

**LCB File No. R058-05**

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA ATHLETIC  
COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

(This proposed regulation was previously adopted as T027-04)  
(This draft replaces the original agency draft posted 6/14/2005;  
§§4A, 5A and 6A have been added)

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION**

**Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of  
the Nevada Athletic Commission**

The Nevada Athletic Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, October 17, 2005, at 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to chapter 467 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

The purposes of the proposed regulation are to (1) adopt rule regarding the number of contests or exhibitions on any one program of unarmed combat; (2) adopt rule regarding ring officials' affiliations with sanctioning organizations; (3) change certain rules regarding bout agreements; (4) change certain rules regarding the minimum number of rounds on a program of unarmed combat; (5) change certain rules regarding complimentary tickets; (6) change certain rules regarding use of triangular borders on the ring apron during a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat; (7) change certain rules regarding unarmed combatants' equipment; (8) change certain contest rules regarding accidental fouls; and (9) adopt rule allowing Commission to change result to a no decision if contestant took a prohibited substance.

The proposed regulation is not expected to have an immediate or long-term adverse economic effect, nor an immediate or long-term beneficial economic effect upon the regulated community.

There is no estimated immediate or long-term adverse effect on the public. However, the public should receive beneficial effects, both immediate and long-term, by the improved regulation of unarmed combat.

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of these regulations. Finally, the proposed regulation does not establish a new fee, nor increase an existing fee.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Athletic Commission may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or

arguments, in written form, to the Office of the Nevada Athletic Commission, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Athletic Commission on or before October 13, 2005. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Athletic Commission may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and regulation to be adopted will be available at the Office of the Nevada Athletic Commission, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/2005Register/R058-05I.pdf>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will be mailed to members of the public upon request.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations:

1. Office of the Athletic Commission  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Suite 3200  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
2. Bradley Building  
2501 East Sahara Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104
3. Washoe County District Courthouse  
75 Court Street  
Reno, Nevada 89502
4. Department of Parks & Recreation  
2601 East Sunset Road  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89120
5. State of Nevada Grant Sawyer Building  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101



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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-4, 6, NRS 467.030; §5, NRS 467.030 and 467.107.

**Section 1.** Chapter 467 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as section 2 of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** *A promoter shall not schedule any one program of unarmed combat utilizing more than eighteen contestants, unless a different limit is approved by the Chairman of the Commission or his designee.*

**Sec. 3.** NAC 467.062 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.062 1. To qualify for a license as a referee, judge or timekeeper of contests or exhibitions, an applicant must:

- (a) Be at least 21 years of age;
- (b) Not have been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude;
- (c) Submit verifications from three persons of his proficiency as a referee, judge or timekeeper, whichever is appropriate; and
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, successfully pass the Commission's examination on chapter 467 of NRS and this chapter and successfully complete an internship as established by the Commission.

2. In lieu of the examination and internship, the Commission may accept satisfactory evidence of equivalent qualifications possessed by an applicant who:

(a) Is currently licensed in another state or country; or

(b) Formerly held a Nevada license which lapsed in good standing.

3. A person holding a current Nevada license or who formerly held a Nevada license which lapsed in good standing may be licensed by the Commission without examination or internship to perform an officiating function other than that for which he is or was licensed if the Commission determines that he is qualified to perform that function.

4. The Commission will determine when additional ring officials are needed and when licensing examinations for ring officials will be conducted.

5. Each license issued pursuant to this section is valid until December 31 of each year. An application for renewal must be submitted to the Commission by December 1 of each year accompanied by the appropriate renewal fee. The renewal of a license is not automatic. The Commission will consider the applicant's past performance and abilities in evaluating his application for renewal.

6. The Commission will establish and carry out a system to grade the skills of its ring officials. The Commission will notify its licensees of this system upon its establishment. The Commission and its staff will consider those grades in its selection of a ring official to participate in a contest or exhibition and in its decision regarding whether to renew the license of such an official.

7. *A ring official may be a member or an associate of a sanctioning organization only if that sanctioning organization does not in any way prohibit or discourage such an official from being a member or an associate of any or all other sanctioning organizations.*

8. The renewal fee:

(a) For a judge is \$50.

(b) For a timekeeper is \$50.

(c) For a referee is \$75.

**Sec. 4.** NAC 467.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.112 1. The bout agreement between a promoter and an unarmed combatant must be executed on a form provided by the Commission.

2. ~~[A bout agreement which provides that an unarmed combatant must fight exclusively for one promoter or at the option of the promoter is prohibited.~~

~~—3.]~~ A bout agreement which provides that an unarmed combatant is to pay for the services of his opponent is prohibited.

**Section 4A.** NAC 467.204 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.204 A promoter shall not schedule fewer than:

1. Twenty-five rounds of boxing or kickboxing on any one program of unarmed combat that consists of contests or exhibitions of boxing or kickboxing.

2. Twenty rounds of mixed martial arts on any one program of unarmed combat that consists of contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts.

*3. If good cause is shown, the Chairman of the Commission or the Executive Director may grant a promoter's request to schedule up to three rounds less than the minimums set forth in subsections 1 and 2.*

**Sec. 5.** NAC 467.332 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.332 1. A promoter may not issue complimentary tickets for more than 4 percent of the seats in the house, *equally distributed between or among the price categories for which complimentary tickets are issued*, without the Commission's written authorization. The Commission does not consider complimentary tickets which it authorizes under this section *and*

*NAC 467.337* to constitute part of the total gross receipts from admission fees for the purposes of calculating the license fee prescribed in subsection 1 of NRS 467.107.

2. ~~If complimentary tickets are issued for more than 4 percent of the seats in the house:~~  
~~—(a)—~~ Each unarmed combatant who is working on a percentage must be paid his percentage of the normal price of all complimentary tickets ~~in excess of 4 percent of the seats in the house~~ unless the contract between him and the promoter provides otherwise and stipulates the number of complimentary tickets which will be issued. ~~[-; and~~  
~~—(b)—~~ 3. If a service charge is made for complimentary tickets, the unarmed combatant is entitled to be paid his percentage of that service charge, less any deduction for federal taxes and the fees prescribed in NRS 467.104 and 467.107 *unless the contract between him and the promoter provides otherwise.*

**Sec. 5A.** NAC 467.442 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.442** A boxing or kickboxing ring must meet the following requirements:

1. The ring must be 20 feet square within the ropes. The ring floor must extend at least 18 inches beyond the ropes. The ring floor must be padded with ensolite or another similar closed-cell foam. Padding must extend beyond the ring ropes and over the edge of the platform, with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform. Material that tends to gather in lumps or ridges must not be used.
2. The ring platform must not be more than 5 feet above the floor of the building and must have suitable steps for the use of the unarmed combatants. Ring posts must be made of metal, not more than 3 inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a height of 58 inches above the ring floor. Ring posts must be at least 18 inches away from the ring ropes.

3. There must be four ring ropes, not less than 1 inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material. The lower rope must be 18 inches above the ring floor.

4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, there* ~~[There]~~ must not be any obstruction or object, including, without limitation, a triangular border, on any part of the ring floor.

*5. A promoter may use one or two triangular borders on the ring apron under the following conditions:*

*1. There must be a minimum of twenty-four inches (24") from directly below the bottom rope to the apron edge.*

*2. If the promoter is using two borders, the borders must be placed on the same side of the ring.*

*3. The dimensions of any border may not be more than five inches (5") in height or more than forty-eight inches (48") in length.*

*4. The seats immediately behind any border must be raised from the arena floor by an amount equal to the height of the border.*

*5. Any border must be placed at the outermost edge of the apron and secured to the apron floor by Velcro or a similar fastener.*

*6. A border will be removed immediately upon request of a Commission representative.*

*7. The promoter must provide the Commission with a letter from the site of the program of unarmed combat stating that the site has not objection to the promoter's use of such borders.*

**Sec. 6.** NAC 467.702 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.702 1. If a contest or exhibition is stopped because of an accidental foul, the referee shall determine whether the unarmed combatant who has been fouled can continue or not. If the unarmed combatant's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of a foul



and if the foul did not involve a concussive impact to the head of the unarmed combatant who was fouled, the referee may order the contest or exhibition continued after a reasonable interval. Before the contest or exhibition begins again, the referee shall inform the Commission's representative of his determination that the foul was accidental.

2. If the referee determines that the contest or exhibition may not continue because of an injury suffered as the result of an accidental foul, the contest or exhibition must be declared a *no decision* ~~technical draw~~ if the foul occurs during:

(a) *The first 3 rounds of a contest or exhibition that is scheduled for 6 rounds or less; or*

(b) *The ~~the~~ first 4 rounds of a ~~the~~ contest or exhibition that is scheduled for more than 6 rounds.*

3. If an accidental foul renders an unarmed combatant unable to continue the contest or exhibition after:

(a) *The completed third round of a contest or exhibition that is scheduled for 6 rounds or less; or*

(b) *The completed ~~the~~ fourth round of a ~~the~~ contest or exhibition that is scheduled for more than 6 rounds,*

the outcome must be determined by scoring the completed rounds and the round during which the referee stops the contest or exhibition.

4. If an injury inflicted by an accidental foul later becomes aggravated by fair blows and the referee orders the contest or exhibition stopped because of the injury, the outcome must be determined by scoring the completed rounds and the round during which the referee stops the contest or exhibition.

5. The provisions of this section do not apply to a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts.

**Sec. 6A.** NAC 467.850 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.850** 1. The administration of or use of any:

(a) Alcohol;

(b) Stimulant; or

(c) Drug or injection that has not been approved by the Commission, including, but not limited to, the drugs or injections listed in subsection 2,

↪ in any part of the body, either before or during a contest or exhibition, to or by any unarmed combatant, is prohibited.

2. The following types of drugs, injections or stimulants are prohibited pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Afrinol or any other product that is pharmaceutically similar to Afrinol.

(b) Co-Tylenol or any other product that is pharmaceutically similar to Co-Tylenol.

(c) A product containing an antihistamine and a decongestant.

(d) A decongestant other than a decongestant listed in subsection 4.

(e) Any over-the-counter drug for colds, coughs or sinuses other than those drugs listed in subsection 4. This paragraph includes, but is not limited to, Ephedrine, Phenylpropanolamine, and Mahuang and derivatives of Mahuang.

3. The following types of drugs or injections are not prohibited pursuant to subsection 1, but their use is discouraged by the Commission:

(a) Aspirin and products containing aspirin.

(b) Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories.

4. The following types of drugs or injections are approved by the Commission:

(a) Antacids, such as Maalox.

(b) Antibiotics, antifungals or antivirals that have been prescribed by a physician.

(c) Antidiarrheals, such as Imodium, Kaopectate or Pepto-Bismol.

(d) Antihistamines for colds or allergies, such as Bromphen, Brompheniramine, Chlorpheniramine Maleate, Chlor-Trimeton, Dimetane, Hismal, PBZ, Seldane, Tavist-1 or Teldrin.

(e) Antinauseants, such as Dramamine or Tigan.

(f) Antipyretics, such as Tylenol.

(g) Antitussives, such as Robitussin, if the antitussive does not contain codeine.

(h) Antiulcer products, such as Carafate, Pepcid, Reglan, Tagamet or Zantac.

(i) Asthma products in aerosol form, such as Brethine, Metaproterenol (Alupent) or Salbutamol (Albuterol, Proventil or Ventolin).

(j) Asthma products in oral form, such as Aminophylline, Cromolyn, Nasalide or Vanceril.

(k) Ear products, such as Auralgan, Cerumenex, Cortisporin, Debrox or Vosol.

(l) Hemorrhoid products, such as Anusol-HC, Preparation H or Nupercainal.

(m) Laxatives, such as Correctol, Doxidan, Dulcolax, Efferyllium, Ex-Lax, Metamucil, Modane or Milk of Magnesia.

(n) Nasal products, such as AYR Saline, HuMist Saline, Ocean or Salinex.

(o) The following decongestants:

(1) Afrin;

(2) Oxymetazoline HCL Nasal Spray; or

(3) Any other decongestant that is pharmaceutically similar to a decongestant listed in subparagraph (1) or (2).

5. An unarmed combatant shall submit to a urinalysis or chemical test before or after a contest or exhibition if the Commission or the Commission's representative directs him to do so.

6. A licensee who violates any provision of this section is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

*7. If an unarmed combatant won or drew the contest or exhibition regarding which it is found he violated subsection 1, the Commission, in its sole discretion, may change the result of that contest or exhibition to a no decision.*