspensions

Spire Sanctioning Alliance **WILL** honor suspensions carried out by other Sanctioning Bodies including but not limited to:

All State Commissions

Association of Boxing

BMF (Bout Management Federation)

Cageside Crew

Combat Consulting LLC

CSC (Combat Sports Commission)

ISCF (International Sport Combat Federation)
ISKA (International Sport Karate Association)
KICK International
Mixed Martial Arts Consulting

1210.00 Mandatory Safety Suspension

Each participant will receive a mandatory 7 day safety / rest suspension after competing. A fighter is not allowed to compete again until seven full days have passed from the previous fight. If a contest is held on a Saturday, the contestant may not fight until the following Sunday.

1220.00 Medical Suspensions

TKO - (Technical Knock Out). (Any stoppage by the referee) - Minimum 30 days.

KO - (Knock Out). Minimum 60 days.

Cut - Ringside Physicians discretion.

Injury sustained by a submission - Ringside Physicians discretion.

Any other injury sustained - Ringside Physicians discretion.

At the ringside physicians' discretion, a contestant that loses by TKO or KO will be placed on an additional medical suspension for a specified amount of time in 15 (fifteen) day increments. Suspensions are FINAL. No suspension can be lifted even with a Doctors note.

1230.00 Disciplinary Suspensions

At the discretion of the Representative or Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Office, a fighter, corner, trainer, or other related to the fighter may be suspended for disciplinary reasons. Persons affected will be notified and an incident report will be filed with the State of Indiana Gaming Commission. All conditions of the suspension must be met prior to the suspension being lifted.

Profanity in fight song - \$50 fine and suspended until fine is paid.

Disrespect of any kind - Minimum \$50 fine. Further fines and suspensions are at the Event Representative and Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Offices discretion. Up to \$500 fine and indefinite suspension from Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Sanctioned Events.

Participants may be suspended due to conduct outside the venue. Should the participant supply a hotel room, their conduct is expected to be in line with the expectations of the promotion and Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC. Participants are also responsible for the conduct of their guests.

1st Offense - Up to a \$250 fine

2nd Offense - Up to a \$500 fine

3rd Offense - Indefinite Suspension. Disrespecting someone else's property will NOT be tolerated!

1230.10 Participating in an event while suspended

Prior to all events, Spire Sanctioning Alliance will conduct an extensive background check on every fighter on the fight card, including alternates. With constant communication between other sanctioning bodies and diligently checking mma.tv, no fighter will ever be allowed to fight while suspended.

All Participants are required to announce all suspensions levied against them. Failure to report them is a violation of the suspension policy and will require additional actions.

Any participant that violates an active suspension will have an additional suspension levied and a fine for the violation.

Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC **WILL** uphold **ALL** medical and safety suspensions from all sanctioning bodies that are communicated to our office.

Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC **WILL** uphold **ALL** disciplinary suspensions communicated to our office if warranted.

The violations are as follows;

Ignoring Safety Suspension:

- 1st Offense - Additional 30 Days, and \$50.00 fine
- 2nd Offense - Additional 90 Days and \$100 fine
- 3rd Offense - Additional 6 months and \$200 fine
- 4th Offense - Indefinite Suspension

Ignoring ANY Medical Suspension:

- 1st Offense - Additional 30 days, and \$100.00 Fine
- 2nd Offense - Additional 6 months and \$200 Fine
- 3rd Offense - Additional 1 year and \$500 Fine
- 4th Offense - Indefinite Suspension

1230.20 No Call No Show

- 1st Offense - 30-Day suspension plus possible fines
- 2nd Offense - 60-Day suspension plus possible fines
- 3rd Offense - 90-Day suspension plus possible fines
- 4th Offense - Indefinite Suspension plus possible fines

1300.00 Ways to Win a Contest

Fighter safety is our number one concern. All decisions by any officials will first and foremost take into consideration, the best interests of the fighter's health and welfare.

KNOCKOUT: A fighter is unable to intelligently defend himself following a legal strike(s) or kick(s). There will be a minimum of a 60-Day Suspension imposed on the Fighter.

TKO / REFEREE STOPPAGE: When a fighter is taking excessive punishment but cannot or will not submit or quit, either due to striking, failing to show a willingness to continue, a refusal to submit in the face of grave injury, or any other reason the referee believes is necessary to preserve the fighter's safety. Or if the ringside Medical Doctor or Referee decides the fighter cannot continue due to a cut or other injury received during a legal technique. There will be a minimum of a 30 Day Suspension imposed on the Fighter.

SUBMISSION: When a fighter submits by tapping on the opponent, the mat, or themselves more than "3" (three) times as a result of; a choke, lock, or any other reason. If a fighter is not in a position to tap, he/she may yell "TAP", "STOP, STOP, STOP", "MATTE", "QUIT" or "GIVE UP". If a fighter cannot tap and cannot verbally tap, the referee shall stop the bout from his own personal determination with the fighter's safety being the paramount concern.

THROW IN THE TOWEL: When in the opinion of the fighter's corner, their fighter has received enough and decides to end the bout for the health and safety of the fighter. This shall count as a TKO.

QUIT: When a fighter simply cannot or refuses to continue. This will count as a TKO.

DISQUALIFICATION: A fighter is disqualified by the referee due to a rules infraction or the fighter, for whatever reason, does not meet the criteria for the pre-fight screening and is not allowed to participate in the event. Should a fighter be disqualified more than 1 (one) time in a 12 (twelve) month period, the fighter will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for possible fine's and or suspensions.

FORFEIT: When a scheduled fighter, after qualifying, fails to answer the initial bell of the first round in their respective bout.

DECISION: When the bout has ended after the scheduled numbered of rounds and the specified time period, without a winner, the bout decision will be determined by the (3) three judges, based on the rules as designated.

1400.00 ***Legal Techniques***

HAND STRIKES (Boxing / Punching Style)

Fighters may strike with a closed fist or open hand/palm of their hand.

ARM STRIKES

None!

SHOULDER STIKES

To the body or head.

LEGS

Fighters may legally strike with shins, and feet to all legal parts of the body when the fight is standing. Fighters may also strike all legal portions of the legs of their opponent when opponent is grounded. No kidney kicks, but leg kicks from guard are ok.

Knees to the head while standing are ONLY allowed in Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Sanctioning Title Bouts. This does NOT include Promotional Title Bouts!

THROWS AND TAKEDOWNS

Any wrestling, judo, or jujitsu throws or takedowns are permitted. NO SPIKING!

CHOKES

Any choke using the arms or legs or any combination thereof.

LOCKS

Any lock using or effecting the elbow, shoulder, wrist, ankle, and knee.

Heel Hooks are ONLY legal in Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Sanctioning Title Bouts. This does NOT include Promotional Title Bouts!

1500.00 ***Illegal Techniques***

If a competitor flagrantly violates any rule, the ring referee may immediately disqualify him / her. If the foul is not severe or intentional, the ring referee will issue a warning OR point deduction(s) from the offending fighter.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED FOULS IN ALL AMATEUR MATCHES.

NO hand chokes (Rape Chokes)

NO disrespect towards your Opponent at any time.

NO elbow striking at all, at any time, NO Downward Elbow Striking will be allowed -
**Point of the Elbows will result in immediate disqualification.

NO Forearm Strikes.

**This helps to eliminate the "accidental" elbow strike.

NO Knee strikes to the head while on the ground. This includes the "3 Point Stance".

A fighter is Down when a knee touches the ring floor or he is otherwise not supported by his two feet, alone, supporting him in a standing or crouched position. Otherwise known as three points of contact.

No Standing Knees to the head for all non Sanctioning Title Bouts. - REVIEW

Heel Hooks are only allowed in approved, sanctioning title bouts only. - REVIEW

NO SPIKING (NORTH/SOUTH SLAM, SPEARING) OF AN APPONENT AT ANYTIME, When Slamming an Opponent, you must have FULL Control of your Opponent when slamming him/her to the mat. This also includes picking up an Opponent and throwing him/her to the mat. This means no Belly to Back or Belly to Belly spikes. The opponent MUST be able to change his position in order to protect himself!!

No Jumping on or Stomping a downed opponent, **No contestant is allowed to jump or stomp on an opponent at any time**

** If the downed fighter is not pursued, the fighters will be stood up into a neutral position. Exception: when both fighters are grounded, knee strikes to the body or legs are legal. The downed opponent is allowed to Up-kick to the standing opponent, so long as the opponent is also NOT grounded. Kicks to the legs are legal.

No Heel Strikes to the Kidneys or Spine from the Full Guard Position.

Mouthpiece must stay in Fighter's Mouth at all times

No Throwing Mouthpieces out of the Fighting area.

No Talking during the bout, this is not only a Safety Issue, it is also to save confusion of the Referee thinking that a Fighter is "Verbally" tapping out.

No Grabbing of the Opponents Shorts or Gloves at any time.

NO Biting.

Eye-Gouging (including with chin or forehead)

Pulling, pushing, poking, or twisting to an opponent's face.

Fish hooks to the eyes, nose, ear, mouth, or laceration.

Hair pulling.

Single digit manipulation, No finger or toe locks.

Head butting to any part of an opponents head or body.

No fingertip, thumb, or knuckle gouging, rakes, or strikes, including to the throat or mandible region

No Acrobatics or rebounding off of the cage or using the cage in any manner.

No strikes to the: throat, groin, spine, or the back of the head, (The area about the size of a balled up fist on the back of a fighters head, crown of the head to the C-7 notch on the spinal column) The main thing here is to watch the downward and direct shots more than the glancing shots to the back of the head. If a fighter keeps turning into the shots as they are thrown, the offending fighter will still be warned, but the receiving fighter will be told about the turning into the shots.

NOTE - A Fighter has as 5 (five) minutes for recovery; Time Keeper will stop time and start the 5 (five) minute clock. The offending fighter must go to a neutral corner farthest away from his corner. During this time the Referee will need to check with other judges about the offense. If after the Recovery Period, the injured fighter can continue, the Time Keeper will start time on the Referee and action in the bout will resume after warnings have been given. If, after trying to recover, the injured fighter, cannot continue, the

fight can be stopped and the bout will be considered a "No Contest", pending investigation into the fight.

NOTE - This does not mean that it will not be a Disqualification, if the fight stops on a Foul, it is deemed a Disqualification.

Lifting, pushing, throwing, or otherwise forcing an opponent out of the ring / cage.

Fighters may NOT grab the ring ropes or cage AT ANY TIME the two fighters are in contact with each other, in an attempt to stall action, trap his opponent, escape a technique, or otherwise gain an advantage. If a fighter grabs or secures any ring rope or cage fencing or pole with a hand, arm, foot or leg during the bout to avoid a possible submission, the referee will stop the bout and deduct 1 (one) point from the offending fighter. A warning will be issued to the offending fighter that he / she will be disqualified if another offense of holding the cage or ropes occurs.

If a fighter continually holds the ring ropes to rest, or pull themselves from the action, avoid the bout's action, a warning for timidity will be issued to the fighter and his corner. If the violation continues, the fighter who has violated the warning will be disqualified for timidity. The Board of Directors for follow-up action, if warranted will forward a report of this action for review.

Excessive grabbing or other use of the ring ropes is a violation of these rules and may result, at the referee's sole discretion, in a fighter's disqualification and an award of the bout to that fighter's opponent. The Lead Referee will instruct fighter during the rules meeting about the fouls and consequences of violating those rules. At the conclusion of the rules meeting, no contestant has the right to receive any additional warnings by the officials about any rules violation. It is at the discretion of the ring referee to impose a warning, point deduction, or disqualification.

1510.00 Penalties

All penalties during a bout is at the sole discretion of the ring referee and the infraction is not review able under protest.

Non-intentional fouls do not constitute an immediate warning and/ or point deduction. The referee will determine each case individually.

Depending on the severity of the foul, the referee can forego a warning and deducted 1 (one) or more points at any time.

WARNING- A stop in the action that requires the ring referee to point out a rules violation that if goes uncorrected, will result in a point deduction or disqualification.

A warning is to have no impact to any judges' score.

The offending fighter must acknowledge the correction and communicate to the referee he/ she understands.

1 (One) Point Deduction- After a warning has been issued, or the severity warrants, the referee will impose a penalty of a 1 (one) point deduction from the offending fighter that has intentionally violating any rule.

The referee will stop the action, send the offended fighter to a neutral corner, and the offending fighter will be taken to each judge and the infraction identified and the amount of the deduction.

The referee will then take the offending fighter to his corner and announce to the corner man, the infraction and penalty.

The offending fighter will be instructed to go to the opposing neutral corner and prepare to re-start the bout.

2 (two) Point Deduction- On a second violation or if severity warrants, the referee will impose a 2 (two) point deduction from the offending fighter.

Actions are the same as a one point deduction.

Disqualification - If no other means are effective or the severity of the violation is of such a nature that the contest must be stopped, the referee may disqualify the offending fighter.

The disqualified fighter will be placed on administrative suspension until the review is complete.

A notification will be sent to all sanctioning bodies in the state of the administrative suspension, as well as, a suspension release when applicable.

A disqualification warrants a mandatory review by the complete Board of Directors within 14 (fourteen) days of the event.

The ring referee must complete an incident report and file it with the Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC office within 3 (three) days of the event.

The Board of Directors will forward a copy of the report to the Indiana Gaming Commission upon completion.

NOTE: Should an illegal technique be used resulting in the offended contestant not able to continue, the ring referee can enforce one of two penalties. The first penalty is to announce the bout a **"NO-CONTEST"**. In this case, neither fighter receives a win or loss on their record.

The second and most severe penalty, the referee will announce the offending fighter is **"Disqualified"**. Therefore, the bout is immediately sent to a review board for consideration. In this case, the review board will make the determination as to the fighters record and either awards a loss to the offender or as a no-contest. In either case, the fighter that was unable to continue will not receive a win on his/ her record.

1520.00 *Stoppages due to Injury*

Bout stoppages due to an injury will result in the possibility of different outcomes in the match, these outcomes need to be closely adhered to.

The 3(three) possibilities that factor into a fight stopping due to an injury are;

1. **Legal Blow-** If the fight is stopped due to an injury, severe enough to stop the contest, from a **LEGAL BLOW**, the injured Fighter loses via **TKO**.
2. **Intentional Foul-** Any injury from an **INTENTIONAL FOUL** that is severe enough to stop the bout immediately, the Fighter committing the foul loses via **DISQUALIFICATION**.
3. **Unintentional Foul-** Any Injury due to an **Unintentional Foul** and the Injured Fighter cannot continue, The Bout will be declared a **NO CONTEST**.

1600.00 *Bout Protest*

A Bout Protest will only be accepted when a legitimate, justified and a provable reason exists. Some of the issues may include, but are not be limited to:

Personal issues with a certain judge such as favoritism or a personal bond to a fighter that can be proved that, these ties are either negative or positive towards one or both of the fighters involved.

A questionable stoppage of the bout, in regards to a flagrant rules violation or disqualification.

Problem with the round times, too long or too short.

Failure of equipment that caused an issue with the fight. (Light Malfunction, Cage / Ring Failure etc.). In this case, a winner will not be decided; instead, a draw or no contest may be the outcome. Should this occur, a fight should not continue without each fighter being in agreement? A bout protest is not in order after an agreement to fight had been reached.

If a fighter takes repeated blows and cannot escape or intelligently defend him /her, it is irrelevant if the fighter says they are not hurt, this is not review able.

No protest will be considered without the below required information and fees;

All protests must be received by the Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC Office in writing, with all pertinent evidence, within 10 (ten) days from the date of the event in which the protest took place.

Protest must include a DVD of raw footage of the bout. No protest will be reviewed without video evidence.

Any additional evidence should accompany the written protest such as statements, pictures etc. Be sure to include the grounds for which the protest is being levied, the potential outcome you are seeking and why.

A final decision of the protests will be determined within 30 days by the Director or his designee. The results of the review will be in written form, recorded in Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC files, forwarded to the Indiana Gaming Commission, and the contestant.

All bout protests require a \$100.00 deposit. Should the ruling be in favor of the contestant who levied the protest, a refund will be included in the findings report.

1700.00 Insurance

1710.00 Fighter Insurance

Fighter Insurance can be purchased through the Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC. However, this is not required. If insurance is not purchased through Spire Sanctioning Alliance, proof of insurance is required prior to the event.

The required minimum fighter insurance for events is \$5000/\$5000.

Deductibles for the required medical benefit coverage must be paid by the promoter.

1720.00 Venue Insurance

Venue Insurance is not required by the Spire Sanctioning Alliance LLC, but suggested. Some venues may require this.

1800.00 Drug Testing

1810.00 Drug Testing

Spire Sanctioning Alliance reserves the right to do random drug testing to any competitor competing on any Spire sanctioned event.

If selected, the said competitor must submit the test results to the Spire Sanctioning Alliance office directly from the Laboratory within 14 days of being notified. A 7-day extension can be granted pending an application for an extension.

If any competitor refuses to submit a test ordered under this document, they will be found to have failed the test and be subject to suspensions set forth by the Spire Sanctioning Alliance.

The said competitor will have full responsibility for payment of the drug test.

Suspensions for a positive drug test:

1st offense: 60 Days

2nd offense: 6 months

3rd offense: Indefinite

Prohibited Drugs Include but is not limited to:

Opiates

Methadone

Barbiturates

Amphetamines

Benzodiazepines

Cocaine

PCP

Anabolic Steroids

Performance enhancing drugs

Any competitor found to possess any prohibited drug at the event will not be allowed to compete in the said event.

A drug test is required for all Spire Sanctioned Titles! All competitors scheduled to fight in any title fight must submit negative drug testing results (7) seven days prior to the date of the scheduled event.

If any winner of a contest has a confirmed positive drug test result following any bout, or, failed to submit a test, the official bout result shall change to a no contest.