
TITLE 808 STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Emergency Rule
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DIGEST

Temporarily amends provisions of 808 IAC to include references to boxing, sparring or unarmed combat matches and exhibitions; removes references to ultimate fighting. Updates obsolete references to the Indiana professional licensing agency and the state boxing commission to the correct entities: Indiana Gaming Commission and state athletic commission, respectively. Temporarily repeals: 808 IAC 1-1.1-2, 808 IAC 1-1.1-3, 808 IAC 1-1.1-4, 808 IAC 1-4-7; 808 IAC 1-4-8; 808 IAC 1-6-13, 808 IAC 2-1-2; 808 IAC 2-2-1, 808 IAC 2-3-3, 808 IAC 2-3-4, 808 IAC 2-7-8, 808 IAC 2-7-12; 808 IAC 2-7-13; 808 IAC 2-12-4, 808 IAC 2-12-5; 808 IAC 2-21-1; 808 IAC 2-25-1, 808 IAC 2-23-1, 808 IAC 2-31-1, 808 IAC 2-33-1. Effective upon filing with the Register.

SECTION 1. The following definitions apply throughout this rule document unless otherwise indicated:

(a) "Commission" means the state athletic commission.

(b) "Commission representative" means any individual duly appointed by the director to regulate a particular event for purposes of ensuring compliance with IC 25-9 and this rule document.

(c) "Conflict of interest" means a situation in which a private interest, usually of a financial nature, may influence a person's judgment in the performance of his or her duty. A conflict of interest includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Any conduct or circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the person is biased.

(2) Acceptance of any form of compensation, except as provided for in this rule document, for any services rendered as part of the person's duties for the commission.

(3) Participation in any business being transacted by any person in which the person's spouse or child has a financial interest.

(4) Use of the person's position, title, or any authority associated with it in a manner designed for personal gain or benefit.

(5) Demonstration, through work or action in the performance of the person's duties, of any preferential attitude or treatment toward any person.

(d) "Contestant" means a professional boxer and unarmed competitor.

(e) "Director" means the individual selected by the Executive Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission pursuant to IC 25-9-1-3(b).

(f) "Event" means a match, contest, or exhibition.

(g) "Fighting area" means a:

(1) ring; or

(2) fenced or roped area

approved by the commission for purposes of conducting boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(h) "Officials" means a licensed:

(1) judge;

(2) referee; or

(3) timekeeper.

- (i) “Professional” refers to any boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event that includes at least one (1) bout wherein the contestants are eligible to receive a:
 - (1) purse; or
 - (2) prize with a value of greater than one hundred dollars (\$100).

SECTION 2. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-1-3.

- (b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.
- (c) All papers required to be filed with the commission shall become its property.

SECTION 3. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-3-1.

- (b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.
- (c) Before acting upon an application for a license or permit, the commission may, at its discretion, examine, under oath, the applicant and other witnesses.

SECTION 4. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-3-2.

- (b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.
- (c) Any organization or person holding a promoter’s license must:
 - (1) file a complete event permit application with the commission at least forty-five (45) days before the proposed event date; and
 - (2) have the application for the permit approved by the commission;before holding each specific event.
- (d) Failure to file the event permit application with the commission at least forty-five (45) days before the proposed event date shall result in the application being denied by the commission.
- (e) Failure of the promoter responsible for any scheduled event to hold a valid and active license at the time of the event makes any event permit issued by the commission void.

SECTION 5. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-3-4.

- (b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.
- (c) In addition to the grounds for denial or disciplinary action outlined in IC 25-1-11, the following may be grounds for denial or discipline of any license issued by the commission under IC 25-9 or this rule document:
 - (1) Failure, without just cause, to observe the terms of any contract required to be on file with the commission. The commission must be informed within a reasonable time of the impossibility of performing as required under the contract before just cause can be shown.
 - (2) Violation of any of the provisions of IC 25-9, IC 25-1, this rule document, or the orders of the commission.
 - (3) Interference with the official duties of the licensees, the commission, or any administrative officer or representative thereof.
 - (4) Gambling on the result of any bout permitted by the commission that is otherwise prohibited by law.
 - (5) Noncompetitive boxing, sparring or unarmed combat or the solicitation of noncompetitive professional boxers or unarmed competitors.
 - (6) Failure to appear at designated times and places as required by the commission.
 - (7) Bribery or attempted bribery of any licensee, employee, or member of the commission.
 - (8) Employing or knowingly cooperating in fraud or material deception in order to obtain any license or permit issued by the commission.
 - (9) Having been convicted of a crime which has a direct bearing on the applicant’s or licensee’s ability to perform acts requiring a license or permit issued by the commission.

(10) Unlicensed or unpermitted participation in any activity in the state of Indiana for which a license or permit issued by the commission was required.

SECTION 6. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-4-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All tickets issued to the press shall be marked "Press". Press tickets shall be consecutively numbered so as to correspond to the seats and shall not be issued to exceed the comfortable seating capacity of the press box surrounding the fighting area.

(d) No person, except the officials designated by the commission or commission representatives, shall be permitted to sit in the press seats, unless actually engaged in reporting the event.

SECTION 7. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-4-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The promoter shall be responsible for satisfying the requirements of IC 25-9-1-22(a) and 25-9-1-22.5(a).

(d) The promoter does not satisfy IC 25-9-1-22(a) until it pays the state five percent (5%) of the face value of any complimentary tickets issued for an event, which value shall be based on the location of the seat.

(e) The promoter does not satisfy IC 25-9-1-22.5(a) until it pays the state five percent (5%) of the gross receipts derived from the telecast of any licensed event held in the state of Indiana.

SECTION 8. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-4-3.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All event tickets, exclusive of press, employees' and contestants' tickets, shall have a price and date of show printed plainly thereon and shall have a coupon attached. Both ticket and coupon shall show the seat number, row and section and shall be consecutively numbered. The coupon shall be held by the purchaser for identification.

(d) In the case of general admission tickets, where the purchaser may occupy any seat, both the coupon and ticket shall be consecutively numbered and the number on the coupon attached shall correspond with number on the ticket.

SECTION 9. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-4-4.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Contestants working on a percentage basis shall be paid on the basis of the net receipts of each event, after the following has been deducted:

- (1) Any state tax and federal tax;
- (2) Fighting area expense.

SECTION 10. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-4-5.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Except as provided in (d), no person shall be admitted to any event unless he or she holds a ticket.

(d) Only licensed officials and commission representatives assigned for duty at an event shall be admitted, without tickets, to that event upon presentation of their identification cards and credentials.

SECTION 11. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-4-6.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Pursuant to IC 25-9-1-22 and IC 25-9-1-22.5, a promoter must submit to the commission the prescribed ticket tax and television tax forms not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the event.

(d) Upon request of the commission, every promoter shall, not later than forty-eight (48) hours after each event, return all unsold or unused tickets to the commission.

SECTION 12. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-4-10.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Promoters must exercise extraordinary caution to prevent speculation in tickets. Except by permission of the commission, promoters are prohibited from:

- (1) Selling any tickets for any price other than the price printed thereon;
- (2) Changing the price of tickets at any time after tickets for the event have been placed on sale.

SECTION 13. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-4-11.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All ticket exchanges must be made at the box office. No exchange may be made unless the ticket seller and promoter have made a complete and accurate accounting, including the:

- (1) total number of all tickets exchanged;
- (2) prices of all tickets exchanged; and
- (3) the total number of new tickets issued.

This accounting must be available for examination and audit by the representative of the commission.

(d) Unless authorized by the commission, no tickets shall be redeemed or refunded after the event has begun.

SECTION 14. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-5-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) The commission may request a diagram or plan showing the ringside seating arrangement prior to the event.

(d) At each event, the promoter shall provide the following:

- (1) A minimum of six (6) ringside seats marked "Commission".
- (2) Three (3) ringside seats for the event judges. These seats shall:
 - (A) Be stationed on three (3) distinct sides of the ring;
 - (B) Allow for an unobstructed view of the ring at all times; and
 - (C) Be elevated to a height that exceeds other ringside seats.
- (3) Two (2) ringside seats near the gong for the event timekeepers.
- (4) Two (2) ringside seats for physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5 and appointed by the commission, which allow for an unobstructed view of the ring at all times.
- (5) One (1) ringside seat for an announcer.
- (6) One (1) ringside seat for each alternate referee.
- (7) One (1) ringside seat in each corner for a commission representative that allows for an unobstructed view of that corner.
- (8) All other ringside seats deemed necessary by the commission representative.

SECTION 15. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-5-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Before any permit may be granted to any promoter applying to conduct, hold, or give any event, the promoter shall execute and file with the commission a bond or other instrument as provided under IC 25-9-1-22.

SECTION 16. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-6-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All contracts between promoters and professional boxers or unarmed competitors agreeing to be contestants must be:

(1) in writing;

(2) signed by the parties thereto or their authorized agents; and

(3) filed with the commission within ten (10) calendar days prior to the event.

(d) All contracts must contain a clause that:

(1) Obligates the parties thereto to observe the provisions of IC 25-9 and this rule document; and

(2) Provides that if a contestant or promoter fails to fulfill his or her obligations under IC 25-9, this rule document, or the contract, and the bout fails to occur as a result, the contestant not at fault will be paid as specified under the contract.

SECTION 17. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-7-3.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Minors under twelve (12) years of age shall not be admitted to any event unless accompanied by an adult eighteen (18) years of age or older.

SECTION 18. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-7-4.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All promoters who are promoting a specific event shall furnish adequate police or private security forces for the protection of the public and shall be responsible therefore.

SECTION 19. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-9-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) No introduction or announcements except those pertaining to the event shall be made from the fighting area, unless authorized by the commission's representative.

SECTION 20. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 1-10-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Only:

(1) contestants;

(2) promoters;

(3) managers;

(4) seconds;

(5) physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5;

(6) representatives of the press;

(7) commission representatives; and

(8) any additional individuals approved by the commission or the commission's representative;

will be permitted in dressing rooms, all of whom must present proper credentials approved in writing, from the commission.

SECTION 21. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-1-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

- (c) Two (2) passport size photographs must be attached to the application for licensing as a contestant. Photographs must be full faced without a hat, in a natural pose.
- (d) All applicants for contestant's licenses must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (e) All applicants must:
 - (1) have taken a thorough physical by a physician who is licensed in the state in which the physical has been conducted; and
 - (2) present a written statement from that physician stating that the applicant is physically fit and qualified to participate in an event.
- (f) A birth certificate or other approved record of birth, such as baptismal record, passport record, school record, or certificate of discharge from the United States armed forces, must be presented to the commission's representative.

SECTION 22. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-1-5.

- (b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.
- (c) Boxers must wear proper athletic costumes approved by the commission, including the following:
 - (1) Boxing trunks of contrasting color.
 - (2) Groin protection.
 - (3) Shoes of soft material and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles, or hard heels.
 - (4) Bandages and taping, as required in SECTION 89.
 - (5) Gloves, as required in SECTION 86.
 - (6) A properly fitted mouthpiece.
 - (7) A minimum use of cosmetics.
 - (8) Female boxers must wear a breast protector.
 - (9) Hair, including facial hair, must be trimmed or secured in a manner so as not to interfere with the vision or safety of the boxer.
 - (10) No jewelry may be worn by the boxers.

SECTION 23. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-1-7.

- (b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.
- (c) Any change to the official fight card must be submitted to the director or his designee for approval not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled event. The substituting contestant must be licensed as a contestant and must satisfy the examining physician that he or she is qualified under this title to engage in a bout or the contestant will not be permitted to compete.
- (d) If the commission representative cannot be reached to approve a substitution, no substitutions shall be permitted.
- (e) Notice of any change in announced or advertised programs for any event must be promptly filed with the director or his designee prior to the event.
- (f) Notices announcing any change or substitution must also be conspicuously posted at the box office and also be announced from the fighting area before the opening bout.

SECTION 24. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-1-8.

- (b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.
- (c) Whenever a contestant, because of injury or illness, is unable to take part in an event for which the contestant is under contract, the contestant or the contestant's manager must immediately report the fact to the commission and submit to an examination by a physician licensed in the state where the

examination occurs. The commission will determine the merits of the claim by the contestant and render a decision as to the contestant's ability to compete.

SECTION 25. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-1-9.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) When a boxer competes in an event of ten (10) rounds or more, the boxer will not be allowed to compete again until seven (7) days have elapsed, starting with the first full calendar day after the previous event. When a boxer competes in an event less than ten (10) rounds, the boxer will not be allowed to compete again until three (3) days have elapsed, starting with the first full calendar day after the previous event.

(d) A boxer will automatically receive medical suspensions of his or her federal identification card issued by a registry certified or operated by the Association of Boxing Commissions under 15 U.S.C. 6305 for the following:

(1) For a cut, the medical suspension time shall be based on the ringside physician's sound medical judgment.

(2) For a technical knockout, a minimum of thirty (30) days medical suspension for a technical knockout.

(3) For a knockout, a minimum of sixty (60) days minimum medical suspension.

(e) The ringside physician may:

(1) lengthen an existing medical suspension;

(2) impose additional medical suspensions.

(f) If a physician lengthens or imposes a medical suspension, a boxer must be examined and cleared for competition by a physician licensed in the state in which the examination occurred.

SECTION 26. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(b) An order for a non-medical suspension or termination of a boxer's federal identification card is effective fifteen (15) days after the order is served on the boxer unless the commission specifies a later date.

(c) Notice of an order of a non-medical suspension or termination of a boxer's federal identification card must include:

(1) a brief description of the order suspending or terminating the boxer's federal identification card; and

(2) a brief explanation of the available procedures available and the time limit for seeking administrative review of the order.

(d) A boxer receiving a non-medical suspension or termination of his or her federal identification card may file the following with the commission:

(1) petition for review;

(2) stay of effectiveness.

(e) If the commission denies the petition for review, the commission shall serve notice on the petitioner including a:

(1) statement that the petition for review is denied; and

(2) a brief explanation of the available procedures and time limit for seeking administrative review of the denial.

(f) If the petition for review is granted by the commission, the commission shall assign the matter to an administrative law judge. The commission may conduct informal proceedings to settle the matter.

(g) If a petition for review and a petition for stay of effectiveness are filed, an administrative law judge shall, as soon as practicable, conduct a preliminary hearing to determine whether the order should be stayed in whole or in part.

SECTION 27. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(b) Any person who has received a non-medical suspension of his or her federal identification card may petition the commission, in writing, and request that his or her federal identification card be reinstated.

(c) The petition must:

(1) be addressed to the director;

(2) state with specificity facts believed by the petitioner to constitute evidence for reinstatement of his or her federal identification card; and

(3) include the signature of the person requesting reinstatement, indicating acknowledgement of the following statement: "I certify, under the penalty of perjury, that the information that I have provided is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

(d) The director may:

(1) deny the petition;

(2) reject the petition; or

(3) designate the petition for review.

(e) The director must deny a petition if it is submitted prior to the expiration of three (3) years from the effective date or from the conclusion of any hearing, appeal, or prior petition for removal associated with placement on the list, whichever occurs later.

(f) The director may reject a petition for reinstatement if:

(1) the petition fails to comply with any of the requirements of subsection (b) or (c); or

(2) the facts contained in the petition are the same or substantially the same facts that the petitioner set forth in a petition for hearing under 68 IAC 7-1 or a prior petition for reinstatement of his or her federal identification card.

(g) An person whose petition for reinstatement has been rejected but not denied may cure the cause of the rejection, if possible, and resubmit the cured petition for removal at any time following the rejection as long as the person is in compliance with all other applicable requirements under IAC 25-9 and this rule document.

(h) A petitioner may not withdraw a request for reinstatement of his or her federal identification card list without leave of the executive director.

(i) Upon designating a petition for a review proceeding, the director must assign one (1) person to serve as review officer to conduct the review. The director, deputy director, and commission employees who are attorneys are eligible to serve as review officers.

(j) The review officer must schedule the review proceeding to occur no later than ninety (90) days from the receipt of the request for reinstatement. The review officer must notify the petitioner in writing of the date, time, and place at which the review proceeding will be conducted.

(k) The review officer may grant continuances upon a showing of good cause.

SECTION 28. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-1-10.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) No contestant under the age of twenty-one (21) shall take part in any bout of more than six (6) rounds duration, unless receiving prior approval from the commission.

SECTION 29. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-1-11.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) No contestant shall be permitted to use, as an assumed name, the name of any former or present contestant.

SECTION 30. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-1-12.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) A negative pregnancy test must be obtained at the time of the required pre-fight physical examination. Results shall be submitted to the commission prior to the weigh-in. The commission will not permit a female contestant to compete if she:

- (1) is determined to be pregnant; or
- (2) fails to submit pregnancy test results.

(d) The physician licensed in the state in which the examination occurs may request a buccal smear after the physical examination if there is any doubt regarding the contestant's sex.

SECTION 31. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-2-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Managers of contestants or any individuals having a financial interest in any contestant may not serve as a matchmaker for that contestant without consent of the commission and will be prohibited from acting as a matchmaker for any promoter.

(d) All managers at least twenty-one (21) years of age and duly licensed. The manager must, above all, have a keen interest in the manager's contestant, and assist the contestant during the training period, during the event, and particularly after the completion of every event.

(e) All managers and seconds will be held responsible for failure to report to the commission any injury or illness sustained by a contestant under the manager's management or supervision, before or after any event. Responsibility towards a contestant does not cease with the termination of the event. Failure of a manager to comply with this rule will subject the manager to disciplinary action under IC 25-9 and IC 4-21.5.

(f) All managers will be held responsible for the condition of their contestants at all times. Failure to adhere to this rule will subject a manager to disciplinary action under IC 25-9 and IC 4-21.5.

SECTION 32. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 2-3-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All promoters who have obtained an event permit from the commission shall submit, no later than ten (10) calendar days before the scheduled event:

(1) the:

- (A) names;
- (B) Indiana license numbers;
- (C) federal identification numbers;
- (D) official fighter report obtained from a registry certified or operated by the association of boxing commissions;
- (E) human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Surface Antigen, and Hepatitis C antibody test results taken within the previous thirty (30) days; and
- (F) proof of the required insurance coverage;

for each contestant who will be participating in the scheduled event.

(2) contracts agreed to and signed by the promoter and each contestant who will be participating in the scheduled event.

(3) contracts agreed to and signed by the promoter and venue which will be participating in the scheduled event.

(4) the names and Indiana license numbers of all:

- (A) seconds;
- (B) managers;

- (C) trainers;
- (D) matchmakers; and
- (E) announcers;

who will be participating in the scheduled event;

- (5) the name and license number of all physicians monitoring the scheduled event;
- (6) the name and contact information of the ambulance company providing ambulance service for the scheduled event; and
- (7) the number of rounds scheduled for each bout.

(d) Failure to provide any of the information required by this rule to the commission at least ten (10) calendar days before the scheduled event date may result in the disapproval by the commission of any or all individual scheduled bouts or individual participants.

SECTION 33. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-3-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) A complete event must consist of at least six (6) scheduled bouts and at least thirty-six (36) scheduled rounds.

SECTION 34. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-3-5.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) No promoter or matchmaker shall serve as a referee, judge or timekeeper at event, or interfere in any way with the contestant.

(d) No referee, judge, or timekeeper may have a conflict of interest with any licensee participating in the event.

SECTION 35. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-3-6.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All promoters must provide medical information, facilities, and equipment, including, but not limited to:

- (1) a stretcher;
- (2) a portable resuscitator or ambubag with oxygen equipment;
- (3) a hard cervical collar;
- (4) endotracheal tubes with laryngoscope;
- (5) a portable defibrillator;
- (6) advanced life support medications; and
- (7) an ambulance consisting of two (2) emergency medical technicians certified under IC _____;

for each event and all such medical facilities. All such medical facilities and equipment must be approved by the commission or the commission's representative, in advance of the event.

(d) The location of an event may not be more than sixty (60) minutes by ambulance from a hospital providing neurosurgical evaluation and treatment facilities, with a neurosurgeon on call. The promoter shall notify the hospital not less than twenty-four (24) hours before an event of the time and location of the event, with a request for a neurosurgeon to be on call.

SECTION 36. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-4-5

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All drinks at an event must be dispensed in paper or plastic cups.

(d) Ashtrays and plates provided for patrons at events must be made from paper or lightweight plastic.

SECTION 37. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-5-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Officials shall consist of at least two (2) referees, three (3) judges, two (2) timekeepers.

(d) All officials shall be appointed by the commission for any and all events and may be assigned, at the option of the director, to officiate at any and all bouts.

SECTION 38. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 2-6-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All licenses issued by the commission shall be subject to the following non-refundable, non-transferable issuance and renewal fees:

(1) Promoters	\$500
(2) Matchmakers	\$300
(3) Managers	\$50
(4) Trainers	\$25
(5) Seconds	\$25
(6) Announcers	\$25
(7) Professional Boxing and Sparring Timekeepers	\$25
(8) Professional Boxing and Sparring Judges	\$50
(9) Professional Boxing and Sparring Referees	\$150
(10) Contestants	\$25
(11) Unarmed Combat Timekeepers	\$25
(12) Unarmed Combat Judges	\$50
(13) Unarmed Combat Referees	\$150

(d) To obtain a permit from the commission before holding a specific event, a promoter shall pay a non-refundable, non-transferable permit application fee of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(e) To obtain or renew federal identification card, a contestant shall pay a non-refundable, non-transferable fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25). A contestant shall pay a replacement fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each replacement federal or national identification card.

(f) To reinstate any expired license, the applicant for reinstatement shall pay a non-refundable license reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) in addition to the normal renewal fee as listed in subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION 39. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(b) Except as provided in (c), all licenses issued by the commission expire on September 30 of each year.

(c) The following licenses expire on September 30 of each even numbered year:

- (1) Contestants;
- (2) Judges; and
- (3) Referees

(d) A contestant must renew his or her license by paying the non-refundable, non-transferable renewal fee on or before the expiration date of the license. If a contestant fails to pay the non-renewable renewal fee on or before the expiration date of the license, the license becomes invalid.

SECTION 40. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(b) The promoter shall pay, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) For events in venues with a seating capacity of fewer than five hundred (500):
 - (A) Timekeepers \$65
 - (B) Judges \$100
 - (C) Referees \$150
- (2) For events in venues with a seating capacity of more than five hundred (500)
 - (A) Timekeepers \$70
 - (B) Judges \$125
 - (C) Referees \$175
- (3) For televised events:
 - (A) Timekeepers \$75
 - (B) Judges \$150
 - (C) Referees \$200
- (4) For televised events which include a title bout:
 - (A) Timekeepers \$85
 - (B) Judges \$200
 - (C) Referees \$300
- (5) For events televised on premium channels or pay-per-view:
 - (A) Timekeepers \$100
 - (B) Judges \$300
 - (C) Referees \$500
- (6) For a title bout televised on a premium channel or pay per view:
 - (A) Timekeepers \$125
 - (B) Judges \$350
 - (C) Referees \$750

(c) The compensation and traveling expenses of referees for officiating at events shall be paid by the promoter conducting the event.

SECTION 41. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The chief official of an event shall be the referee, who shall have general supervision over the event and shall take position in the fighting area.

SECTION 42. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) All referees will be held in strict observance of IC 25-9 and this rule document while working in an event. Failure to comply therewith shall result in immediate removal from the fighting area by the commission's representative.

SECTION 43. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-3.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Referees must wear uniforms approved by the commission.

SECTION 44. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-4.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The referee shall, before starting an event, ascertain from each contestant the name of his or her chief second, and shall hold said chief second responsible for the conduct of his assistant seconds during the progress of the event.

SECTION 45. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-5.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The referee shall, before each bout, call contestants together for final instructions, at which time each contestant shall be accompanied by the contestant's chief second only.

SECTION 46. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-6.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) No persons other than the contestants and the referee may enter the fighting area during the progress of a round.

SECTION 47. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-7.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The referee shall inspect all bandages and gloves and make sure that the same are in proper condition and of proper material and that no foreign substances have been applied to either the gloves or the bodies of contestants to the detriment of an opponent.

(d) Male contestants must wear a groin protector of their own selection, of a type approved by the commission.

(e) Female contestants are prohibited from wearing groin protectors.

(f) Female contestants must wear a chest protector during a bout. The chest protector shall be subject to approval of the commission.

SECTION 48. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-9.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) The referee shall not touch the boxer except on the failure of one (1) or both to obey the break command. When a referee is of the opinion that a boxer is stalling or faking, the referee shall immediately warn him or her in a way that will not cause confusion, but so the spectators may know that warning is given. If in the referee's opinion, after proper warning, the boxer continues to stall or pull punches, the referee shall wait until the round is finished before consulting with the judges, making no decision until the referee has done so. No bout shall be stopped for such cause during the progress of a round.

SECTION 49. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-10.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) After consultation, the referee shall abide by the majority decision of the judges and himself, and if it is decided that the bout is to be declared no contest, the referee shall have the decision announced by the announcer. If it is decided that the bout shall continue, and should no improvement be shown, then the referee may stop the bout during the progress of a round.

SECTION 50. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-11.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) The referee shall immediately disqualify a boxer who is guilty of a deliberate and willful foul and award the decision to his opponent. .

(d) A referee shall:

(1) not give more than one (1) warning for an unintentional foul, which is likely to incapacitate an opponent; and

(2) disqualify the offender without warning in case of actual injury, except when the opponent is accidentally butted so that he cannot continue.

(e) In cases of minor fouls such as hitting with open gloves, unnecessary or prolonged clinching, or refusal to break after warning has been given by the referee, the referee may disqualify the offender and award the decision to the opponent.

SECTION 51. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-7-14.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) If the referee sees or, if after consultation with the judges, determines that a boxer is accidentally butted in a bout so that he or she cannot continue, the following method will be utilized to determine the outcome of the bout:

(1) A majority vote, as disclosed by the scorecards, shall prevail in determining the decision if the accidental butt occurs after the completion of four (4) rounds. Partial rounds shall be scored by the judges.

(2) The bout shall be declared a no decision if an accidental butt occurs during the first four (4) rounds of any event.

SECTION 52. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-8-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) Should a boxer leave the ring during the one minute period between rounds and fail to be in the ring when gong sounds to resume boxing, the referee shall count him out, the same as if he were down.

SECTION 53. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-8-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) When a boxer is down, his or her opponent shall retire to the farthest neutral corner of the ring and remain there until the count is completed.

SECTION 54. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-8-3.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) When a knockdown occurs, the following procedure shall be implemented:

(1) The referee shall first require the standing opponent to retire to the farthest neutral corner of the ring.

(2) The timekeeper shall first immediately arise and begin the count and announce the seconds audibly as they elapse.

(3) Once the referee has ensured the standing opponent has retired to the farthest neutral corner of the ring, the referee shall turn to the timekeeper, and commence the counting at the same count as the timekeeper.

(4) Once the referee has commenced the counting at the same count as the timekeeper, the timekeeper shall cease counting.

(d) When a boxer is cleanly knocked down, the boxer shall be required to take a count of eight (8), whether or not the boxer has regained his feet before the count of eight (8) has been reached.

SECTION 55. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-8-4.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) When a round ends before a boxer who was knocked down rises, the gong shall not sound, and the count shall continue. If the boxer rises before the count of eight (8), the timekeeper shall sound the gong and end the round.

SECTION 56. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-8-5.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) Should a boxer who is knocked down arise before the count of ten (10) is reached and again go down intentionally without being struck, the referee shall disqualify the boxer.

SECTION 57. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-8-6.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) If a boxer who has been knocked or has fallen out of the ring during an event fails to be on his or her feet in the ring before the expiration of twenty (20) seconds, the referee shall declare the boxer out, the same as if the boxer were counted out while down.

SECTION 58. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(b) A boxer who has fallen or has been knocked out of the ring must return to the ring unassisted. The referee shall stop the bout when, in the referee's opinion:

- (1) either boxer shows marked superiority, and
- (2) the continuation of the same would result in unnecessary and useless punishment and would eventually in a knockout.

SECTION 59. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-8-8.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) Except in title bouts, in the event that a boxer appears to be entering a state of unconsciousness or otherwise appears to be unable to defend himself or herself, the referee shall order such boxer's opponent into the farthest neutral corner and commence a count of eight (8). After the count of eight (8), the referee shall determine whether the boxer is able to continue to fight. If the boxer is not able to continue the bout, his or her opponent shall be declared the winner by technical knockout. If the boxer is able to continue the bout, the judges and referee shall score the standing eight (8) count as though it were a knockdown.

SECTION 60. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-9-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) The referee shall decide all questions arising during an event which are not specifically covered by IC 25-9 and this rule document.

(d) In case of a knockout, the referee shall, immediately after the count of ten (10):

- (1) raise the arm of the boxer who has scored the knockout; and
- (2) declare him or her the winner.

SECTION 61. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-9-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) Referees and judges in events shall, in rendering their decisions, consider and declare a boxer to be knocked out when the boxer is unable, after being knocked down, to arise unaided inside of ten (10) seconds. If a boxer is in distress, but still on his feet, and the referee intercedes to save him, the decision shall be a technical knockout.

SECTION 62. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-9-3.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) In case of a knockout, the score cards should be marked K.O., showing round in which knock-out occurred.

SECTION 63. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-9-4.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The commission reserves the right to make public through the press the individual decisions of the referees and judges.

SECTION 64. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-9-5.

(b) This SECTION shall only apply to a professional boxing or sparring exhibition.

(c) In an exhibition, each boxer must wear gloves at least sixteen (16) ounces in weight and head gear approved by the commission.

(d) Both boxers must sign contracts stipulating that the bout will be an exhibition, and a no decision shall be rendered.

(e) In the event of a knockout, the announcer will present the results, and the bout will be listed in the record as an exhibition ending in the round that the exhibition was terminated.

(f) Medical suspension for the boxer suffering the knockout will be levied by the commission just as would be levied for a regular event.

SECTION 65. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-9-6.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) If any round is not finished, that round will be scored. If a penalty is assessed against a boxer in an incomplete round, that penalty is deducted from the boxer's total score.

SECTION 66. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-10-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Any official who recognizes any action that may violate IC 25-9 or this rule document at any event shall immediately report the action to a commission representative at the event.

SECTION 67. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-11-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Three (3) judges shall be in attendance at each event and may serve as judges for the entire event when appointed for this purpose by the commission or the commission's representative. The three (3) judges shall be stationed at ringside as designated by the commission and must render an independent decision.

SECTION 68. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-11-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Each judge shall be ready at all times, if requested by the referee, to assist in deciding whether fouls have been committed, and may bring any other points to the attention of the referee at the end of a round.

SECTION 69. (a). THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-11-3.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) The decisions of the judges shall be based primarily on effectiveness, taking into account the following points, in order of importance:

(1) A clean forceful hit, landed on any vulnerable part of the body above the belt, may be credited in proportion to its damaging effects.

(2) Aggressiveness. Points should be awarded to the boxer who sustains the action of a round by the greatest number of skillful attacks.

(3) Sportsmanship. A boxer should be given credit for:

(A) sportsmanlike action in the ring;

(B) close adherence to the spirit, as well as the letter, of the rules; and

(C) refraining from taking technical advantage of situations unfair to the opponent. Unsportsmanlike conduct or actions on the part of a boxer may be taken into consideration and points deducted in accordance therewith.

(4) Defensive work. Points should be given for cleverly avoiding or blocking a blow.

(5) Conspicuous ring generalship. This includes:

(A) The ability to quickly grasp and take advantage of every opportunity offered;

(B) The capacity to cope with all kinds of situations which may arise;

(C) To foresee and neutralize an opponent's method of attack; and

(D) To force an opponent to adopt a style of boxing at which the opponent is not particularly skillful.

(6) Points may be deducted when a boxer persistently delays the action of an event by clinching, holding, and lack of aggressiveness.

(7) Every point shall be carefully observed and noticed as the round progresses. The winner of the round shall be the boxer receiving the largest number of points scored in that round. At the end of the event, the boxer who has to his or her credit the greatest number of points is the winner of the event. Each round is to be accounted for on the scorecard in figures by the judges. The ten (10) point system shall be used. The score shall be in ratio of merit and demerit of the difference displayed by the professional boxers. For a draw or even round, ten (10) points shall be given each boxer, the difference in ratio as ten (10) to nine (9), ten (10) to eight (8), or ten (10) to seven (7), as the case may be. The points by which the decision has been reached must be clearly indicated on the scorecard which shall become a permanent record of the event. When neither boxer has a decided margin in effectiveness, the winner should be determined on points scored, through aggressiveness and sportsmanship. At the conclusion of each event, the judges shall draw a circle around the name of the winner. In case of a draw, the word "Draw" should be written across the card. In case of a knockout, the scorecard should be marked "K.O.", showing the round in which the knockout occurred. Judges and referees should be discreet at all times and not discuss their decisions, when made, with anyone during an event.

(d) The commission reserves the right to announce the score of each judge at the end of each round.

SECTION 70. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-12-0.5.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The following definitions apply throughout this rule document unless otherwise indicated:

(1) "Confirmed positive test result" means a result of a test, conducted in accordance with the procedures in this rule, indicating the presence of a prohibited drug.

(2) "Drug" means a substance that is one (1) of the following:

(A) Recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official national formulary, or a supplement to one (1) or more of them.

(B) Intended for use in the:

(i) diagnosis;

(ii) cure;

(iii) mitigation;

(iv) treatment; or

(v) prevention;

of disease in humans or other animals.

(C) Intended to affect the structure or a function of the body of a human or other animal, not including food.

- (D) Intended for use as a component of another substance described in (A), (B), or (C).
- (3) “Laboratory” means a laboratory to conduct drug testing.
- (4) “Prohibited drugs” means a drug that falls within one (1) of the following classes or types of substances:
 - (A) Opiates.
 - (B) Methadone.
 - (C) Barbiturates.
 - (D) Amphetamines.
 - (E) Benzodiazepines.
 - (F) Propoxyphene.
 - (G) Cocaine.
 - (H) PCP.
 - (I) Anabolic steroids.
 - (J) Performance enhancing drugs.
 - (K) A drug other than one that has been either of the following:
 - (i) Purchased legally without a prescription, if a medical professional acting within the scope of his or her license or certification has certified that the drug will not affect the contestant’s ability to participate safely in the event and the attending or ringside physician agrees.
 - (ii) Obtained by the individual under a valid prescription or order of a licensed or certified medical professional acting within the scope of his or her license or certification if the medical professional has certified that the drug will not affect the contestant’s ability to participate safely in the event and the attending or ringside physician agrees.
- (5) “Reasonable cause” means conduct or information from which a reasonable person could believe that an individual is under the influence of drugs.
- (6) “Test” means a test designed to detect drugs.

SECTION 71. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-12-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Each contestant must be examined within two (2) hours prior to entering the ring by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5. If the physician so finds, the physician shall certify, in writing, over his or her signature that each contestant is physically fit to engage in the event, and the physician’s certificate shall be delivered to the referee before the event.

(d) The physician shall be in attendance throughout the event, in accordance with law, and prepared to deal with any emergency that may arise.

(e) The physician shall file the report of examination with the commission prior to the bout in which the contestant is competing.

SECTION 72. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-12-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) A contestant is not permitted to participate in an event if the contestant:

- (1) has a prohibited drug in his or her possession or control or in his or her system; or
- (2) refuses to submit to a test ordered under this rule.

SECTION 73. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-12-3.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The commission or the commission's representative may, upon random selection or reasonable cause, order a contestant to submit a test for the detection of a prohibited drug.

(d) Reasonable cause will be deemed to exist if one (1) or more of the following exists:

(1) A contestant has been arrested for, or convicted of, an offense under IC 25-1-1.1.

(2) A contestant has previously tested positive for a prohibited drug.

(3) The commission obtains information that a contestant is under the influence of a drug.

(4) The contestant is observed to be acting under the influence of a drug.

(e) Random selection will be done by a lottery system. Each bout occurring on a given day will be numbered, and the number of each bout will be written on a separate card supplied by the commission. Cards will then be shuffled, and a commission representative will randomly select at least one (1) card. A contestant participating in the bout or the contestant's representative may witness the selection of the card. The contestants who compete in the selected bout shall submit to a test.

(f) Each contestant participating in a championship bout shall submit to a test.

(g) On the day of the event, a representative of the commission will inform a contestant that he or she has been selected for a test. The contestant must make arrangements to submit to a test within thirty-six (36) hours after the end of the event in which the contestant was a competitor. The contestant must submit an observed sample for a test at a laboratory of his or her choice, as approved by the commission. Test results must be submitted by the laboratory directly to the commission within fourteen (14) days. The commission may grant an extension of time if the results cannot be obtained within that time.

(h) A contestant may not refuse to submit to a test ordered under this rule. A contestant will be found to have refused to submit to a test if he or she fails to submit to the testing procedures under this rule.

SECTION 74. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-12-6.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Either of the following may result in disciplinary action being taken, after a hearing, against the contestant's license:

(1) A confirmed positive drug test result.

(2) Failure to submit to a drug test upon request.

(d) A contestant who is disciplined under this section and who was the winner of an event shall be disqualified, and the decision of the event shall be changed to no contest.

(e) The results of an event shall remain unchanged if a contestant who is disciplined under this section was the loser of the event.

SECTION 75. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-12-7.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The promoter shall be responsible for costs incurred with respect to tests performed under this rule.

(d) The contestant shall be responsible for costs incurred with respect to completion of a drug treatment program ordered by the commission.

SECTION 76. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-13-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The timekeeper shall:

(1) provide a whistle and a stopwatch that has been properly examined before the event;

(2) ten (10) seconds before the beginning of each round, give warning to the seconds of contestants by the blowing of the whistle, which is their signal to leave the fighting area;

- (3) ten (10) seconds prior to the end of a round, use a whistle or sound device to provide notice of the end of the round.
- (4) if a bout terminates before the scheduled limit of rounds, inform the announcer of the exact duration of the bout; and
- (5) not use the whistle or sound device during a round, except as provided in subdivisions (1) through (4).

SECTION 77. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-14-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) No individual will be permitted to act as an announcer at any event until the individual has obtained a license from the commission.

SECTION 78. (a) THIS SECTION SUPSERSEDES 808 IAC 2-14-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Announcers are strictly forbidden from making any ringside announcement whatsoever except when authorized to do so by the commission or its designated representative. The announcer shall receive from the promoter a statement of weights for an event and shall make announcement thereof from the fighting area.

SECTION 79. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-15-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) There shall be present at each event a commission representative appointed by the director and duly assigned for such event. The director may assign a chief commission representative and as many additional commission representatives as deemed necessary by the director.

(d) Each commission representative assigned to an event shall be responsible for ensuring that all provisions of IC 25-9 and this rule document are strictly observed.

SECTION 80. (a) THIS SECTION SUPSERSEDES 808 IAC 2-16-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) No license will be issued to seconds of contestants who are under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(d) There shall not be more than three (3) seconds for any one (1) contestant without approval of the commission. A second shall:

- (1) give the referee the names;
- (2) not coach the contestants during the progress of rounds;
- (3) remain seated and silent during rounds;
- (4) not swing towels between rounds (fans may be used between rounds);
- (5) not enter the fighting area until the timekeeper indicates the termination of a round;
- (6) not spray or forcefully throw water on a contestant;
- (7) leave the fighting area enclosure at the sound of the timekeeper's whistle ten (10) seconds before the beginning of each round;
- (8) remove all obstructions, buckets, or stools promptly when the gong or sound device signals the beginning of each round; and
- (9) be neatly attired.

(e) Violations of subsection (d) shall be followed by ejection of offenders from the fighting area corner and may result in the disqualification of their contestant by the referee.

(f) No article shall be placed on the fighting area floor until the gong or sound device has signaled the end of the round.

SECTION 81. (a) THIS SECTION SUPPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-17-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) The classification in weight schedule shall be as follows:

(1) Strawweight	one hundred five (105) pounds.
(2) Light flyweight	one hundred eight (108) pounds.
(3) Flyweight	one hundred twelve (112) pounds.
(4) Super flyweight	one hundred fifteen (115) pounds.
(5) Bantamweight	one hundred eighteen (118) pounds.
(6) Super bantamweight	one hundred twenty-two (122) pounds.
(7) Featherweight	one hundred twenty-six (126) pounds.
(8) Super featherweight	one hundred thirty (130) pounds.
(9) Lightweight	one hundred thirty-five (135) pounds.
(10) Super lightweight	one hundred forty (140) pounds.
(11) Welterweight	one hundred forty-seven (147) pounds.
(12) Super welterweight	one hundred fifty-four (154) pounds.
(13) Middleweight	one hundred sixty (160) pounds.
(14) Super middleweight	one hundred sixty-eight (168) pounds.
(15) Light heavyweight	one hundred seventy-five (175) pounds.
(16) Cruiserweight	one hundred ninety-five (195) pounds.
(17) Heavyweight	all over one hundred ninety-five pounds (195).

(d) No event may be scheduled and no boxer may engage in an event without the approval of the commission or the commission's representative if the difference in weight between boxers exceeds the allowance shown in the following schedule:

(1) Up to 118 pounds	not more than 3 pounds
(2) 118 pounds–126 pounds	not more than 5 pounds
(3) 126 pounds–135 pounds	not more than 7 pounds
(4) 135 pounds–147 pounds	not more than 9 pounds
(5) 147 pounds–160 pounds	not more than 11 pounds
(6) 160 pounds–175 pounds	not more than 12 pounds
(7) 175 pounds–195 pounds	not more than 20 pounds
(8) 195 pounds and over	no limit.

SECTION 82. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-18-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) A weigh-in shall be completed within two (2) hours from the time of the event's commencement. The contestant must weigh in, stripped, in the presence of a commission representative.

(d) If a contestant is not present at the weigh-in, the contestant may not participate in the bout for which he or she was scheduled.

(e) At the weigh-in, if a contestant is over the allowable weight, a second weigh-in may be conducted not more than one (1) hour after the initial weigh-in.

(f) A contestant may not be permitted to lose more than two (2) pounds between the first and second weigh-in.

(g) If a contestant does not make weight, or fails to attend the weigh-in, the bout in which the contestant was scheduled to participate shall be cancelled.

(h) Scales of standard make shall be furnished by the promoter.

(i) At the official weighing-in of all contestants, duly accredited media representatives must, upon request, be admitted.

SECTION 83. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-19-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) The ring shall not be less than sixteen (16) feet nor more than twenty-four (24) feet square within the ropes, and shall be elevated three and one-half (3 1/2) feet above the floor and shall be formed of posts and ropes. There shall be four (4) ropes with the lower rope thirteen (13) inches above the ring floor, the second rope twenty-six (26) inches above the ring floor, the third rope thirty-nine (39) inches above the ring floor, and the top rope fifty-two (52) inches above the ring floor. Rope shall not be less than one (1) inch in diameter and shall be wrapped with soft material. The floor of the ring shall extend beyond the lower ropes for a distance of not less than two (2) feet. Posts and the ring floor must be padded with felt or soft material, to be approved by the commission's representative, not less than two (2) inches in thickness, under a canvas covering, and such padding must extend at least two (2) feet outside of the ropes over the edge of the platform.

(d) The promoter must place cuspidors or some receptacle in each boxer's corner between rounds.

(e) Promoters must provide proper steps at two (2) opposite corners of the ring.

SECTION 84. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-19-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The promoter shall provide, at each event, an adequate supply of disposable hygienic laboratory gloves of a type approved by the commission, to be worn by seconds, referees, ringside physicians, and commission representatives while involved with the event.

(d) No referee shall be permitted to enter the fighting area unless the referee is wearing hygienic gloves.

(e) No second shall be permitted to work in any capacity during a bout unless the second is wearing hygienic gloves.

(f) No ringside physician shall be permitted to examine or medically treat a contestant during an event unless the ringside physician is wearing hygienic gloves. Exceptions shall be permitted if the treatment is considered an emergency or the nature of treatment or examination makes the wearing of hygienic gloves impractical during the procedure.

(g) No commission representative shall be permitted to perform assigned duties during an event unless the commission representative is wearing hygienic gloves, except as the commission, in its discretion, may authorize for commission representatives on certain assignments.

SECTION 85. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-20-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) A gong shall not be less than six (6) inches in diameter and shall be provided by the promoter.

SECTION 86. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-22-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) Gloves shall be examined by the commission representative before each event. If padding is found to be misplaced, lumpy, or imperfect, new gloves must be provided before the event starts. No breaking, roughing, or twisting of gloves shall be permitted.

(d) Gloves for all events shall be supplied by the promoter.

(e) All boxers must wear gloves of standard make, weighing not less than eight (8) ounces for those boxers that weigh one hundred forty-seven (147) pounds or less and at least ten (10) ounces for those boxers that weigh over one hundred forty-seven (147) pounds, unless approved by the commission. The gloves worn by both boxers in a particular bout must be equal in weight.

(f) Each boxer must wear an individually fitted mouthpiece. The mouthpiece must be in the boxer's mouth at all times during the fight period of each round as provided in this section. The referee shall handle the ejection of the mouthpiece from the boxer's mouth in the following manner:

(1) If the referee believes that the mouthpiece was ejected from the boxer's mouth as a result of a natural fight action, the referee shall not charge the boxer with the loss of a point. The referee must wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. The referee must then do the following:

- (A) Take time out.
- (B) Direct the boxer whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to a neutral corner.
- (C) Take the other boxer to his or her corner.
- (D) Direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the boxer's mouth.
- (E) Direct that the fight period immediately continue.

(2) If the referee believes that the boxer spit out or allowed the mouthpiece to fall out of his or her mouth, the referee must do the following:

(A) Upon the first occurrence, wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. The referee shall then do the following:

- (i) Take time out.
- (ii) Direct the boxer whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to a neutral corner.
- (iii) Take the other boxer to his or her corner.
- (iv) Direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the boxer's mouth.
- (v) Warn the boxer that a point will be deducted if the he or she subsequently spits out or allows the mouthpiece to fall out of the his or her mouth.
- (vi) Direct that the fight period immediately continue.

(B) Upon the second occurrence, wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. The referee must then do the following:

- (i) Take time out.
- (ii) Direct the boxer whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to a neutral corner.
- (iii) Take the other boxer to his or her corner.
- (iv) Direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the boxer's mouth.
- (v) Warn the boxer that the he or she will be disqualified if the he or she subsequently spits out or allows the mouthpiece to fall out of the his or her mouth.
- (vi) Direct each judge to deduct a point from the boxer's score. The referee must direct that the fight period immediately continue.

(C) Upon the third occurrence, disqualify the boxer who spit out or allowed the mouthpiece to fall out of his or her mouth. The opponent of such boxer must be declared the winner due to disqualification.

SECTION 87. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(b) If a contestant is disqualified, his or her purse shall be forfeited to the commission.

SECTION 88. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-24-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) Promoters shall provide for seconds stools and such other articles as are required in the conduct of the event, including a clean bucket and a clean bottle for each contestant.

SECTION 89. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-26-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) In all weight classes, the bandages on each hand shall be:

- (1) restricted to soft gauze cloth not more than thirteen (13) yards in length and two (2) inches in width;
- (2) held in place by not more than ten (10) feet of surgeon's tape, one (1) inch in width;
- (3) linked to one (1) winding of surgeon's adhesive tape, not over one and one-half (1 1/2) inches wide, placed directly for protection near the wrist and the tape may cross the back of the hand twice but shall not extend to within one-half (1/2) inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist; and
- (4) evenly distributed across the hand, without zigzagging, lumping, or curling.

(d) No liquids, powder, or other substances of any kind shall be applied to the hands before or after they are bandaged.

(e) All bandages and taping shall be adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of a commission representative and shall be subject to the approval of the referee.

SECTION 90. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-28-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) A boxer shall be deemed "down" when:

- (1) Any part of his body other than his feet is on the ring floor;
- (2) He is hanging helplessly over the ropes;
- (3) Rising from down position.

(d) A boxer hanging over the ropes is not officially down until so pronounced by the referee, who can count the boxer out either on the ropes or on the floor.

(e) A boxer may go down through accident or weakness but must rise instantly or be subject to penalty of loss of decision. If he is sent down by a blow, he may remain down until the count of nine (9) without being disqualified or counted out.

SECTION 91. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-29-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) A boxer shall be guilty of a foul if he or she commits any one of the following offenses:

- (1) Hitting below the belt;
- (2) Hitting an opponent who is down or who is getting up after being down;
- (3) Holding an opponent or deliberately maintaining a clinch;
- (4) Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other hand;
- (5) Intentional butting with the head or shoulder or using the knee;
- (6) Unintentional butting of an opponent with the hand, shoulder, or knee where said opponent is able to continue fighting in spite of the butt.
- (7) Hitting with inside or butt of the hand, or with wrist or elbows;
- (8) Hitting or flicking with the open glove;
- (9) Wrestling or roughing at the ropes;
- (10) Purposely going down without being hit;
- (11) Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys;
- (12) The use of the pivot blow and/or rabbit punch;
- (13) The use of abusive or profane language.
- (14) Striking a blow while breaking from the clinches is strictly prohibited.

(15) The commission of any act or acts which may injure a boxer, except by fair sportsman-like boxing.

(16) Failure to obey the referee.

SECTION 92. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-29-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) A boxer may not be awarded a bout on a claim of a low blow foul unless the referee determines that, due to the severity and deliberativeness of the low blow foul, the boxer responsible for the low blow foul shall be disqualified.

(d) A referee may penalize any boxer who deliberately fouls the opponent during a bout with a loss of points and round.

(e) In the case of a foul when the referee does not determine that the boxer responsible shall be disqualified, the referee shall determine if the boxer who has been fouled can continue or not.

(f) If the boxer's chances have not been seriously jeopardized as a result of the foul, the referee may order the bout to continue after an interval of not more than five (5) minutes.

SECTION 93. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-30-1.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing or sparring event.

(c) No bout shall be of more than twelve (12) rounds in duration and no one (1) round shall extend for a longer period than three (3) minutes. Each round shall be separated by an intermission lasting at least one (1) minute in duration.

SECTION 94. (a) THIS SECTION SUPERSEDES 808 IAC 2-33-2.

(b) This SECTION shall apply to a professional boxing, sparring, or unarmed combat event.

(c) The promoter shall obtain insurance coverage for each contestant in an amount not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), which shall provide for medical, surgical, and hospital care for injuries sustained while engaged in an event.

(d) The promoter shall obtain life insurance for each contestant in an amount not less than five thousand (\$5,000), which shall be paid to the contestant's estate in the event of the contestant's death resulting from participation in such event.

(e) No event shall be approved in this state unless the promoter is in full compliance with the requirements of the section concerning insurance coverage.

SECTION 95. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) An unarmed competitor who competes in a bout shall not be permitted to compete again until seven (7) days have elapsed, starting with the first full calendar day after the previous bout.

(c) An unarmed competitor will automatically receive medical suspensions of his or her national identification card issued by a registry certified or operated by the Association of Boxing Commissions for the following:

(1) For a cut, the medical suspension time shall be based on the ringside physician's sound medical judgment.

(2) For a technical knockout the medical suspension time shall be based on the ringside physician's sound medical judgment.

(3) For a knockout, sixty (60) days minimum medical suspension.

(d) The ringside physician may:

(1) lengthen an existing medical suspension;

(2) impose additional medical suspensions.

(e) If a physician lengthens or imposes a medical suspension, a boxer must be examined and cleared for competition by a physician licensed in the state in which the examination occurred.

SECTION 96. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) An order for a non-medical suspension or termination of an unarmed competitor's national identification card is effective fifteen (15) days after the order is served on the unarmed competitor unless the commission specifies a later date.

(c) Notice of an order of a non-medical suspension or termination of an unarmed competitor's national identification card must include:

(1) a brief description of the order suspending or terminating the unarmed competitor's national identification card; and

(2) a brief explanation of the available procedures available and the time limit for seeking administrative review of the order.

(d) An unarmed competitor receiving a non-medical suspension or termination of his or her national identification card may file the following with the commission:

(1) petition for review;

(2) stay of effectiveness.

(e) If the commission denies the petition for review, the commission shall serve notice on the petitioner including a:

(1) statement that the petition for review is denied; and

(2) a brief explanation of the available procedures and time limit for seeking administrative review of the denial.

(f) If the petition for review is granted by the commission, the commission shall assign the matter to an administrative law judge. The commission may conduct informal proceedings to settle the matter.

(g) If a petition for review and a petition for stay of effectiveness are filed, an administrative law judge shall, as soon as practicable, conduct a preliminary hearing to determine whether the order should be stayed in whole or in part.

SECTION 97. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) Any person who has received a non-medical suspension of his or her federal identification card may petition the commission, in writing, and request that his or her federal identification card be reinstated.

(c) The petition must:

(1) be addressed to the director;

(2) state with specificity facts believed by the petitioner to constitute evidence for reinstatement of his or her federal identification card; and

(3) include the signature of the person requesting reinstatement, indicating acknowledgement of the following statement: "I certify, under the penalty of perjury, that the information that I have provided is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

(d) The director may:

(1) deny the petition;

(2) reject the petition; or

(3) designate the petition for review.

(e) The director must deny a petition if it is submitted prior to the expiration of three (3) years from the effective date or from the conclusion of any hearing, appeal, or prior petition for removal associated with placement on the list, whichever occurs later.

(f) The director may reject a petition for reinstatement if:

- (1) the petition fails to comply with any of the requirements of subsection (b) or (c); or
- (2) the facts contained in the petition are the same or substantially the same facts that the petitioner set forth in a petition for hearing under 68 IAC 7-1 or a prior petition for reinstatement of his or her federal identification card.

(g) An person whose petition for reinstatement has been rejected but not denied may cure the cause of the rejection, if possible, and resubmit the cured petition for removal at any time following the rejection as long as the person is in compliance with all other applicable requirements under IAC 25-9 and this rule document.

(h) A petitioner may not withdraw a request for reinstatement of his or her federal identification card list without leave of the executive director.

(i) Upon designating a petition for a review proceeding, the director must assign one (1) person to serve as review officer to conduct the review. The director, deputy director, and commission employees who are attorneys are eligible to serve as review officers.

(j) The review officer must schedule the review proceeding to occur no later than ninety (90) days from the receipt of the request for reinstatement. The review officer must notify the petitioner in writing of the date, time, and place at which the review proceeding will be conducted.

(k) The review officer may grant continuances upon a showing of good cause.

SECTION 98. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) A complete event shall not be less than eight (8) bouts and twenty-four (24) scheduled rounds.

SECTION 99. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) The referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and is the only individual authorized to stop the bout.

The referee shall solicit input from the physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 on any medical concerns that arise during a bout.

SECTION 100. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) All bouts in an event will be evaluated and scored by three (3) judges.

(c) The 10-Point Must Scoring System will be the standard system of scoring a bout. Under the 10-Point Must Scoring System, ten (10) points must be awarded to the winner of the round and nine (9) points or less must be awarded to the loser, except for a rare even round, which is scored (10-10).

(d) Each judge shall evaluate unarmed combat techniques, such as effective striking, effective grappling, control of the fighting area, effective aggressiveness and defense.

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

(f) Effective striking is judged by determining the total number of legal heavy strikes landed by an unarmed competitor.

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

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

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

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

(k) The following objective scoring criteria shall be utilized by each judge when scoring a round:

- (1) A round is to be scored as a 10-10 round when both unarmed competitors appear to be fighting evenly and neither unarmed competitor shows clear dominance in a round;
- (2) A round is to be scored as a 10-9 round when an unarmed competitor wins by a close margin, landing the greater number of effective legal strikes, grappling and other maneuvers;
- (3) A round is to be scored as a 10-8 round when an unarmed competitor overwhelmingly dominates by striking or grappling in a round; or
- (4) A round is to be scored as a 10-7 round when an unarmed competitor totally dominates by striking or grappling in a round.

(l) Each judge shall use a sliding scale and recognize the length of time the unarmed competitors are either standing or on the ground, as follows:

- (1) If the unarmed competitor spent a majority of a round on the canvas, then:
 - (A) Effective grappling is weighed first; and
 - (B) Effective striking is then weighed.
- (2) If the unarmed competitor spent a majority of a round standing, then:
 - (A) Effective striking is weighed first; and
 - (B) Effective grappling is then weighed.
- (3) If a round ends with a relatively even amount of standing and canvas fighting, striking and grappling are weighed equally.

SECTION 101. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) Unarmed competitors shall be divided into the following categories:

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

SECTION 102. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) Unarmed combat events must be held in a fighting area.

(c) For a fenced area:

- (1) The fighting area canvas shall be no smaller than eighteen (18) feet by eighteen (18) feet and no larger than thirty-two (32) feet by thirty-two (32) feet. The fighting area canvas shall be padded in a manner as approved by the commission, with at least one (1) inch layer of foam padding. Padding shall extend beyond the fighting area and over the edge of the platform. No vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering shall be permitted.
- (2) The fighting area canvas shall not be more than four (4) feet above the floor of the building and shall have suitable steps or ramp for use by the participants. Posts shall be made of metal not more than six (6) inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of fifty-eight (58) inches above the fighting area canvas and shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the commission.

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

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

(d) For a ring without a fence, the fighting area must meet, at a minimum, the requirements of SECTION 83 of this rule document governing the rules for boxing rings except that an additional rope must be added to ensure an unarmed competitor does not roll out of the ring.

SECTION 103. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

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

(c) All unarmed competitors shall wear gloves of one of the following weights:

(1) four (4);

(2) five (5); or

(3) six (6);

ounces.

(d) Gloves must be supplied by the promoter and approved by the commission.

(e) No unarmed competitor may supply his or her own gloves for participation in a bout.

(f) Gloves shall be examined by the commission's representative in the presence of each unarmed competitor.

SECTION 104. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) All unarmed competitors are required to wear a mouthpiece during a bout. The mouthpiece shall be subject to examination and approval by the physician.

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

(d) If the mouthpiece is involuntarily dislodged during a bout, the referee shall call time, clean the mouthpiece, and reinsert the mouthpiece at the first opportune moment.

SECTION 105. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) Each unarmed competitor shall wear mixed martial arts shorts, biking shorts, or kickboxing shorts approved by the commission representative.

(c) Gi's or shirts are prohibited during competition.

(d) Shoes are prohibited during competition.

SECTION 106. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) All unarmed competitors shall be cleanly shaven immediately prior to an event, except that an unarmed competitor may wear a closely cropped mustache or beard with the approval of the commission's representative.

(c) Hair shall be trimmed or tied back in such a manner as not to interfere with the vision of either unarmed competitor or cover any part of his or her face.

(d) Jewelry or piercing accessories are prohibited during a bout.

(e) An unarmed competitor shall have properly trimmed fingernails and toenails.

SECTION 107. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) In all weight classes, the bandages on each unarmed competitor's hand shall be restricted to soft gauze cloth not more than fifteen (15) yards in length and two (2) inches in width, held in place by not more than six (6) feet of surgeon's tape, one (1) inch in width, for each hand.

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

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

(e) Bandages and tape shall be placed on the unarmed competitor's hands in the dressing room in the presence of the commission's representative and in the presence of the manager or chief second of his or her opponent.

(f) Under no circumstances are gloves to be placed on the hands of an unarmed competitor until the approval of the commission's representative is received.

SECTION 108. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) The following are fouls and will result in penalties if committed during a bout:

- (1) Head-butting or striking with the head in any manner;
- (2) Eye gouging of any kind;
- (3) Biting;
- (4) Hair pulling;
- (5) Fish hooking;
- (6) Groin attacks of any kind;
- (7) Placing a finger into any orifice, or into any cut or laceration of your opponent;
- (8) Small joint manipulation;
- (9) Intentional strikes to the spine or back of the head;
- (10) Throat strikes of any kind, including, without limitation, grabbing the trachea;
- (11) Clawing, pinching or twisting the flesh;
- (12) Kicking the head of a grounded opponent;
- (13) Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent;
- (14) Stomping;
- (15) Pile-driving your opponent into the mat;
- (16) Intentionally throwing an opponent out of the ring or the caged area;
- (17) Holding the shorts or gloves of an opponent;
- (18) Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct;
- (19) Holding the ropes or the fence;
- (20) Attacking an opponent on or during the break;
- (21) Attacking an opponent who is under the referee's care at the time;
- (22) Disregarding the instructions of the referee;
- (23) Timidity including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece, or faking an injury;
- (24) Interference by the corner; and
- (25) Smothering the mouth or nose.

(c) Disqualification may occur after any combination of three (3) of the fouls listed in (b) above or after a referee determines that a foul was intentional and flagrant.

(d) Fouls may result in a point being deducted, at the discretion of the referee, from the offending unarmed competitor's score.

(e) Only a referee can assess a foul. If the referee does not call the foul, judges shall not make that assessment on their own and cannot factor such into their scoring calculations.

(f) A fouled unarmed competitor has up to five (5) minutes to recuperate.

(g) If a foul is committed, the referee shall:

- (1) Call time;
- (2) Check the fouled unarmed competitor's condition and safety; and

(3) Assess the foul to the offending unarmed competitor, deduct points, and notify each corner's seconds, and judges.

(h) If a bottom unarmed competitor commits a foul, unless the top unarmed competitor is injured, the fight shall continue so as not to jeopardize the top unarmed competitor's superior positioning at the time.

(1) The referee shall verbally notify the bottom unarmed competitor of the foul;

(2) When the round is over, the referee shall assess the foul and notify both corners' seconds, the judges and the commission representative; and

(3) The referee may terminate a bout based on the severity of a foul. The unarmed competitor who committed the foul shall lose by disqualification.

SECTION 109. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) Each non-championship bout shall be three (3) rounds, of five (5) minutes duration. Each round shall be separated by an intermission lasting at least one (1) minute in duration.

(c) Each championship bout shall be five (5) rounds, of five (5) minutes duration. Each round shall be separated by an intermission lasting at least one (1) minute in duration.

SECTION 110. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

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

(1) Holding or grabbing the fence;

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

(3) The presence of more than the permitted number of seconds in the fighting area or on the ringside.

SECTION 111. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) If an injury sustained during a bout as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to terminate a bout, the injured unarmed competitor loses by technical knockout.

(c) If an injury sustained during a bout as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate the bout, the unarmed competitor causing the injury loses by disqualification.

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

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

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

(g) If an injury sustained during a bout as a result of an accidental foul is severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout shall result in a no contest if stopped before two (2) rounds have been completed in a three- round (3-round) bout or if stopped before three (3) rounds have been completed in a five-round (5-round) bout.

(h) If an injury sustained during an event as a result of an accidental foul is severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout shall result in a technical decision awarded to the unarmed

competitor who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped, only when the bout is stopped after two (2) rounds of a three-round (3-round) bout, or three (3) rounds of a five-round (5-round) bout have been completed.

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

SECTION 112. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) The following are the types of bout results:

(1) Submission by:

(A) Tap out: When an unarmed competitor physically uses his hand to indicate that he or she no longer wishes to continue; or

(B) Verbal tap out: When an unarmed competitor verbally announces to the referee that he or she does not wish to continue;

(2) Technical knockout, when:

(A) A referee stops bout;

(B) A ringside physician stops bout; or

(C) An injury as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to terminate a bout;

(3) Knockout by failure to rise from the canvas;

(4) Decision via score cards:

(A) Unanimous: When all three (3) judges score the bout for the same unarmed competitor;

(B) Split decision: When two (2) judges score the bout for one (1) unarmed competitor and one (1) judge scores for the opponent; or

(C). Majority decision: When two (2) judges score the bout for the same unarmed competitor and one (1) judge scores a draw;

(5) Draws:

(A) Unanimous: When all three (3) judges score the bout a draw;

(B) Majority: When two (2) judges score the bout a draw; or

(C). Split: When all three (3) judges score differently and the score total results in a draw;

(6) Disqualification: When an injury sustained during a bout as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate the bout;

(7) Forfeit: When an unarmed competitor fails to begin a bout or prematurely ends the bout for reasons other than injury or by indicating a tap out;

(8) Technical draw: When an injury sustained during a bout, as a result of an intentional foul, causes the injured unarmed competitor to be unable to continue and the injured unarmed competitor is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage;

(9) Technical decision: When the bout is prematurely stopped due to injury and a unarmed competitor is leading on the score cards; and

(10) No contest: When a bout is prematurely stopped due to accidental injury and a sufficient number of rounds have not been completed to render a decision via the score cards.

SECTION 113. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) The following fighting techniques shall include, but do not constitute a complete listing of, the permitted techniques that unarmed competitors may use in events.

(1) Striking:

- (A) All punches;
- (B) Kicks;
- (C) Knees;
- (D) Elbows;
- (E) Forearms strikes;
- (F) Shoulder strikes;
- (G) Hammer fists; and
- (H) Spinning back fists.

(2) Throws-Takedowns:

- (A) Duck under;
- (B) Single leg;
- (C) Double leg;
- (D) Arm drag;
- (E) Ankle pick;
- (F) Inside trip;
- (G) Outside trip;
- (H) Body lock;
- (I) High crotch;
- (J) Suplex;
- (K) Osoto Gari;
- (L) Uchi Mata;
- (M) Hip toss;
- (N) Tai Otoshi;
- (O) Power bomb;
- (P) Seoinagi;
- (Q) Iranian lift;
- (R) Whizzer; and
- (S) Switch

(3) Submissions:

- (A) Armbar;
- (B) Double armbar;
- (C) Kimura/ double wrist lock;
- (D) Arm triangle;
- (E) Americana/ keylock;
- (F) Omoplata;
- (G) Gogoplata;
- (H) Rear naked choke;
- (I) Guillotine choke;
- (J) Anaconda choke;
- (K) Darce choke;
- (L) Eziquel or front choke;
- (M) North/ south choke;
- (N) Bar arm choke;
- (O) Toe hold;
- (P) Triangle choke;
- (Q) Ankle lock;
- (R) Ankle lock from back control;
- (S) Reverse triangle choke;

- (T) Heel hook;
- (U) Inverted heel hook;
- (V) Knee bar;
- (W) Twister;
- (X) Head & arm shoulder lock;
- (Y) Head & arm, arm lock; and
- (Z) Peruvian neck tie

SECTION 114. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) The commission may request a diagram or plan showing the ringside seating arrangement prior to the event.

(c) At each event, the promoter shall provide the following:

- (1) A minimum of six (6) ringside seats marked "Commission".
- (2) Three (3) ringside seats for the event judges. These seats shall:
 - (A) Be stationed on three (3) distinct sides of the fighting area;
 - (B) Allow for an unobstructed view of the fighting area at all times.
- (3) Two (2) ringside seats for the event timekeepers near the gong (in professional boxing and sparring events) or near the sound device (in unarmed combat events).
- (4) Two (2) ringside seats for physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5 and appointed by the commission, which allow for an unobstructed view of the fighting area at all times.
- (5) One (1) ringside seat for an announcer.
- (6) One (1) ringside seat for each alternate referee.

SECTION 115. (a) This SECTION shall apply to a professional unarmed combat event.

(b) No license will be issued to seconds of contestants who are under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(c) There shall not be more than three (3) seconds for any one (1) contestant without approval of the commission. A second shall:

- (1) give the referee the names;
- (2) not coach the contestants during the progress of rounds;
- (3) remain seated and silent during rounds;
- (4) not swing towels between rounds (fans may be used between rounds);
- (5) not enter the fighting area until the timekeeper indicates the termination of a round;
- (6) not spray or forcefully throw water on a contestant;
- (7) remove all obstructions, buckets, or stools and leave the fighting area enclosure at the sound of the timekeeper's whistle ten (10) seconds before the beginning of each round; and
- (8) be neatly attired.

(d) Violations of subsection (c) shall be followed by ejection of offenders from the fighting area corner and may result in the disqualification of their contestant by the referee.

(e) No article shall be placed on the fighting area floor until the gong or sound device has signaled the end of the round.

SECTION 116. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED: 808 IAC 1-1.1-2, 808 IAC 1-1.1-3, 808 IAC 1-1.1-4, 808 IAC 1-4-7; 808 IAC 1-4-8; 808 IAC 1-6-13, 808 IAC 2-1-2; 808 IAC 2-2-1, 808 IAC 2-3-3, 808 IAC 2-3-4, 808 IAC 2-7-8, 808 IAC 2-7-12; 808 IAC 2-7-13; 808 IAC 2-12-4, 808 IAC 2-12-5; 808 IAC 2-21-1; 808 IAC 2-25-1, 808 IAC 2-23-1, 808 IAC 2-31-1, 808 IAC 2-33-1.