# PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NAC 467

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AUTHORITY - §§ 1-151, NRS 467.030

- Section 1. Chapter 467 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 50 of this regulation.
- Sec. 2. "Administration" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Administration" means the providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, other otherwise participating in the use or attempted use by another person of a prohibited substance or prohibited method.
- Sec. 3. "Adverse analytical finding" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Adverse analytical finding" means a report from a Nevada Athletic Commission-approved laboratory that identifies in a sample the presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the use of a prohibited method.
- Sec. 4. "Authenticated copy" defined. (NRS 467.030) For purposes of this chapter, an "authenticated copy" includes a duplicate or copy of an original record certified by a licensed notary public, or the equivalent in foreign jurisdictions, as determined by the Chairman of the Nevada Athletic Commission or his designee. Where an authenticated copy under this definition is unavailable, the Chairman or his designee may deem another form of documentation to be an "authenticated copy" for purposes of this chapter.

- Sec. 5. "Card" defined. (NRS 467.030) For purposes of this chapter, "card" shall mean contests and exhibitions scheduled or occurring as part of a program of contests or exhibitions to which a single ticket authorizes admittance.
- Sec. 6. "Chairman" defined. (NRS 467.030) For purposes of this chapter, "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Nevada Athletic Commission, as designated by the Governor of the State.
- Sec. 7. "Charitable organization" defined. (NRS 467.030) For purposes of this chapter, "charitable organization" means a person that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined to be tax exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).
- Sec. 8. "Competition" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Competition" means a single race, match, game or singular sport contest. For example, a basketball game or a championship fight would constitute a "competition."
- Sec. 9. "Credit" or "drug testing credit" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Credit" or "drug testing credit" means a credit against the license fee, as defined in this chapter, subject to the provisions and requirements of this chapter, for which a promoter may apply to the Commission.
- Sec. 10. "Doping" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Doping" means the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping violations set forth in this chapter or in Chapter 467 of the NRS.
- Sec. 11. "Event" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Event" means a series of individual competitions conducted together under the jurisdiction of one governing body (viz., the UFC or WBC).

- Sec. 12. "Event period" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Event period" is the time between the beginning and end of an event, as established by the governing body of the event.
- Sec. 13. "In-competition" defined. (NRS 467.030) "In-competition" means the period commencing twelve hours before a competition in which the unarmed combatant is scheduled to participate through the end of such competition and the sample collection process related to such competition.
- Sec. 14. "Ineligibility" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Ineligibility" means the barring of an unarmed combatant or other person from participating in any competition or exhibition.
- Sec. 15. "License fee" defined (A.B. 476 (2015)) "License fee" is 8% of the total gross receipts from admission fees to the live contest or exhibition of unarmed combat, exclusive of any federal tax or tax imposed by any political subdivision of this state, without any deductions for commissions, brokerage fees, distribution fees, advertising, contestants' purses or any other expenses or charges. The underlying gross receipts calculation does include complimentary tickets provided by the promoter for more than 8% of the seats in the house and does not include complimentary tickets provided to a charitable organization, as defined in this chapter.
- Sec. 16. "Marker" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Marker" means a compound, group of compounds or biological variable(s) that indicates the use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method.
- Sec. 17. "Medical examination" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Medical examination" includes all physical, mental and psychological examinations.
- Sec. 18. "Metabolite" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Metabolite" means any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

- Sec. 19. "Out-of-competition" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Out-of-competition" means any period which is not in-competition.
- Sec. 20. "Participant" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Participant" means any unarmed combatant, unarmed combatant support person, or any other person associated or affiliated with the unarmed combatant.
- Sec. 21. "Person" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Person" means a natural person, an organization, or other entity.
- Sec. 22. "Physician" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Physician" means an individual licensed in the State of Nevada to engage in the general practice of medicine and/or surgery.
- Sec. 23. "Possession" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Possession" means the actual, physical possession, or the constructive possession, which shall be found if the person has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the prohibited substance or prohibited method or the premises in which a prohibited substance or prohibited method exists.
- Sec. 24. "Prohibited List" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Prohibited List" is the most current edition of the Prohibited List published by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA").
- Sec. 25. "Prohibited method" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Prohibited method" means any method so described on the Prohibited List.
- Sec. 26. "Prohibited substance" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Prohibited substance" means any substance, or class of substances, so described on the Prohibited List.
- Sec. 27. "Results management" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Results management" means pre-hearing administration of potential violations of the anti-doping provisions and all other provisions contained in this chapter, adjudication of any alleged violation of the anti-doping rules or of any other rule or provision contained in this chapter, and the determination

and application of any penalty allowed by this chapter, NRS 467, or any other provision of Nevada and/or federal law, including but not limited to any eligibility sanction, financial sanction, or other available penalty or punishment. The Commission will perform all such functions.

- Sec. 28. "Sample or specimen" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Sample or specimen" means any biological material collected for the purposes of doping control.
- 1. "'A' Sample" means the primary sample used in the testing for prohibited substances
- 2. "'B' Sample" means the sample used to confirm or invalidate the presence of prohibited substances in the A Sample.
- → The A and B Samples derive from the same original biological material. The original Sample is split into the A sample and the B sample prior to any testing for prohibited substances.
- Sec. 29. "Sanctioned drug testing organization" defined. (NRS 467.030. A.B. 176 (2015)) A "sanctioned drug testing organization" is an organization approved by the Commission to administer drug testing to unarmed combatants on behalf of a promoter.
- Sec. 30. "Strict liability" defined. (NRS 467.030) For purposes of Chapter 467 of the NRS and this chapter, "strict liability" means the rule which provides that it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence, or knowing use on the athlete's part be demonstrated by the NSAC in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.
- Sec. 31. "Tampering" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Tampering" means altering for an improper purpose or in an improper way; bringing improper influence to bear; interfering

improperly; obstructing, misleading or engaging in any fraudulent conduct to alter results or prevent normal procedures from occurring.

- Sec. 32. "Testing" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Testing" means the collection of the sample or specimen and application by a Commission-approved laboratory of the analytical methods and processes to provide evidentiary data for the detection of Prohibited Substances, Metabolite(s) of the Prohibited Substances, and detection of Prohibited Methods, or Markers suggesting the use of Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods included on the Prohibited List.
- Sec. 33. "Therapeutic use exemption" ("TUE") defined. (NRS 467.030)

  "Therapeutic use exemption" ("TUE") is the process and result by which an unarmed combatant may obtain approval from the Commission, pursuant to the procedures established in this Chapter and NRS 467, for use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method included on the Prohibited List to treat a legitimate medical illness or condition.
- Sec. 34. "Trafficking" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Trafficking" means the selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing, or possessing for any such purpose, a prohibited substance or prohibited method, either physically or by any electronic or other means, by an unarmed combatant, an unarmed combatant's support person or any other person subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the legal actions of medical personnel involving a prohibited substance used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving prohibited substances which are not prohibited in out-of-competition testing unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such prohibited substances are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to

enhance sport performance. Nothing in this definition defeats or otherwise overrides the provisions of the Prohibited List, the anti-doping provisions of this chapter, or the penalties associated with violation of such anti-doping provisions.

- Sec. 35. "Unarmed combatant support person" defined (NRS 467.030) "Unarmed combatant support person" includes any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent, or any other person working with, treating or assisting an unarmed combatant participating in or preparing to participate in an event or competition.
- Sec. 36. "Use" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Use" means the utilization, application, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any prohibited substance or prohibited method.
- Sec. 37. (Suggested NAC 467.010) Review of the Commission's Responses to Public Records Requests. (NRS 467.030) Upon receipt of a public records request, the Executive Director and/or Commission's Public Records Coordinator shall direct the Office of the Attorney General to conduct a legal review of the requested records as to the following:
  - 1. Whether the requested records qualify as public records; and
- 2. Whether any confidentiality provisions prevent release of the requested records, in part or in full.
- → Upon completion of the legal review, the requested public records shall be reviewed and approved for dissemination by the Chairman and Executive Director.
- Sec. 38. (Suggested NAC 467.011) Conduct and Exclusions of Persons from Commission Proceedings. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Any person appearing in a proceeding before the Commission shall conform to recognized standards of ethical and courteous conduct required before the courts of this State. Every party to a hearing, the party's representative(s), and all spectators shall conduct themselves in a respectful manner.
- 2. Contumacious, unethical or discourteous conduct by any person at a proceeding before the Commission is a ground for the exclusion of the person from the proceeding and for the summary exclusion of the person from further participating in the proceedings.
  The Commission will bar any person excluded pursuant to this subsection from attending any further proceedings of the Commission unless the Commission grants a petition to rescind the exclusion pursuant to subsection 3.
- 3. A person excluded from proceedings by the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 may petition the Commission to rescind the exclusion. The Commission will grant the petition if it finds sufficient evidence that the conduct that led to the exclusion of the party will not reoccur.
- Sec. 39. (Suggested NAC 467.032) An applicant for unarmed combatant's license must demonstrate understanding of Commission's program of drug testing policy. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)
- 1. Prior to the issuance of any license, an applicant must demonstrate an understanding of the Commission's program of drug testing, including the Commission's doping violations and associated penalty guidelines, in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
- 2. This provision shall become effective upon the directive of the Commission, with consideration given to the Commission's development of all necessary educational materials,

exams, forms, and other required provisions for successful implementation of the requirement.

- Sec. 40. (Suggested NAC 467.053) Drug testing credit; amounts that qualify for the credit. (NRS 467.107; A.B. 467 Sections 1 and 3(5)(b)(2015))
- 1. For purposes of determining the amount of the drug testing credit, whether paid by the promoter to the Commission or to an organization sanctioned by the Commission to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants, only the following costs qualify as amounts paid to administer a drug testing program:
  - (a) Actual cost to collect a sample or specimen; and
  - (b) Actual cost to test the sample or specimen.
  - 2. In order to qualify for the credit, the costs detailed in subsection 1 must:
- (a) Be paid by the promoter to the Commission or to an organization sanctioned by the Commission to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants;
- (b) Apply to a drug test performed on an unarmed combatant in relation to a competition or exhibition that was held in this State in which the unarmed combatant actually competed.
  - (c) Apply to a drug test performed:
    - (1) No earlier than 60 days prior to the applicable competition or exhibition; and
- (2) No later than the 11:59 PM on the last day in which the unarmed combatant competed in the competition or exhibition.
- (d) The number of sample or specimen collection events and the number and type of tests for each individual unarmed combatant must be deemed reasonable as recommended by the Executive Director and found by the Commission.

- 3. The following do not qualify as amounts paid to administer a drug testing program for purposes of the drug testing credit:
- (a) Any costs associated with a drug test performed on an unarmed combatant who does not actually compete in the contest or exhibition to which the test applies.
- (b) Any costs paid by the promoter to transport the person administering the drug test on the unarmed combatant to the location where the sample or specimen is collected.
- (c) Any costs paid by the promoter to transport the sample or specimen to the laboratory where the sample or specimen is tested.
  - (d) Any costs paid by the promoter to store the sample or specimen;
- (e) Any costs paid by the promoter for adjudication of the results of the drug test, including the determination of any private penalty or sanction pursuant to any agreement between an unarmed combatant and a promoter. The Commission will perform all Results Management, including adjudication.
  - (f) Any cost paid by the promoter for educational materials or programs.
- (g) Any cost paid by the promoter relating to the delivery of the results of the applicable drug tests to the Commission.
- (h) Any costs not listed in subsection 1, including any costs paid to an organization not sanctioned by the Commission to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants.
- 4. To prove the amount of the drug test credit, the promoter must provide the Commission an itemized list detailing the various costs that make up the amount of the credit the promoter is requesting on a per unarmed combatant basis. The promoter must itemize the costs for each applicable unarmed combatant individually.

- 5. The credit shall not be calculated on a pro-rata or aggregated basis.
- 6. The Commission reserves the right to make a comparison of the market rate for the administration of the applicable drug tests to the costs the promoter is claiming for the drug testing credit. If the amount claimed by the promoter is higher than the market rate by an amount that is anything other than de minimis, the Commission may reduce the amount of the credit down to the applicable market rate.
- 7. In order to qualify for the credit, all test results from the applicable drug test must be sent directly to the Commission by the laboratory that performed the test on the sample or specimen.
- Sec. 41. (Suggested NAC 467.054) Application for drug testing credit. (NRS 467.107, A.B.467 Sections 1 and 3(5)(b)(2015))
- 1. A promoter may apply for a drug testing credit for an amount that qualifies as a cost to administer a drug testing program under NAC 467.053.
- 2. The promoter must make this application on or before the date that the report required under NRS 467.109 and NAC 467.305 relating to the competition or exhibition in which the unarmed combatant competed is due.
- 3. Failure to submit the application by its due date set forth in subsection 2 shall constitute a forfeiture of the credit that the promoter may have otherwise been entitled to.
- 4. The promoter must provide an itemized breakdown of the costs by individual unarmed combatant with the submission required under subsection 2. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification of the applicable costs for the credit.

- 5. The amount of the drug testing credit that a promoter is permitted to claim is limited to the total amount of the license fees associated with the competition or exhibition in which the unarmed combatant competed.
- 6. In cases where the costs of administering the drug testing program relates to more than one competition or exhibition, the promoter may only apply the credit against the license fees for one of the competitions or exhibitions in which the unarmed combatant competed.
- 7. Any amount of drug testing credit that exceeds the total licensee fees for an applicable competition or exhibition is forfeit and shall not be applied against the licensing fees related to another competition or exhibition.
- Sec. 42. (Suggested NAC 467.0545) Request for drug testing credit. (NRS 467.030, NRS 467.---(A.B.467 Section 1))
- 1. A request for a drug testing credit for the amounts set forth under NAC 467.053 and calculated as set forth under NAC 467.054 must be made in writing on a form or forms supplied by the Commission and signed by the promoter under penalty of perjury. The request shall identify the date of the testing, whether or not the testing was ordered by the Commission, and such additional information as may be specified by the Commission, including all information required under NAC 467.053 and NAC 467.054, and must be accompanied by the following documents and information, among any others determined by the Commission:
- (a) An itemized statement of the charges associated with the drug test or drug tests that relate to the drug testing credit, subject to all provisions of NAC 467.053 and NAC 467.054;
  - (b) Evidence of payment by the promoter of the statement of charges; and

- (c) If the drug testing credit applied for relates to qualifying costs as defined in NAC 467.053(1) paid by the promoter to an organization sanctioned by the Commission to administer a drug testing program, the promoter must provide evidence acceptable to the Commission that the (1) collection of samples or specimens and/or (2) testing the samples or specimens was actually performed by the sanctioned organization in question.
- 3. Within 60 days of the request, the Commission shall issue a notice to the promoter setting forth the amount of the drug testing credit.
- Sec. 43. (Suggested NAC 467.425) Break room for the health and safety of Commission staff, inspectors, physicians, timekeepers, referees, and judges. (NRS 467.030) Promoters shall provide, at each of the premises where cards are conducted, a private room of appropriate size and accommodation, as deemed acceptable by the Executive Director, for the health and safety of the Commission staff, inspectors, ringside physicians, timekeepers, referees, and judges.
- Sec. 44. (Suggested NAC 467.462) Unarmed combatant required to submit to drug testing both in and out of competition. (NRS 467.030, NRS 467.---(A.B.467 Section 1))
- 1. An unarmed combatant shall submit to drug testing at any time, in or out of competition, as directed by a duly authorized representative of the Commission, except a blood sample shall not be required within 7 days of competition, unless the Commission determines a specific need or cause exists.
- 2. The cost and expenses for drug testing ordered by the Commission shall be the responsibility of the promoter who is promoting the event in which the unarmed combatant is scheduled to compete, subject only to the exceptions provided in NAC 467.053 and NAC 467.054, insofar as the provisions of these subsections are satisfied.

- 3. Drug testing may be performed by a Commission-approved laboratory and/or a sanctioned drug testing organization using a Commission-approved laboratory, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
- Sec. 45. (Suggested NAC 467.463) Sanctioned drug testing organizations; application; qualifications; approval process; revocation; list of sanctioned organizations. (NRS 467.030, NRS 467.---(A.B. 467 Section 3(5)(c) (2015))
- 1. An organization that desires to be sanctioned by the Commission to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants must make application for certification to the Commission upon forms and in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
- 2. The application must be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Commission, including, without limitation:
- (a) Any and all contracts between a promoter and the organization seeking sanctioning;
- (b) That the organization's testing standards conform or are comparable to the World Anti-Doping Code International Standard for Testing and Investigations;
- (c) That the drug testing samples collected by the organization are analyzed by laboratories certified by the Commission; and
- (d) That the organization conducts stringent, secure, athlete-targeted testing incorporating the latest technologies and utilizing independent drug-testing program protocols, and contracts with Commission-approved laboratories that demonstrate proficiency in detection and confirmation of banned substances and methods.
- 3. After receiving an application and the accompanying evidence from an applicant, the Commission shall:

- (a) Evaluate the application and accompanying evidence and determine whether the applicant is qualified pursuant to this regulation to be sanctioned to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants; and
  - (b) Issue a written statement to the applicant of its determination.
- 4. A drug testing organization must be sanctioned for each promoter with which it intends to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants.
- 5. The Commission's certification or sanctioning of a drug testing organization expires one calendar year after the date of approval and must be renewed on forms and in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
- 6. The Commission may revoke a certification at any time, in its sole discretion, if it determines that the organization is not in compliance with the minimum requirements set for the under subsection 2 or any other provision of this chapter.
- 7. The Commission shall maintain a list of sanctioned drug testing organizations.

  The list shall be published on the Commission's website.
- Sec. 46. (Suggested NAC 467.465) Contracts to perform drug testing must be approved by the Commission. (NRS 467.030)
- 1. The Commission must be provided with the any and all contracts between a promoter and a drug testing organization, both at the time of the drug testing organization's application for Commission sanctioning and, after such approval, within 30 days of any new or amended contract. The Commission is authorized to reject any or all third-party contracts between a promoter and drug testing organization upon a determination that the contract is not with a sanctioned drug testing organization, does not contain terms sufficient to ensure the protection of the State of Nevada, the Commission, or unarmed combat by providing full

insight into the drug testing program in question, or is otherwise in violation of state or federal law.

- 2. The Commission shall be provided complete results of all tests performed by any sanctioned drug testing organization.
- 3. Any proprietary information that is submitted to the Commission pursuant to this section, which contains trade secrets, does not constitute public information and shall be kept confidential.
- (a) For purposes of this section, a "trade secret" means information, including, without limitation, a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, product, system, process, design, prototype, procedure, computer programming instruction or code that:
- (1) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and being readily ascertainable by proper means by the public or any other persons who can obtain commercial or economic value from its disclosure or use; and
- (2) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.
- (b) Exception: the Commission shall not disclose the proprietary information regarding a trade secret unless the disclosure is made for the purpose of a civil, administrative or criminal investigation or proceeding. Moreover, the person or entity receiving the information must represent to the Commission, in writing, that protections exist to preserve the integrity, confidentiality and security of the information.
- Sec. 47. (Suggested NAC 467.558) Therapeutic use exemptions must be approved by the Commission; exceptions. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. All applications for a therapeutic use exemption must be submitted and approved by the Commission at least 60 days in advance of any contest or exhibition if practicable or immediately upon prescribed need before the contest or exhibition, as outlined in section 6.
- 2. The Commission may request any additional medical information as necessary in determining whether to grant a therapeutic use exemption.
  - 3. The Commission shall not grant a retroactive therapeutic use exemption.
- 4. The Commission shall not grant a therapeutic use exemption for testosterone replacement therapy (TRT) or any other similar therapy designed to induce or simulate testosterone replacement.
  - 5. Therapeutic use exemptions must be renewed annually.
- 6. If, under extraordinary circumstances, a fighter is unable to meet the 60 day deadline for approval by the Commission of a TUE and the Commission, due to conditions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law, is unable to consider the request for TUE in a properly noticed open meeting, the Chairman and Executive Director, in consultation with a Commission-approved physician, must approve any TUE. Any such approval must occur prior to any contest or exhibition and in no case will be granted retroactively.
- Sec. 48. (Suggested NAC 467.852) Penalties. (NRS 467.030) The Commission adopts the following eligibility sanction guidelines based upon the sanction provisions contained in the most recent version of the WADA Code. The Commission also hereby adopts the following financial sanction guidelines, while retaining for the Commission maximum discretion:

- 1. Presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an unarmed combatant's sample; Use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or method; Possession of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method.
  - (a) Period of ineligibility: 9-24 months.
  - (b) Fine: 15-30 percent of the purse.
- 2. Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection; Tampering or attempted tampering with any part of doping control.
  - (a) Period of ineligibility: 12-24 months.
  - (b) Fine: 20-40 percent of the purse.
- 3. Trafficking or attempted trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method; Administration or attempted administration to any unarmed combatant incompetition of any prohibited substance or prohibited method, or administration or attempted administration to any unarmed combatant out-of-competition of any prohibited substance or any prohibited method that is prohibited out-of-competition.
  - (a) Period of ineligibility: 12 months to lifetime ineligibility.
  - (b) Fine: 15-50 percent of the Purse.
- → Violations under this subsection which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations shall be reported to competent law enforcement, administrative, professional or judicial authorities.
  - 4. Admission of an anti-doping rule violation in the absence of other evidence.
- (a) Period of ineligibility: When the admission of an unarmed combatant or other person is the only reliable evidence of a violation at the time of his or her admission, then the

period of ineligibility may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of ineligibility otherwise applicable under this section.

- (b) Fine: 30 percent of the purse.
- 5. Prompt admission of an anti-doping rule violation.
- (a) Period of ineligibility: an unarmed combatant or other person who is confronted by the Commission for a violation under subsections 1 or 2 of this section, which subjects the unarmed combatant or other person to a period of ineligibility of 48 months, and who promptly admits to the asserted violation, may receive a reduction in the period of ineligibility down to a minimum of 24 months, depending on the seriousness of the violation.
  - (b) Fine: 30 percent of the purse.
  - 5. Second anti-doping violation.
- (a) Period of ineligibility: a second anti-doping rule violation shall result in a period of ineligibility that is up to twice the period of ineligibility otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it were a first violation.
  - (b) Fine: 40 percent of the Purse.
  - 6. Third anti-doping violation.
  - (a) Period of ineligibility: 18 months to lifetime ineligibility.
  - (b) Fine: 40-60 percent of the purse.
  - 7. Aggravating Factors for Enhancement of Penalties.
- (a) The Commission may increase the period of ineligibility for an unarmed combatant or other person who violates this section where aggravating circumstances are present. The Commission retains full and absolute discretion to consider aggravating circumstances or not, as the circumstances dictate.

- (b) Aggravating circumstances exist when accompanying conditions, events or facts increase the culpability of an unarmed combatant or other person who committed an anti-doping violation. Aggravating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (1) The unarmed combatant or other person committed multiple violations under NAC 467.850 at or about the same time including, but not limited to, the use or possession of multiple prohibited substances or methods;
- (2) The unarmed combatant or other person committed one or more anti-doping violations at or about the same time as he or she committed a separate disciplinary violation under NRS 467 and/or NAC 467;
- (3) The violation was part of a doping plan or scheme, either individually or involving a conspiracy or common enterprise to commit the violation;
- (4) The unarmed combatant or other person engaged in deceptive or obstructing conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of an anti-doping rule violation; and
- (5) The violation had a significant potential to enhance an unarmed combatant's contest performance.
- (c) The Commission may increase the Period of Ineligibility for the presence of one or more aggravating factors up to twice the period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable for the violation.
  - 9. Mitigating Factors for Reduction of Penalties.
- (a) The Commission may reduce or eliminate the period of ineligibility for an unarmed combatant or other person who violates this section where mitigating circumstances are present. Such action on the part of the Commission is entirely discretionary based upon the full body of evidence presented to the Commission.

- (b) Mitigating circumstances exist when accompanying conditions, events or facts reduce or eliminate the culpability of an unarmed combatant or other Person who committed an anti-doping violation. Mitigating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (1) The anti-doping violation was the result of a contaminated product.

  "Contaminated product" means a supplement, vitamin or other product that contains a prohibited substance that is not disclosed on the product label or in information available in a reasonable Internet search.
- (2) An unarmed combatant or other person provides the Commission with substantial assistance in discovering or establishing anti-doping rule violations.
- (I) "Substantial assistance" means that the unarmed combatant or other person provides the following:
- (i) A signed, written and notarized statement that includes all information that he or she possesses regarding anti-doping rule violations; and
- (ii) Full cooperation with the Commission's investigation and/or adjudication of any disciplinary action arising from the information he or she provides regarding anti-doping rule violations.
- (II) To qualify as substantial assistance, the unarmed combatant or other person must provide credible information that comprises an important part of the disciplinary action.
- (3) An unarmed combatant or other person can prove, to the satisfaction of the Commission that the anti-doping rule violation resulted from sabotage by a competitor.

- (4) An unarmed combatant or other person can prove, to the satisfaction of the Commission, that a physician or trainer administered a prohibited substance without disclosure.
- (5) An unarmed combatant or other person can prove, to the satisfaction of the Commission, that his or her use of a prohibited substance was not intended to enhance performance or mask the use of a prohibited substance.
- (6) An unarmed combatant or other Person demonstrates remorse and candor to the Commission.
- Sec. 49. (Suggested NAC 467.853) Failure to pay a fine; consequence; assignment of debt. (NRS 467.030)
- 1. Any unarmed combatant who has not paid their fine in full within the time period allotted, or who has made arrangements for a payment plan but has failed to comply with the terms of such plan, shall be placed on the Commission's suspension list circulated to all states and reporting agencies.
- 2. Subject to the conditions set forth in NRS 353C.200, the Commission may assign a debt to the State Controller for collection.
  - 3. As used in this section, "debt" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 353C.040.
- Sec. 50. (Suggested NAC 467.910) Adjudication of alleged violations. (NRS 467.030) The Commission shall not delegate any part of the Results management process, including but not limited to adjudication of any alleged violation of this chapter or NRS 467 and assignment and application of any sanction or penalty resulting from a Commission finding of any violation.

#### Sec. 51. NAC 467.0025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.0025 "Contestant" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Contestant" means any person who [engages in] is preparing to engage in, who currently is engaged in, or who has formerly engaged in unarmed combat for remuneration.

#### Sec. 52. NAC 467.0027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.0027 "Exhibition" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Exhibition" means an [exhibition of unarmed combat] engagement in which the participants show or display their skill. Such an engagement may include those in which participants show or display their skill without necessarily determining a winner.

#### Sec. 53. NAC 467.0031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.0031 "Promoter" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Promoter" means any person who has produced, arranged, or stages any professional contest or exhibition, who currently produces, arranges, or stages any professional contest or exhibition, or who intends or plans to produce, stage, or stage any professional contest or exhibition.

#### Sec. 54. NAC 467.0031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.0033 "Purse" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other remuneration for which contestants are participating in a contest or exhibition and includes the contestant's share of any payment received for radio broadcasting, television or motion picture rights, and may include any bonus payment or payment greater than the amount constituting the financial guarantee.

## Sec. 55. NAC 467.0037 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.0037 "Unarmed combat" defined.** (NRS 467.030) "Unarmed combat" means boxing, *kickboxing*, *mixed martial arts* or any form of competition in which a blow is usually struck *or a maneuver is executed* which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury.

#### Sec. 56. NAC 467.0039 is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### NAC 467.0039 "Unarmed combatant" defined. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, "unarmed combatant" means any person who engages in unarmed combat in a contest or exhibition, whether or not the person receives remuneration.
  - 2. The term includes, but is not limited to, a contestant.
  - 3. The term does not include:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in NAC 467.785, an amateur boxer, amateur kickboxer or amateur mixed martial artist; or
- (b) A person who participates in a contest or exhibition that is exempt from the provisions of this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS pursuant to a specific statute or regulation, including, but not limited to, NRS 467.170 and 467.173.

## Sec. 57. NAC 467.004 is hereby amended to read as follows:

# NAC 467.004 Duties of Executive Director: Supervise and establish duties and responsibilities of Commission's representatives and employees. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The jurisdiction, duties and responsibilities of every representative and employee of the Commission must be established by the Executive Director with the approval of the Commission.
  - 2. Every employee is under the general supervision of the Executive Director.

- 3. The Executive Director has the power to investigate and issue complaints against any person involved in or associated with unarmed combat in this State.
- 4. The Executive Director, with the approval of the Chair of the Commission, may request an investigation of a violation of any provision of this Chapter or of Chapter 467 of the NRS by the Office of the Attorney General, or any other investigative capacity or agency of the State of Nevada. Any contract for payment or Memorandum of Understanding required to effectuate such an investigation must be approved by the Commission prior to the conduct of any such services.

#### Sec. 58. NAC 467.006 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.006 Commission may refuse to contract for services of independent contractor. (NRS 467.030) The Commission may refuse to contract for the services of a person as an independent contractor for any reason that does not violate federal or state law. *The Commission shall not delegate any Results management function*.

## Sec. 59. NAC 467.009 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.009 Adoption by reference of <u>Unified Championship Rules</u>. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, championship contests of **[boxing]** *unarmed combat* and other contests of **[boxing]** *unarmed combat* that the Commission considers to be special events must comply with the <u>Unified Championship Rules</u> adopted by the Association of Boxing Commissions, which are hereby adopted by reference.
- 2. A copy of the <u>Unified Championship Rules</u> may be obtained free of charge from the Commission, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

## Sec. 60. NAC 467.012 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.012 General licensing requirements: Application; conditions and agreements; false statements; proof of identity; appearance before Commission; fee for issuance or renewal; period of validity. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)

- 1. An application for a license *or approval* as a:
- (a) Professional boxer;
- (b) [Mixed] Professional mixed martial artist;
- (c) **[Kickboxer] Professional kickboxer**;
- (d) Any other unarmed combatant;
- (e) Promoter;
- (f) Matchmaker;
- (g) Manager;
- (h) Second, including a trainer;
- (i) Referee;
- (j) Judge;
- (k) Timekeeper;
- (l) Announcer; [or]
- (m) Sanctioned drug testing organization; or
- $\{(m)\}$  (n) Physician,

→ must be made in writing on a form supplied by the Commission and signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury. The Commission, in its discretion, may act on an applicant's request for a license before the form is submitted, but a license must not be issued to the applicant until the applicant complies with the requirements of this subsection.

- 2. Each license issued is subject to the conditions and agreements set forth in the application.
  - 3. Any false statement of a material matter in such an application is a ground:
  - (a) For denial of the application; [or]
- (b) If the license has already been issued, for [revocation of the license] immediate temporary suspension at the discretion of the Executive Director; and
- (c) Such other disciplinary action, including revocation of the license, as determined by the Commission after an evidentiary hearing.
- 4. Before issuing a license, the Commission or its staff may, when deemed appropriate, require an applicant to provide independent proof of his or her identity such as a photographic identification provided by a governmental authority.
- 5. As a prerequisite to licensing, each applicant must submit a signed copy of the Commission's Code of Ethics and Conduct specific to the applicant's licensing category. Such Codes of Ethics and Conduct shall address, among any other items deemed appropriate by the Commission, domestic violence and other forms of partner abuse, property crimes, sex offense, fraud, money laundering, racketeering, criminal offenses related to prohibited substances, receipt of gifts or emoluments which, in the judgement the Commission, may create an appearance of impropriety or conflict and any other act or omission which may tend to reflect discredit on the State of Nevada, the Nevada Athletic Commission, or unarmed combat.
- [5.] 6. The Commission may require an applicant to appear before the Commission to answer questions or provide documents in conjunction with an application for a license.
  - [6.] 7. The fee for issuance or renewal of a license:
  - (a) For a boxer is [\$25] \$50.

- (b) For a mixed martial artist is [\$25] \$50.
- (c) For a kickboxer is [\$25] \$50.
- (d) For any other unarmed combatant is [\$25] \$50.
- (e) For a matchmaker is \$100.
- (f) For a manager is \$100.
- (g) For a second is \$50.
- (h) For an announcer is \$100.
- [7.] 8. Unless the Commission limits the license to a shorter period, a license is valid for the remainder of the calendar year for which it is granted.
- 9. All licensees must provide the Commission with any change of address within 30 days of such a change. Failure to comply with this provision may be grounds for disciplinary action against the licensee.
- [8.] 10. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a licensee must pay the full renewal fee for a license, regardless of whether the license is limited or conditioned by the Commission. If the Commission later removes the limitation or grants the licensee the same type of license for another period in the same calendar year, the licensee is not required to pay an additional renewal fee for a license within that same calendar year.
  - Sec. 61. NAC 467.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.017 Effect of age, experience and physical condition on issuance or renewal of license to engage in unarmed combat. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)
- 1. If an applicant for a license to engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant has:
  - (a) Not reached 18 years of age;

- (b) Reached [36] 38 years of age or will reach [36] 38 years of age during the current calendar year;
- (c) Competed in more than 425 rounds of unarmed combat in contests or exhibitions sanctioned by the Commission or any other agency that regulates unarmed combat in another jurisdiction; [or]
  - (d) Not competed in unarmed combat for at least 36 consecutive months; or
  - (e) Any other reason deemed appropriate by the Commission.
- the applicant or unarmed combatant must have his or her application for a license or for renewal of a license reviewed by the Commission or, if time does not permit and no concerns about the application have been raised by the Executive Director or any Commissioner, reviewed by the Chair of the Commission or the Chair's designee, so that his or her [experience and fitness] qualifications may be considered before the license is issued or renewed.
- 2. The Commission will not issue or renew a license to engage in unarmed combat to an applicant or unarmed combatant who is found to be blind in one eye or whose vision in one eye is so poor that a physician recommends that the license not be granted or renewed. This rule is effective regardless of how good the vision of the applicant or unarmed combatant may be in the other eye.
- 3. If an applicant for a license to engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant has suffered a serious head injury, including, but not limited to, a cerebral hemorrhage, the applicant or unarmed combatant must have his or her application for a license or for renewal of a license reviewed by the Commission before a license is issued or renewed.

#### Sec. 62. NAC 467.022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.022 Determination of ability to compete in unarmed combat; hearing. (NRS 467.030, 467.100) Before a license to engage in unarmed combat is issued or renewed by the Commission, the applicant or unarmed combatant must satisfy the Commission that he or she has the ability to compete. If the ability of the applicant or the unarmed combatant to compete is questioned for any reason, the Commission may hold a hearing to determine whether the license should be granted or renewed *or granted on a conditional basis*.

# Sec. 63. NAC 467.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.027 Determination of physical and mental fitness to engage in unarmed combat; examination and testing; results of medical tests required. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)

- 1. An applicant who has applied for a license to engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant who has applied for renewal of his or her license must:
- (a) Be examined by a physician at least 7 days in advance of a contest to establish the physical and mental fitness of the applicant or unarmed combatant for competition and provide a report to the Commission within 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid;
- (b) Provide the Commission with an original or certified copy *or other authenticated copy* of the result of a dilated ophthalmologic eye examination that must have been performed:
  - (1) By an ophthalmologist who holds an M.D. or D.O.; and
- (2) At least [1 day] 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid; and
- (c) If the applicant or unarmed combatant has had a brain magnetic resonance imaging scan performed within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the application for a

license or for renewal of the license is submitted, provide the Commission with an original or certified copy *or other authenticated copy* of the result of the brain magnetic resonance imaging scan, unless the applicant or unarmed combatant has previously provided an original or certified copy *or other authenticated copy* of the result to the Commission. If the applicant or unarmed combatant has not had a brain magnetic resonance imaging scan performed within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the application for a license or for renewal of the license is submitted, the applicant or unarmed combatant must:

- (1) Have a brain magnetic resonance imaging scan and a cerebral magnetic resonance angiography performed; and
- (2) Provide the Commission with original or certified copies or other authenticated copies of the results of the brain magnetic resonance imaging scan and the cerebral magnetic resonance angiography within 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid.
  - (d) The reports required in subsection 1 may be scanned or faxed.
- 2. An applicant or an unarmed combatant [licensed by the Commission] may be required to submit to any examination or testing ordered by the Commission.
- 3. An applicant or an unarmed combatant must provide with the application for a license or for renewal of the license an original or certified copy [of] or other authenticated copy of a complete blood count (CBC) and the results of medical tests which:
- (a) Were performed by a laboratory [during the calendar year for which the license is being issued or] no earlier than 30 days before the date on which the application is submitted and must be submitted within 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid;

- (b) Show that the applicant or unarmed combatant is not infected with the human immunodeficiency virus; [and]
- (c) Show that the applicant or unarmed combatant is not infected with the hepatitis virus; *and*
- (d) Provide the results of the applicant's score on the C-3 test or other neurological tests required by the Commission.
- 4. For good cause shown, the Executive Director may waive the deadlines required by this section.
  - Sec. 64. NAC 467.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.045 Application by amateur for license as professional unarmed combatant: Requirements; examinations and testing; proof of ability to compete. (NRS 467.030, 467.100) A person who engages in unarmed combat as an amateur may apply to become a professional unarmed combatant in Nevada by serving notice of his or her intention in writing at the office of the Commission. [The] In addition to the professional licensing requirements required by this Chapter, the person must furnish the Commission with:

- 1. Proof of the person's age; and
- 2. [The results of the person's physical examination and any medical tests required by the Commission;
  - 3. A written statement as to the person's personal fitness from a physician; and
- 4.] The person's record as an amateur in contests or exhibitions or proof of his or her ability to compete.

## Sec. 65. NAC 467.052 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.052 Application for license as promoter: Requirements; investigation; payment of costs; fees. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)

- 1. A person applying for a license as a promoter may be required to appear before the Commission and be prepared to prove his or her:
  - (a) Integrity;
  - (b) Financial ability and stability; and
- (c) Knowledge of the responsibilities involved in the promotion of contests or exhibitions.
- 2. The applicant, or a person he or she has designated if approved by the Commission, must provide all waivers necessary to the conduct of the Commission's investigation of the applicant's suitability, including, but not limited to, providing consent to investigate the background of the applicant.
- 3. The Commission will require the applicant to pay any costs related to an investigation conducted pursuant to this section and may, when deemed appropriate by the Commission, require a deposit of money by the applicant in advance against those costs.
- 4. A promoter must promptly inform the Commission within 30 days of any change in officers or directors, which must be approved by the Chairman upon the recommendation of the Executive Director.
  - [4.] 5. The fee for a promoter's license is [\$500] \$750 per year.
  - [5.] 6. The fee for an amateur boxing promoter's license is \$25 per year.

- Sec. 66. NAC 467.062 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.062 Referees, judges and timekeepers: Licensing requirements; expiration and renewal of license; membership in sanctioning organization; licensing fees. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)
- 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; [and]
  - (b) Not have been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude; and
  - (c) Possess the qualifications deemed necessary by the Commission.
- 2. The Commission will determine when additional ring officials are needed and when licensing examinations for ring officials will be conducted.
- 3. 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 the application for renewal.
- 4. Each referee licensed by the Commission must annually undergo a complete physical examination, including an eye examination conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. The licensee must produce all records of the examination at the request of the Commission.
  - 5. Each judge licensed by the Commission:
- (a) May be required to submit to or provide proof of a complete physical examination; and

- (b) Must annually undergo an eye examination conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist and produce all records of the examination at the request of the Commission.
- [4] 6. A ring official may be a member or an associate of a sanctioning organization that does not in any way prohibit or discourage the ring official from being a member or an associate of any other sanctioning organization.
  - 5 7. The fee for issuance or renewal of a license:
  - (a) As a judge is [\$50] \$100.
  - (b) As a timekeeper is [\$50] \$100.
  - (c) As a referee is [\$75] \$100.
  - Sec. 67. NAC 467.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.071 Ringside physicians: Licensing requirements and fees; certification in life-saving procedures; treatment or examination of unarmed combatant. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)
- 1. Ringside physicians must be licensed annually annually [as need for their services is determined by the Commission]. The Commission may issue such licenses as the need for medical services is determined by the Commission.
  - 2. The fee for issuance or renewal of a license as a ringside physician is \$100.
- 3. [The renewal of a license as a ringside physician is not automatic. The] In deciding whether to grant a license to a ringside physician, the Commission [will] may consider the following items, among others:
- (a) The applicant's past performance [and abilities in evaluating the application for renewal] as a ringside physician;
  - (b) The applicant's capabilities as a physician;

- (c) The status of the applicant's current license with the State medical licensing authorities, including any resolved or pending malpractice claims, any civil or criminal actions filed against the applicant, which shall be disclosed by the physician as part of the application documentation; and
  - (d) The physician's general and professional reputation.
- 4. [A] To be licensed by the Commission, a ringside physician must maintain an active license to practice medicine issued by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and certification to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation or an equivalent or more advanced certification in advanced life-saving procedures.
- 5. A ringside physician licensed pursuant to this section must immediately notify the Executive Director if the ringside physician treats or examines an unarmed combatant or an applicant for a license as an unarmed combatant unless the treatment is:
- (a) Provided in furtherance of the duties of the ringside physician described in NAC 467.642;
  - (b) Provided in a medical emergency; or
  - (c) Otherwise allowed by the Commission.
  - Sec. 68. NAC 467.073 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.073 Registration of sanctioning organizations: Requirement; application; fees; revocation, suspension or conditioning. (NRS 467.030, 467.136)
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the Commission may require the registration of a sanctioning organization.

- 2. A sanctioning organization required to be registered must submit to the Commission, within 30 days after receipt of notice of the decision of the Commission that the sanctioning organization must be registered:
  - (a) A completed application for registration on a form provided by the Commission; and
  - (b) An application fee of [\$100] \$1,000.
- 3. A sanctioning organization required to be registered may have its registration revoked, suspended or conditioned by the Commission for:
- (a) Failing to provide information as requested by the Commission, the Chair of the Commission or the Executive Director; or
- (b) Any other cause for the revocation, suspension or conditioning of a license set forth in this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS.
- 4. A sanctioning organization required to be registered which fails or refuses to file an application for registration as required pursuant to subsection 2 or whose registration has been revoked or suspended by the Commission may not participate, directly or indirectly, in any professional contest or exhibition of unarmed combat.
- 5. A sanctioning organization that is registered pursuant to this section must submit to the Commission an annual fee of \[ \frac{\\$100}{100} \] \[ \\$1,000 \] for renewal of its registration.
- 6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a sanctioning organization that holds a license as a promoter issued by the Commission and which is in good standing.
- 7. As used in this section, "sanctioning organization" means an organization that sanctions professional contests of unarmed combat in this State.
- 8. For good cause shown, the Chairman or his designee may waive the requirements of this section by general or specific waiver.

Sec. 69. NAC 467.077 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.077 Applicants, licensees and officials must submit material to Commission as directed. (NRS 467.030) Any ring official, any person licensed by the Commission and any applicant for a license must submit to the Commission any forms, records and statements at the times and manner as directed by the Commission *or the Executive Director*.

Sec. 70. NAC 467.087 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.087 Application for new license or petition for reinstatement of license after denial, revocation or suspension. (NRS 467.030, 467.080, 467.100, 467.159)

- 1. Any applicant who has been denied a license by the Commission may not file a similar application until 1 year after denial by the Commission *and before all fees and fines imposed by the Commission are paid in full*, unless the Commission specifies otherwise at the time of denial.
- 2. A person who has had his or her license revoked may not petition for reinstatement or apply for a new license until 1 year after the revocation *and before all fees and fines imposed by the Commission are paid in full*. If the petitioner files a petition for reinstatement after the 1-year period required pursuant to this subsection, and the Commission denies the request, the petitioner may not petition again for reinstatement until 1 year after the denial.
- 3. A person who has had his or her license suspended for a period of 1 year or less may not file a petition for reinstatement or an application for a new license until the period of the suspension has expired *and before all fees and fines imposed by the Commission are paid in full*.

- 4. A person who has had his or her license suspended for a period of more than 1 year may not file a petition for reinstatement or an application for a new license until 1 year after the suspension is ordered *and before all fees and fines imposed by the Commission are paid in full*. If the petitioner or applicant files a petition for reinstatement or an application for a new license after the 1-year period required pursuant to this subsection, and the Commission denies the request, the petitioner may not petition again for reinstatement or apply again for a new license until 1 year after the denial or until the suspension has expired, whichever is less.
- 5. Prior to licensing following a suspension based on a violation of the Commission's program of drug testing, the applicant must provide a negative sample from a lab approved by the Commission and must pay in full all fees and fines imposed by the Commission.
- [5.] 6. The Commission may deny a petition or application that is not filed in accordance with this section without a hearing.

## Sec. 71. NAC 467.089 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.089 Effect of expiration of license, approval, registration, or sanctioning on jurisdiction of Commission. (NRS 467.030) The expiration of a license, approval, registration, or sanctioning granted by the Commission does not deprive the Commission of jurisdiction to:

- 1. Proceed with an investigation of [the licensee] any person associated with unarmed combat in the State of Nevada;
- 2. Proceed with an action or disciplinary proceeding against [the licensee] any person associated with unarmed combat in the State of Nevada;
- 3. Render a decision to suspend or revoke [the] a license, approval, registration, or sanctioning; or

- 4. Otherwise discipline [the licensee] any person licensed, approved, registered, sanctioned, or otherwise associated with unarmed combat in the State of Nevada, including the imposition of a ban from participation in unarmed combat in this State, up to and including a lifetime ban.
  - Sec. 72. NAC 467.093 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.093 Professional [boxing] unarmed combat: Issuance of identification card; disciplinary action for falsification or misuse of identification card. (NRS 467.030)
- 1. The Commission will issue an identification card for the purpose of registration *of all unarmed combatants*.
- 2. [pursuant] Pursuant to the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, 15 U.S.C. §§
  6301 et seq., the Commission will issue an identification card to each [boxer] unarmed
  combatant who [so] applies for such. The [boxer] unarmed combatant shall provide a recent
  photograph for the identification card and any other information that is requested by the
  Commission. After an identification card is issued, the [boxer] unarmed combatant shall provide
  any information for the identification card that is requested by the Commission, including, but
  not limited to, a new or more recent photograph.
- [2.] 3. An identification card may not be substituted for the license to engage in [boxing] unarmed combat held by the [boxer] unarmed combatant.
- [3.] 4. [A boxer] An unarmed combatant shall present his or her identification card to the Commission's representative at weigh-in for a contest or exhibition and at any other time ordered by the Commission or its representative.
- [4.] 5. [A person licensed by the Commission is] An unarmed combatant may be subject to disciplinary action by the Commission if the person [knowingly]:

- (a) Provides false information for an identification card or falsifies or attempts to falsify an identification card, or aids in such acts:
- (b) Uses or attempts to use an identification card in an unlawful manner or in a manner that is not in the best interests of unarmed combat, or aids in such use; or
  - (c) Otherwise violates the provisions of this section.

## Sec. 73. NAC 467.102 is hereby amended to read as follows:

# NAC 467.102 Contract between manager and unarmed combatant: General requirements; arbitration of disputes; authority of managers; assignment. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The Commission may refuse to honor a contract between a manager and an unarmed combatant unless it is filed with the Commission at least 72 hours before a scheduled contest or exhibition and it complies with the requirements of this section. The Commission will not honor a contract between a manager and an unarmed combatant if the term of the contract is for a period of more than 4 years.
- 2. A manager may not contract to receive the services of an unarmed combatant under his or her management for a contest or exhibition which is scheduled to take place after the expiration of the contract.
- 3. A contract between an unarmed combatant and a manager that is executed and notarized on a form provided by the Commission may provide for voluntary binding arbitration of disputes by the Commission. The arbitration must be conducted by a representative of the Commission appointed by the Chair. The arbitration must be conducted pursuant to the Uniform Arbitration Act of 2000, NRS 38.206 to 38.248, inclusive.
- 4. The Commission may honor a contract that is not executed and notarized on a form provided by the Commission if the terms of the contract comply with the requirements of this

section. If the terms of the contract exceed the limitations contained in this section, the Commission may honor the contract to the extent of those limitations.

- 5. A manager may not negotiate or sign for contests or exhibitions for an unarmed combatant who is not under contract to the manager. An unarmed combatant who does not have a contract with a licensed manager must sign for his or her own contest or exhibition and sign the receipt for his or her own purse.
- 6. A manager or managers may not participate separately or collectively in more than 33 1/3 percent of the earnings of the unarmed combatant in the ring.
- 7. An interest, other than a monetary interest, which an unarmed combatant or a manager has in a contract may not be assigned unless:
- (a) A written assignment, signed by the unarmed combatant and the manager, is submitted to the Commission; and
  - (b) The Commission approves the assignment.
- 8. At the discretion of the Commission, the agreement may be filed electronically with legally valid electronic signatures.
  - Sec. 74. NAC 467.104 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.104 [Promoter] Conflicts of interest and certain others prohibited from acting as manager of unarmed combatant and from holding certain financial interests.

(NRS 467.030) [An unarmed combatant may not have a promoter or any of its members, stockholders, officials, matchmakers or assistant matchmakers:

- 1. Act directly or indirectly as his or her manager; or
- 2. Hold any financial interest in the unarmed combatant's management or earnings from contests or exhibitions No member or employee of the Commission, and no person who

administers or enforces Chapter 467, may belong to, contract with, or receive any compensation from any person who sanctions, arranges, or promotes professional matches of unarmed combat or who otherwise has a financial interest in an unarmed combatant currently registered with a professional unarmed combatant registry. For purposes of this section, the term "compensation" does not include funds held in escrow for payment to another person in connection with a professional match of unarmed combat. The prohibition set forth in this section shall not apply to any contract entered into, or any reasonable compensation received, by the Commission or ring official to supervise or officiate professional unarmed combat in another State.

## Sec. 75. NAC 467.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.112 Bout agreement between promoter and unarmed combatant: Form; prohibited provision; agreement between contestants for exhibition or contest of unarmed combat. (NRS 467.030, 467.120)

- 1. The bout agreement between a promoter and an unarmed combatant must be executed on a form provided by the Commission. *At the discretion of the Commission, the agreement may be filed electronically with legally valid electronic signatures.*
- 2. A bout agreement which provides that an unarmed combatant is to pay for the services of his or her opponent is prohibited.
- 3. Any agreement between contestants for an exhibition of unarmed combat must be placed on file no fewer than 7 working days before the program.
- 4. For good cause shown, the Executive Director may waive the document submission deadlines required by this section.

Sec. 76. NAC 467.117 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.117 Provisions for filing bout agreements; failure to file; contracts for rights to broadcast, televise or take motion pictures. (NRS 467.030, 467.120, 467.137)

- 1. A bout agreement between a promoter and an unarmed combatant for the main event of a program of unarmed combat must be placed on file with the Commission at least [3] 7 working days before the program unless [the Commission gives special approval for filing the bout agreement closer to the time of weighing in], for good cause shown, the Executive Director waives the document submission deadlines required by this section.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, bout agreements for all unarmed combatants who will be contending in a contest or exhibition must be filed before the scheduled time for weighing in.
- 3. A promoter or matchmaker who fails to file a bout agreement for an unarmed combatant whose name is released to the news media [is] in the context of a potential bout requiring the filing of a bout agreement may be subject to disciplinary action.

[4. Any contract by the promoter for the sale, lease or other use of rights to broadcast, televise or take motion pictures of a contest or exhibition, including, but not limited to, a contract for the rights to make a closed-circuit telecast of a contest or exhibition, must be placed on file with the Commission at least 10 working days after the contest or exhibition.]

Sec. 77. NAC 467.142 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.142 Payment of purse: Time and manner; permissible withholding. (NRS 467.030, 467.120)

- 1. All payment of purses must be made:
- (a) Immediately after the contest or exhibition; or

- (b) If the unarmed combatant is to receive a percentage of the net receipts, immediately after that percentage is determined by a person designated by the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.
- 2. Before the start of a contest or exhibition, the promoter shall deliver to the Commission checks, letters of credit or another method of payment that is approved by the Commission for distribution to the entitled persons. *At its discretion, the Commission may authorize payment by electronic means, including wire transfer.* All methods of payment other than checks must be submitted to the Commission not later than 10 days before the date of the contest or exhibition.
- 3. Immediately after the contest or exhibition, the person designated by the Commission will release the payments to the entitled persons and will obtain their signatures on a list in which they acknowledge the payment.
- 4. The promoter may withhold an amount of not more than 10 percent of the purse for payment of expenses incurred by the unarmed combatant. A reconciliation of those expenses and payment of the undistributed portion of the purse must be made to the Commission [on the Commission's form] within 5 working days after the contest or exhibition. The reconciliation must bear written approval of the unarmed combatant before it is submitted. If good cause is shown, the Chair of the Commission, *or his or her designee*, may grant an extension of the date for reconciliation for a period not to exceed 30 days after the contest or exhibition.
  - Sec. 78. NAC 467.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.151 Payment of certain fees for tickets sold; grants to organizations that promote amateur contests or exhibitions. (NRS 467.030, 467.108)

- 1. Not later than 20 *calendar* days after the completion of a live [professional] contest, match or exhibition is held in this State, the promoter shall pay the fees required by subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 467.108 to the Commission by check or money order.
- 2. To apply for a grant from money collected pursuant to NRS 467.108, an organization that promotes amateur contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat in this State must submit an application to the Executive Director on a form prescribed by the Executive Director.
  - 3. After considering an application for a grant, the Commission may:
  - (a) Award the grant, in whole or in part;
  - (b) Refuse to award the grant; or
- (c) Require the Executive Director or the organization applying for the grant to submit supplemental information.
  - 4. When determining whether to award a grant, the Commission will consider:
  - (a) The need for, and the propriety of, the grant requested;
  - (b) The recommendation of the Executive Director;
  - (c) Previous grants to, and the accounting procedures of, the requesting organization;
- (d) The benefits to amateur unarmed combat in this State to be derived from a requested grant; and
- (e) The current and prospective balance of the total amount of money collected pursuant to NRS 467 108
  - Sec. 79. NAC 467.167 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.167 Permit: Submission and approval of program and date; content; payment of fee; cancellation of program. (NRS 467.030, 467.105)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 467.169, a promoter shall not hold a program of unarmed combat unless, before the program is held:
- (a) The promoter submits to the Commission a written request for a permit, as required by NRS 467.105, and for approval of the date for the program; and
  - (b) The Commission approves the permit and the date for the program.
  - 2. A written request for a permit must include, without limitation:
  - (a) The proposed site for the event;
  - (b) A listing of all title fights to be held on the program; and
- (c) If the program will be televised, each date and network on which the program will be televised
  - 3. The permit fee required by NRS 467.105 must be paid:
  - (a) Within 10 days after the date for the program; or
- (b) If the program is cancelled and the permit fee is forfeited pursuant to subsection 4, when ordered by the Commission.
- 4. The failure of the promoter to notify the Commission of a cancellation at least [5] working] 30 calendar days before the date for the program [may] shall result in the forfeiture of the permit fee and may subject the promoter to disciplinary action.
- 5. The Commission may consider the best interests of the State, including the financial effect of any event on the Commission, the wellbeing of the Commission staff, and/or the reputation of unarmed combat in deciding whether to approve a promoter's request for a permit for a program of unarmed combat. The fact that any particular date is not scheduled for a program of unarmed combat is not, of itself, sufficient grounds for approval of an event permit for that date.

Sec. 80. NAC 467.169 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.169 Permit for program with anticipated large gross receipts; multiple requests for approval of same date. (NRS 467.030, 467.105)

- 1. If, based upon the seating capacity of the venue and the proposed scale for prices of tickets, the total gross receipts from admission fees for a program of unarmed combat may reasonably exceed \$2,000,000, the Commission will consider a request for a permit and for approval of a date for the program submitted pursuant to NAC 467.167 only if the request includes:
- (a) A bout agreement or letter of intent signed by each unarmed combatant who is participating in the contest or exhibition that is designated as the main event of the program;
- (b) A contract or letter of intent signed by each promoter and by the authorized representative of the venue in which the program is to be held;
- (c) A statement that describes the seating capacity of the venue in which the program is to be held; and
  - (d) The proposed scale for prices of tickets for the program.
- 2. If the Commission receives more than one request for the approval of a date submitted pursuant to NAC 467.167 for the same date, the Commission [will] may:
- (a) Approve only one request and grant a permit pursuant to NRS 467.105 only to the applicant who submitted the request that was approved, if the Commission determines that approving the request of and granting the permit to only that applicant is in the best interests of the State of Nevada and the sport of unarmed combat;

- (b) Approve only one request and grant a permit pursuant to NRS 467.105 only to the first applicant who submits a completed request for approval to hold a program of unarmed combat on that date;
- (c) Approve two or more requests and grant permits pursuant to NRS 467.105 to each applicant who submitted a request so approved, if the Commission determines that granting the permits is in the best interests of the State of Nevada and the sport of unarmed combat; or
  - (d) Take such other action as is deemed appropriate by the Commission.
  - Sec. 81. NAC 467.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.177 Programs for charitable purposes: Application; duties of promoter. (NRS 467.030, 467.080, 467.105, 467.109)
- 1. A person who wishes to present a program of unarmed combat for charitable purposes must file with the Commission an application for a permit to present the program. The application must contain the name of the charity, charitable fund or organization which is to benefit from the program, *evidence of the organization's federal tax exempt status pursuant to the provisions of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), and the amount or percentage of the receipts of the program which is to be paid to the charity.*
- 2. Within 10 days after such a program is held, the promoter shall furnish to the Commission a certified itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the program and the net amount paid to the charitable fund or organization. If the promoter fails to file the statement within the prescribed time, the Commission:
  - (a) May suspend or revoke the promoter's license ; and
- (b) [Will] *May* not thereafter issue a permit to the promoter for the holding of any program of unarmed combat for charitable purposes.

## Sec. 82. NAC 467.182 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.182 Arrangement of contest or exhibition; use of licensed matchmaker by promoter. (NRS 467.030, 467.100) A contest or exhibition may not be arranged on behalf of any promoter except by a licensed matchmaker or the promoter [personally].

## Sec. 83. NAC 467.214 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## NAC 467.214 Selection and approval of ring officials and announcer. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The ring officials of contests or exhibitions [are] include the referee, inspectors, judges, timekeeper, physician and Commission's representative. The Commission or the Executive Director will select and approve all ring officials.
- 2. The promoter may select the announcer for a contest or exhibition, subject to the Commission's approval.

## Sec. 84. NAC 467.219 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.219 Referees: Selection; fee; protest of assignment; physical examination. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. A majority of the Commission will select the referee for the main event in [boxing] any unarmed combat championship contests or exhibitions and for any other [boxing] unarmed combat contests or exhibitions which the Commission considers to be special events.
- 2. The Commission will set the fee which the referee is entitled to receive for a contest or exhibition.
- 3. If any licensee of the Commission protests the assignment of a referee, the protesting licensee will be given [a hearing by] an opportunity to voice a protest to the Commission if time permits. If time does not permit, the matter will be heard by two Commissioners or a Commissioner and the Chief Inspector or Executive Director in order to make such disposition of

the protest as the facts may justify. Protests not made in a timely manner may be summarily rejected.

4. Each referee licensed by the Commission must annually undergo a complete physical examination, including an eye examination conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. The licensee must produce all records of the examination at the request of the Commission.

## Sec. 85. NAC 467.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.225 Judges: Selection; protest of assignment; fee; stationing; physical examination. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. A majority of the Commission will select the judges for the main event in [boxing] any unarmed combat championship contests and for any other [boxing] unarmed combat contests or exhibitions which the Commission considers to be special events.
- 2. If any licensee of the Commission protests the assignment of a judge, the protesting licensee will be given [a hearing by] an opportunity to voice a protest to the Commission if time permits. If time does not permit, the matter will be heard by two Commissioners or a Commissioner and the Chief Inspector or Executive Director in order to make such disposition of the protest as the facts may justify. Protests not made in a timely manner may be summarily rejected.
- 3. The Commission will set the fee which the judges are entitled to receive for a contest or exhibition.
- 4. The judges must be stationed ringside at places designated by the Commission's representative.
  - 5. Each judge licensed by the Commission:

- (a) May be required to submit to or provide proof of a complete physical examination; and
- (b) Must annually undergo an eye examination conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist and produce all records of the examination at the request of the Commission.

#### Sec. 86. NAC 467.238 is hereby amended to read as follows:

# NAC 467.238 Certain officials deemed independent contractors; payment of fees by promoters to Commission; payment of officials by Commission. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. For purposes of this chapter, inspectors, referees, judges, timekeepers and ringside physicians shall be deemed to be independent contractors of the Commission.
- 2. A promoter shall pay to the Commission the total fees set by the Commission for all *ring officials and* persons whom the *Executive Director or* Commission directs to officiate in a contest or exhibition promoted by that promoter.
- 3. The Commission will pay the money collected pursuant to this section to the officials described in subsection 1.

## Sec. 87. NAC 467.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

# NAC 467.255 Change or substitution involving main event: Notice by promoter; refund of price of ticket; approval of substitution. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall, if possible:
- (a) Notify the Commission and the news media of any change or substitution involving a contest or exhibition that was announced or advertised as the main event of the program; and
- (b) Provide such notice at least 24 hours before the first contest or exhibition of the program.

- The promoter shall also conspicuously post the change or substitution at the box office of the premises where the program is to be held and cause the change or substitution to be announced from the ring or, if the program is being held in a fenced area, from the fenced area, before the first contest or exhibition of the program.
- 2. If such a change or substitution occurs and any patron desires to have the price of this or her] the patron's ticket refunded, the promoter must refund the patron's money if the patron [presents the ticket or the ticket stub at the box office, before the opening contest or exhibition of the program is scheduled to begin. The box office must remain open a reasonable length of time to redeem such tickets] makes such a request of the promoter within a time deemed reasonable by the Executive Director, after the promoter publically announces the change or substitution.
- 3. An unarmed combatant may not substitute for another unarmed combatant in a contest or exhibition that is the main event of a program of unarmed combat unless:
- (a) The promoter notifies the Commission before the unarmed combatant weighs in for the contest or exhibition; and
  - (b) The Commission or the Commission's representative approves the substitution.
  - Sec. 88. NAC 467.259 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.259 Unarmed combatant not used in program must be used in next program or reimbursed. (NRS 467.030) If a promoter enters into a bout agreement with an unarmed combatant for a contest or exhibition in a program of unarmed combat, but the promoter, without reasonable cause, does not use the unarmed combatant in that program, the unarmed combatant must be used in [the next] a program of unarmed combatant staged by [the] that promoter within 60 days or be reimbursed pursuant to the bout agreement.

Sec. 89. NAC 467.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.272 Limitations on types of beverage containers [, ashtrays] and plates used at programs. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. All drinks at a program of unarmed combat must be dispensed in paper or plastic cups or other containers approved by the Commission.
- 2. [Ashtrays and plates] Plates and other serving materials provided for patrons at a program of unarmed combat must be made from lightweight, nonflammable and nontoxic materials.

Sec. 90. NAC 467.315 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.315 Tickets: Person sold right of admission must be provided with ticket; promoter must prepare inventory of tickets. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The right of admission to a program of unarmed combat must not be sold to a person unless that person is provided with a ticket.
  - 2. The promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall:
- (a) Prepare an inventory which identifies all tickets that were **[printed]** issued for the program and which accounts for any tickets that are overprints, changes or extras;
- (b) Sign the inventory under **[oath]** *penalty of perjury*, acknowledging that the inventory is true and correct; and
  - (c) Send the inventory to the Commission.

Sec. 91. NAC 467.326 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.326 Contents of ticket; request to change ticket price or program date. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Every ticket must have the price, name of the promoter and date of the program of unarmed combat plainly on it and must adequately indicate that the promoter is complying with NRS 467.108.
- 2. [Requests for changes in ticket prices or dates of programs of unarmed combat must be made in writing to the Commission for approval] All complimentary tickets must be visibly marked as such and must contain a statement that the tickets cannot be sold or bartered.

## Sec. 92. NAC 467.332 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.332 Complimentary tickets: Limitation on issuance; exclusion from calculation of license fee; calculation of percentage of price and service charge for payment to unarmed combatant. (NRS 467.030, 467.107, 467.120)

- 1. A promoter may not issue complimentary tickets for more than [4] 8 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 or 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. Each unarmed combatant who is working on a percentage must be paid his or her percentage of the normal price of all complimentary tickets unless the contract between him or her and the promoter provides otherwise and stipulates the number of complimentary tickets which will be issued.
- 3. If a service charge is made for complimentary tickets, the unarmed combatant is entitled to be paid his or her 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 or her and the promoter provides otherwise.

#### Sec. 93. NAC 467.337 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.337 Issuance of complimentary tickets and tickets at reduced rate:

Authority and duties of promoter; use of and liability for tickets; disciplinary action; fees and taxes. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Each promoter of a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat has charge of all seating arrangements but shall furnish to the Commission a limited number of tickets as determined by the Commission. The Commission may use the tickets at its discretion, which may include use for the promotion of unarmed combat in this State or other use to assist the Commission, but the tickets must not be sold or otherwise *bartered or* exchanged for [any monetary] anything of value by any recipient of a complimentary ticket. Persons who receive tickets pursuant to this subsection are not liable for the payment of any fees for those tickets.
  - 2. Each promoter may provide tickets without charge or at a reduced rate to:
- (a) Any of his or her employees and, if the promoter is a corporation, to a director or officer who is regularly employed or engaged in promoting programs of unarmed combat, whether or not his or her duties require him or her to be admitted to the particular program and whether or not he or she is on duty at the time of that program;
- (b) Principals and seconds who are engaged in a contest or exhibition that is part of the program of unarmed combat;
  - (c) A journalist who is performing his or her duties as such; and
  - (d) A firefighter or police officer who is performing his or her duties as such.

- → Any person other than a journalist, police officer or firefighter who pays a reduced rate for admission is liable for payment of applicable fees on the amount paid.
- 3. Each promoter shall perform the following duties in relation to the issuance of complimentary tickets or those issued at a reduced price:
- (a) Each ticket issued to a journalist must be clearly marked "PRESS." No more tickets may be issued to journalists than will permit comfortable seating in the press area.
- (b) Seating at the press tables or in the press area must be limited to journalists who are actually covering the contest or exhibition and to other persons designated by the Commission.
  - (c) A list of passes issued to journalists must be submitted to the Commission.
- (d) Only one ticket may be sold at a reduced price to any one manager, second, unarmed combatant or other person licensed by the Commission.
- (e) Any credential issued by the promoter which allows an admission to the program without a ticket must be approved in advance and *in writing* by [a member of the Commission or the Executive Director] the Chairman or his or her designee. Requests for the issuance of such credentials must be made at least [5] 24 hours before the first contest or exhibition of the program.
- 4. Admission of any person who does not hold a ticket or who is not specifically exempted pursuant to this section is a ground for suspension or revocation of the promoter's license or the assessment of a penalty.
- 5. The Commission's Executive Director shall collect all fees and taxes due on any ticket which is not specifically exempt pursuant to this section, and for any person who is admitted without a ticket in violation of this section.

Sec. 94. NAC 467.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.340 Admission of certain ring officials; persons authorized to use commission badge; access to site of program and dressing rooms. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall admit to such program any [referee, judge] member of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, ringside physician, or inspector [or timekeeper] who is an independent contractor of the Commission and who presents his or her card or commission badge evidencing such status and who is specifically assigned by the Commission, Chairman, or Executive Director to be working such program.
  - 2. A commission badge may only be used by:
  - (a) Commissioners;
  - (b) Commission staff;
  - (c) Commission legal counsel;
  - (d) Inspectors; and
  - (e) Ringside physicians.
- 3. The promoter of a program and officials of the venue shall allow a person listed in subsection 2 full access to the site of the program and dressing rooms upon the showing of his or her commission badge.
  - Sec. 95. NAC 467.342 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.342 Allocation of seats for media. (NRS 467.030) The promoter may allocate seats for the media, subject to the [Commission's] Executive Director's final approval of the allocation.
  - Sec. 96. NAC 467.344 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - NAC 467.344 Reservation of area for use by Commission. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, for every program of unarmed combat, the promoter of the program shall reserve an area consisting of at least one whole side of the ring, from the ring apron to 15 feet back from the ring apron, for use by the Commission during the program.
- 2. If a program of unarmed combat consists of contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts held in a fenced area, the promoter shall reserve an area equivalent to the area described in subsection 1 for use by the Commission during the program.
- 3. For good cause shown, the Executive Director may grant exceptions to the provisions of this section.
  - Sec. 97. NAC 467.376 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.376 Duties of ushers and door attendants [; responsibility of promoter; disciplinary action]. (NRS 467.030)
  - 1. An usher shall see that:
  - (a) 1. Patrons get the seats corresponding with their ticket [stubs]; and
- [(b)] 2. Anyone who occupies a seat for which he or she does not have [the] a ticket [stub is] may be asked to vacate or, if necessary, [is] may be ejected.
  - 12. The promoter is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission if:
- (a) Any usher allows an unsold seat to be occupied by a patron not holding a stub for the seat.
  - (b) Any door attendant admits any person without a ticket to the program.]
  - Sec. 98. NAC 467.414 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.414 Provision of ambulance and medical personnel; alternative medical transport; notice of program to emergency services, facilities and personnel. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a program of unarmed combat must not be held unless [an ambulance] two ambulances and [two] four persons certified by this State as advanced emergency medical technicians are present at the site of the program and able and available to transport an unarmed combatant to a medical facility.
- 2. [Iff] For good cause shown, the Chairman or his designee may require one ambulance and two persons certified by this State as advanced emergency medical technicians to be present at the site on the condition that, if the ambulance or advanced emergency medical technicians leave the site of the program to transport an unarmed combatant to a medical facility, the program of unarmed combat must not continue until another ambulance or replacements for the advanced emergency medical technicians are present and available.
- 3. If an ambulance is not available because of the location of the site, the highest level of medical transport in that locale must be present and able and available to transport an unarmed combatant to a medical facility. If the advanced emergency medical technicians are not available because of the location of the site, two persons with the highest level of training as emergency medical technicians in that locale must be present and able and available to treat an unarmed combatant.
  - 4. The medical personnel described in this section:
- (a) Must be designated to render service only to the unarmed combatants in the program.
- (b) Shall position themselves and their equipment in a location at or near the ring or, if the program is being held in a fenced area, at or near the fenced area, that they and the ringside physician deem appropriate.

- 5. Each promoter of such a program shall, without regard to the size of the anticipated attendance:
- (a) Give notice of the time, date and site of the program to the ambulance service or emergency medical service which is located nearest to the site of the program and ascertain from the service the length of time required for one of its ambulances to reach the site.
- (b) Give such a notice to the [nearest] hospital and the persons in charge of its emergency room.
- 6. For purposes of this section, a program of unarmed combat begins with the commencement of the first bout and ends when the last unarmed combatant leaves the site of the program.

## Sec. 99. NAC 467.417 is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### NAC 467.417 Provision of emergency equipment. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Each promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall arrange to have emergency equipment on the premises where the program is to be held. The emergency equipment must include [, but is not limited to:] all necessary equipment reasonably needed to address the potential injuries of the unarmed combatants.
  - (a) Blankets;
  - (b) A stretcher;
  - (c) A bottle of smelling salts;
  - (d) Bandages;
  - (e) Surgical tape;
  - (f) Splints;
  - (g) A pair of scissors;

- (h) A soft collar and a hard collar;
- (i) An airway; and
- (j) Sterile surgical gloves.]
- 2. The promoter shall also provide at ringside during each contest or exhibition two small oxygen tanks, properly charged, with suitable masks.

## Sec. 100. NAC 467.422 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.422 Dressing rooms: Persons authorized to enter; promoter to provide security. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. On the day of a contest or exhibition, only the following people are allowed in the dressing room of an unarmed combatant:
  - (a) The manager of the unarmed combatant;
  - (b) The seconds of the unarmed combatant:
  - (c) Any representative of the promoter; and
- (d) Any representative of the Commission who is specifically assigned by the Commission, Chairman, or Executive Director to be working at such contest or exhibition.
- 2. The promoter shall furnish security at the entrance to the dressing rooms to enforce this section.

#### Sec. 101. NAC 467.427 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.427 Requirements for gloves.** (NRS 467.030) The gloves used in a contest or exhibition must meet the following requirements:

1. The gloves must be examined by the representative of the Commission and the *chief* referee *or his or her referee-designee*. If padding in any glove is found to be misplaced or lumpy or if any glove is found to be imperfect, *or not in compliance with any written contract or* 

agreement between the contestants, the glove must be changed before the contest or exhibition starts. No breaking down, roughing or twisting of gloves is permitted.

- 2. The gloves *furnished by the promoter to the Commission* for every contest or exhibition that is designated as a *12-round* main event *or championship fight* must be new. Furnished and must be provided to the Commission by the promoter no fewer than 7 calendar days in advance of the scheduled bout, and made to fit the hands of the unarmed combatant.
- 3. If the gloves to be used in preliminary contests or exhibitions have been used before, they must be whole, clean and in sanitary condition. The gloves are subject to inspection by the referee or representative of the Commission. If a glove is found to be unfit, it must be replaced with a glove that meets the requirements of this section.
- 4. Each promoter must have an extra set of gloves of the appropriate weight available to be used in case a glove is broken or otherwise damaged during the course of a contest or exhibition.
- 5. For contests or exhibitions of boxing and kickboxing, [each] unarmed [combatant] combatants weighing in at 135 pounds or less must wear 8-ounce gloves [which weigh not less than 8 ounces and not more than 10 ounces, except that the] during the contest or exhibition.

  Unarmed combatants weighing in at more than 135 pounds must wear 10-ounce gloves during the contest or exhibition, with the exception that where unarmed combatants weighing in at more than 135 pounds but no more than 147 pounds may wear 8-ounce gloves during the contest or exhibition where both unarmed combatants agree to do so. The Commission [will] shall set the weight of the gloves to be used in a championship contest. All gloves must have the distal portion of the thumb attached to the body of the glove so as to minimize the possibility of injury to an opponent's eye.

- 6. For contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts, each unarmed combatant must wear gloves that weigh not less than 4 ounces and not more than 8 ounces.
- 7. Unarmed combatants shall use only those brands and models of gloves that have been approved by the [Commission] *Executive Director in advance* for their contest or exhibition.
- 8. Any written contract or agreements between the contestants with respect to acceptable gloves for a bout must be furnished to the Commission not less than 7 calendar days before the scheduled bout.
- 9. For good cause shown, the Executive Director may waive the deadlines required by this Section.

## Sec. 102. NAC 467.432 is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### NAC 467.432 Bandages for hands of unarmed combatant. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Bandages on the hand of an unarmed combatant may not exceed one winding of surgeon's adhesive tape, not over 2 inches wide, placed directly on the hand to protect the part of the hand near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice, but may not extend within three-fourths of an inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist.
- 2. Each unarmed combatant shall use soft surgical bandage not over 2 inches wide, held in place by not more than [10] 12 feet of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. Up to one 20-yard roll of bandage may be used to complete the wrappings for each hand. [Strips] Flat strips of tape may be used between the fingers to hold down the bandages.
- 3. Bandages must be adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of a representative of the Commission and both unarmed combatants. Either unarmed combatant may waive his or her privilege of witnessing the bandaging of his or her opponent's hands.

Sec. 103. NAC 467.437 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.437 Equipment of chief second. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The chief second shall equip himself or herself with:
- (a) A clear plastic water bottle;
- (b) [A bucket containing ice] Ice in a sealable plastic package or mesh-style zippered bag;
- (c) A solution or product of a kind approved by the Commission for stopping hemorrhaging;
  - (d) Adhesive tape;
  - (e) Gauze;
  - (f) Scissors; and
  - (g) One extra mouthpiece.
  - 2. No ammonia may be used in the ring.
- 3. The ringside physician or Commission's representative may, at any time, inspect the contents of the chief second's first-aid kit.

Sec. 104. NAC 467.447 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.447 Requirements for bell or gong. (NRS 467.030) There must be a bell, [or] gong, or other audible device approved by the Commission or Executive Director, at the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is held in a fenced area, at the fenced area, no higher than the floor level of the ring or fenced area. The bell, [or] gong, or other audible device must produce a clear tone easily heard by the unarmed combatants and referee.

Sec. 105. Section heading located immediately following NAC 467.452 is hereby amended to read as follows:

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR UNARMED COMBATANTS AND **OTHER**LICENSEES OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH UNARMED COMBAT

Sec. 106. NAC 467.472 is hearby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.472 Time required to elapse before unarmed combatant competes in successive contest or exhibition. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. With respect to contests or exhibitions of boxing or kickboxing, without the special permission of the Commission, an unarmed combatant may not compete in this State unless:
- (a) Four days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted not more than 4 rounds. *For purposes of this section, a round is deemed to have elapsed as soon as the round has officially begun.*
- (b) Seven days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted 5 or 6 rounds.
- (c) Fourteen days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted 7 or 8 rounds.
- (d) Twenty-one days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted 9 or 10 rounds.
- (e) Thirty days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted 11 or 12 rounds.
- 2. With respect to contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts, without the special permission of the Commission, an unarmed combatant may not compete in this State unless 4 days for each round that his or her last contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts lasted have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts.

## Sec. 107. NAC 467.514 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## **NAC 467.514 Procedure for weigh-in.** (NRS 467.030, 467.155)

- 1. Each unarmed combatant must be weighed in the presence of the public, his or her opponent, a representative of the Commission and an official representing the promoter, on scales approved by the Commission at any place designated by the Commission.
- 2. The unarmed combatant must have all weights stripped from his or her body before weighing in, but may wear shorts *and*, *if female*, *a top*.
- 3. Representatives of newspapers and the electronic news media who properly identify themselves as such must be admitted to each official weighing in of an unarmed combatant.
- 4. The owner or operator of the premises in which the weighing in is held shall provide adequate security for the unarmed combatant and other persons who are present.
- 5. The Commission may require unarmed combatants to be weighed more than once for any cause deemed sufficient by the Commission.

#### Sec. 108. NAC 467.522 is hereby amended to read:

## NAC 467.522 Forfeiture for failure to make weight. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. An unarmed combatant who fails to make the weight agreed upon in his or her bout agreement forfeits:
- (a) Twenty-five percent of his or her purse if no lesser amount is set by the Commission's representative; or
- (b) A lesser amount set by the Executive Director and approved by the Commission,→ unless the weight difference is 1 pound or less.
- 2. A forfeit must be divided equally between the other unarmed [combatant and the Commission.] combatants.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NAC 467.476 and subsection 2 of NAC 467.7956, if, during the 1 hour following the time of weighing in, an unarmed combatant is able to make the weight or weighs 1 pound or less outside the agreed limits, no forfeit may be imposed or fine assessed upon him or her.

Sec. 109. NAC 467.528 is hereby amended to read:

NAC 467.528 Physical examination required at weigh-in. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. A physician designated by the Commission shall give each unarmed combatant a thorough physical examination at the time of his or her [weighing] weigh in before a contest or exhibition, which shall include completion of a written pre-fight medical questionnaire. Each unarmed combatant shall complete the pre-fight medical questionnaire and attest to the accuracy of its contents under threat of penalty of perjury.
- 2. An unarmed combatant shall report to the Commission or Executive Director any infusions, medical treatment, outpatient treatment, or hospital admission that takes place after the weigh-in and prior to the contest.

Sec. 110. NAC 467.568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.568 Female unarmed combatants. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. A female unarmed combatant shall not engage in a contest or exhibition with a male unarmed combatant.
- [2. In addition to meeting such requirements of this chapter as are applicable to unarmed combatants generally, a female unarmed combatant shall:
  - (a) Use a mouthpiece that has been fitted for her mouth;
  - (b) Wear a breast protector as a binder;

- (c) Have her hair secured in a manner that does not interfere with the vision or safety of either unarmed combatant;
  - (d) Use a minimum of cosmetics; and
- (e) For each contest or exhibition in which she competes, have two uniforms in contrasting colors, with each uniform consisting of a body shirt, blouse and shorts.
- 3.] 2. Before each bout in which a female unarmed combatant is scheduled to compete, the female unarmed combatant shall provide to the Commission an original or certified copy *or other authenticated copy* of the result of a medical test taken not later than [1 week] 10 days before the day of the bout which shows that the combatant is not pregnant. The Commission will not permit a female unarmed combatant to compete if she:
  - (a) Is determined to be pregnant; or
  - (b) Fails to comply with this subsection.
- [4.]—3. The promoters of a contest or exhibition between female unarmed combatants shall provide them with adequate separate dressing rooms.
- [5. The annual physical examination of a female unarmed combatant must include an examination of the pelvis, the abdomen and the breasts, and the notation of any masses.]
  - Sec. 111. NAC 467.586 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.586 Unarmed combatants must report before contest or exhibition. (NRS 467.030)
- 1. Each unarmed combatant must report to the representative of the Commission in charge of dressing rooms before the scheduled time of the first contest or exhibition of a program of unarmed combat or, if a later report time is set by the Commission or its representative, then by that report time.

- 2. Stimulant drinks or drinks with caffeine, including, but not limited to, Red Bull, Rock Star, and Monster, are prohibited on the day of or during a bout. Electrolyte drinks, including, but not limited to, Gatorade, PowerAde, SmartWater, and Propel, are allowed prefight and during a fight. All drinks must be sealed and approved by an inspector who will sign off on the drink. Unsealed drinks are prohibited.
  - Sec. 112. NAC 467.592 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.592 Proper attire and equipment of unarmed combatants. (NRS 467.030)
- 1. Each unarmed combatant must provide himself or herself with a costume, which is subject to the approval of the Commission or its representative.
- 2. Each unarmed combatant must appear in proper attire. The unarmed combatants may not wear the same colors in the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the fenced area, without the approval of the Commission's representative.
  - 3. The belt of the trunks must not extend above the waist line.
  - 4. Contact lenses may not be worn during the contest or exhibition.
  - [4.] 5. Each unarmed combatant must wear:
  - (a) A mouthpiece which has been individually fitted; [and]
- (b) [A] *If male, an* abdominal protector which will protect him or her against injury from a foul blow. The abdominal protector must not cover or extend above the umbilicus; *and* 
  - (c) If female, a top approved by the Commission or the Commission's representative.
- 6. Each unarmed combatant must have his or her hair secured in a manner that does not interfere with the vision or safety of either unarmed combatant.

Sec. 113. NAC 467.598 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.598 Physical appearance of unarmed combatants. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. Each unarmed combatant must be clean and present a tidy appearance.
- 2. The excessive use of grease or any other foreign substance may not be used on the face or body of an unarmed combatant. The referees or the Commission's representative in charge shall cause any excessive grease or foreign substance to be removed.
- 3. The Commission's representative shall determine whether head or facial hair [presents], fingernails or toenails present any hazard to the safety of the unarmed combatant or his or her opponent or will interfere with the supervision and conduct of the contest or exhibition. If the head or facial hair, fingernails or toenails of an unarmed combatant presents such a hazard or will interfere with the supervision and conduct of the contest or exhibition, the unarmed combatant may not compete in the contest or exhibition unless the circumstances creating the hazard or potential interference are corrected to the satisfaction of the Commission's representative.
- 4. An unarmed combatant may not wear any jewelry or other piercing accessories while competing in the contest or exhibition.

Sec. 114. NAC 467.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.605 Procedure for use of scorecards. (NRS 467.030)

1. The Commission's representative in charge at a contest or exhibition shall, before the start of the contest or exhibition, give scorecards to each judge if the contest or exhibition is being judged.

- 2. The judges shall score each round of the contest or exhibition on an individual scorecard and sign it. The referee shall pick up the scorecard from each judge and turn in the scorecards at the Commission's desk before the start of each round.
- 3. The Commission's representative may show the scorecards to accredited representatives of the press after the completion of the contest or exhibition.
- 4. The Commission's representative shall mail or deliver the scorecards with the rest of his or her reports regarding the contest or exhibition to the office of the Commission.
- 5. Reports of each contest or exhibition will be kept on file in the office of the Commission.
  - 6. Electronic score cards, approved in advance by the Commission, may be used.
  - Sec. 115. NAC 467.612 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.612 Method of judging boxing *or kickboxing* contest or exhibition. (NRS 467.030)
- 1. Each judge of a boxing *or kickboxing* contest or exhibition that is being judged shall score the contest or exhibition and determine the winner through the use of the following system:
- (a) The better boxer of a round receives 10 points and his or her opponent proportionately less.
  - (b) If the round is even, each boxer receives 10 points.
  - (c) No fraction of points may be given.
- (d) Points for each round must be awarded immediately after the end of the period of unarmed combat in the round.

- 2. After the end of the boxing contest or exhibition, the announcer shall pick up the scores of the judges from the Commission's desk. The majority opinion is conclusive and, if there is no majority, the decision is a draw.
- 3. When the representative of the Commission has checked the scores, he or she shall inform the announcer of the decision and the announcer shall inform the audience of the decision over the speaker system.

# Sec. 116. NAC 467.628 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.628 Conduct of chief second and assistant seconds; instructions to unarmed combatants by referee. (NRS 467.030) The referee shall, before starting a contest or exhibition, ascertain from each unarmed combatant the name of his or her chief second, and shall hold the chief second responsible for the conduct of the assistant seconds during the progress of the contest or exhibition. The referee [shall] may give final instructions to each combatant in the dressing area or may call unarmed combatants together before each contest or exhibition for final instructions, at which time each unarmed combatant must be accompanied by his or her chief second.

# Sec. 117. NAC 467.635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### NAC 467.635 Limitations on seconds. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. No unarmed combatant may have more than three seconds except that in a contest for a *main event*, world title, or in a special event the [Commission] *Executive Director* may authorize four seconds.
  - 2. Only one of the seconds may be inside the ring ropes during a period of rest.
- 3. A second may not coach loudly or excessively from the corners during a period of unarmed combat.

4. Any excessive or undue spraying or throwing of water on an unarmed combatant by a second during a period of rest is prohibited.

Sec. 118. NAC 467.642 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.642 Duties of ringside physician. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The ringside physician designated by the Commission shall sit at the immediate ringside at every contest or exhibition. A contest or exhibition may not proceed unless the ringside physician is in his or her seat at ringside. The ringside [physician] physicians shall not leave until after the decision in the final contest or exhibition and the lead ringside physician shall not leave until the locker rooms are cleared of all unarmed combatants, or unless expressly permitted to leave by the Executive Director. For example, in the case that an MMA suturing physician remains on site to stich fighters and the Executive Director expressly permits the lead ringside physician to leave the locker room under such circumstances, this would be an acceptable occurrence. [He or she] The ringside physician shall be prepared to assist if any serious emergency arises and shall render temporary or emergency treatments for cuts and minor injuries sustained by the unarmed combatants.
- 2. If an unarmed combatant appears to have been injured during a period of unarmed combat, his or her manager or second shall not attempt to render aid before the ringside physician has had an opportunity to examine him or her.

### Sec. 119. NAC 467.649 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.649 Warning before start of round.** (NRS 467.030) Ten seconds before the beginning of each round the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of the unarmed combatants by blowing a whistle, *or giving an audible signal*.

Sec. 120. NAC 467.662 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.662** Persons allowed in ring. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. No persons other than the unarmed combatants and the referee may be in the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the fenced area, during the progress of a period of unarmed combat.
- 2. The referee may, in his or her discretion, stop a contest or exhibition if an unauthorized person enters the ring or fenced area during a round.
- 3. Access to the ring or fenced area pre and post-fight is limited to no more than 40 persons as follows:
- (a) If there is entertainment, including the person performing National Anthem, the entertainer will leave the ring immediately after the performance.
- (b) Prefight Ring access is limited to one referee, a representative of the Commission, 2 fighters and their predesignated cornerman, 4 inspectors, 2 representatives for each promoter, 2 ring promotional personnel, 2 sponsorship personnel, an announcer plus camera crew, and 1 representative from the sanctioning body. Security is to be on the apron, and only enter the ring if necessary.
- (c) Post-fight Ring access is limited to one referee, two physician representatives of the Commission and one additional representative of the Commission, 2 fighters and their predesignated cornerman, 4 inspectors, 2 representatives for each promoter, 2 ring promotional personnel, 2 sponsorship personnel, an announcer plus camera crew, and 1 representative from the sanctioning body. Security is to be on the apron, and only enter the ring if necessary.
  - (d) No one under 18 years of age will be permitted to enter the ring at any time.

4. For good cause shown, the Executive Director may grant exceptions to the provisions of this Section.

# Sec. 121. NAC 467.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.675 Acts constituting fouls in boxing. (NRS 467.030) The following acts constitute fouls in boxing:

- 1. Hitting [below the belt] an opponent below the navel or behind the ear.
- 2. Hitting an opponent who is *knocked* down or is getting up after being down.
- 3. Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other.
- 4. Holding or deliberately maintaining a clinch.
- 5. Wrestling, for kicking, or roughing.
- 6. If the referee has signaled that the opponent has been knocked out, striking an opponent who is helpless as a result of previous blows and so supported by the ropes that he or she does not fall.
  - 7. Butting with the head [or], shoulder, [or using the] knee or elbow.
- 8. Hitting with the open glove, the butt, *inside*, *or back* of the hand, *or with* the wrist or the elbow [, and all backhand blows].
- 9. Purposely [going down without being hit] falling down onto the canvas of the ring without being hit or for the purpose of avoiding a blow.
  - 10. Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
  - 11. [Deliberately using] Using the pivot blow or the rabbit punch.
  - 12. Jabbing the opponent's eyes with the thumb of the glove.
  - 13. Using abusive language in the ring.

- 14. Engaging in any unsportsmanlike [trick or action which causes injury to an opponent] conduct causing injury to an opponent.
  - 15. Hitting on the break.
  - 16. Hitting after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed combat.
  - 17. Hitting an opponent whose head is between and outside of the ropes.
  - 18. Pushing an opponent about the ring or into the ropes.
  - 19. Intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece.
  - 20. Holding the rope while hitting an opponent.
  - 21. Biting or spitting.
  - 22. Failing to follow the referee's instructions.
  - 23. Stepping on an opponent.
  - 24. Crouching below an opponent's belt.
  - 25. Leaving a neutral corner.
  - 26. Interference by the corner.
  - 27. Hair pulling.
  - 28. Groin attacks of any kind.
  - 29. Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent.
- 30. Timidity, including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece or faking an injury.
  - 31. Throwing in the towel during competition.
- 32. Applying any foreign substance to the hair, body, clothing or gloves immediately prior to or during a contest or exhibition that could result in an unfair advantage.

Sec. 122. NAC 467.688 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.688 Fouls: Deduction of points; effect of low blow. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. If an unarmed combatant fouls his or her opponent during a contest or exhibition or commits any other infraction, the referee may penalize the unarmed combatant by deducting points from his or her score [, whether or not the foul or infraction was intentional]. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 467.698, the referee may determine the number of points to be deducted in each instance and shall base the determination on the severity of the foul or infraction and its effect upon the opponent.
- [2. When the referee determines that it is necessary to deduct a point or points because of a foul or infraction, he or she shall warn the offender of the penalty to be assessed.
- 3.] 2. The referee shall, as soon as is practical after the foul, notify the judges, *a* representative of the Commission, and both unarmed combatants of the number of points, if any, to be deducted from the score of the offender.
- [4.] 3. Any point or points to be deducted for any foul or infraction must be deducted in the round in which the foul or infraction occurred, and may not be deducted from the score of any subsequent round.
- [5.] 4. An unarmed combatant may not be declared the winner of a contest or exhibition on the basis of a claim that his or her opponent committed a foul by hitting him or her below the belt. If an unarmed combatant falls to the floor of the ring or otherwise indicates that he or she is unwilling to continue because of a claim of a low blow, the contest or exhibition must be declared to be a technical knockout in favor of the unarmed combatant who is willing to continue.

[6.] 5. The provisions of [this section] subsection 4 do not apply to a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts.

#### Sec. 123. NAC 467.698 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.698 Fouls: Intentional. (NRS 467.030)** 

- 1. If the referee determines that a contest or exhibition may not continue because of an injury caused by an intentional foul, the unarmed combatant who committed the intentional foul loses by disqualification.
- 2. If the referee determines that a contest or exhibition may continue despite an injury caused by an intentional foul, the referee shall immediately inform the Commission's representative and the judges and shall deduct two points from the score of the unarmed combatant who committed the intentional foul.
- 3. If an injury caused by an intentional foul results in the contest or exhibition being stopped in a later round:
- (a) The injured unarmed combatant wins by technical decision, if he or she is ahead on the scorecards; or
- (b) The contest or exhibition must be declared a technical draw, if the injured unarmed combatant is behind or even on the scorecards.
- 4. If an unarmed combatant 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 must be treated the same as an injury produced by a fair blow.
- 5. If an unarmed combatant sustains a head cut from a head-butt or an intentional foul, the referee has the discretion to suspend the round to allow the injury to be addressed by the ringside physician, and then resume the round.

Sec. 124. NAC 467.713 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.713 Determination to stop contest or exhibition: Injury to unarmed combatant. (NRS 467.030) The referee shall determine whether a contest or exhibition should be stopped because of an injury to an unarmed combatant. The referee may make such a determination after consultation with the ringside physician.

Sec. 125. NAC 467.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.785 Recognition by Commission; registration and physical examination of amateur [boxers] unarmed combatants; preparation of official list of competent judges; filing notice of contest or exhibition. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The Commission will recognize an amateur boxing contest or exhibition only if it is registered and sanctioned by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., as an amateur boxing contest or exhibition.
- 2. An amateur boxer may not take part in an amateur boxing contest or exhibition unless he or she is registered with United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., or some other amateur organization recognized by the Commission.
- 3. An amateur boxer may be required to take an annual physical examination. Such a physical examination must include an evaluation of the amateur boxer's physical and mental fitness to engage in a boxing contest or exhibition. In addition, the amateur boxer must be examined before each contest or exhibition by a physician who is certified by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.
- 4. The United States Amateur Boxing Federation of Nevada shall maintain a permanent record of all cards showing registrations of amateur boxers by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.

- 5. The boxing committee of each association of the United States Amateur Boxing Federation of Nevada shall, in conjunction with and subject to the approval of the Commission's representative, prepare an official list of competent boxing officials to serve as judges at amateur boxing contests or exhibitions.
- 6. A notice of a program of amateur boxing contests or exhibitions must be filed in the office of the Commission at least 5 days before the date of the program. Approval of a date for a program of amateur boxing contests or exhibitions may be given by the Executive Director.
- 7. The Commission will recognize an amateur contest or exhibition of unarmed combat that is not amateur boxing only if the amateur contest or exhibition is promoted by the holder of a promoter's license, and the contest or exhibition is registered and sanctioned as an amateur contest or exhibition by an organization recognized by the Commission for that purpose.
- 8. The Commission may approve sanctioning bodies for amateur MMA, amateur kickboxing, or amateur Muay Thai. The sanctioning body shall report all results to the Commission.
- 9. No person under the age of 18 may participate in Amateur MMA without prior approval of the Commission.
  - Sec. 126. NAC 467.792 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- NAC 467.792 Martial arts involving full contact: Use of official rules; duties of sponsoring organization or promoter; approval of Commission required. (NRS 467.030)
  - 1. All full-contact martial arts are forms of unarmed combat.
- 2. The provisions pertaining to licenses, fees, dates of programs and disciplinary action in the laws and regulations on unarmed combat, *and all other provisions not specifically exempt,* apply to contests or exhibitions of such martial arts.

3. A contest or exhibition of a martial art must be conducted pursuant to the official rules for the particular art. The sponsoring organization or promoter must file a copy of the official rules with the Commission before it will approve the holding of the contest or exhibition.

# Sec. 127. NAC 467.7956 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.7956 Weight classes of [unarmed combatants] mixed martial arts; weight loss after weigh-in. (NRS 467.030)

1. Except with the approval of the Commission or its Executive Director, the classes for unarmed combatants competing in contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts and the weights for each class are shown in the following schedule:

Atomweightup to 105 lbs.
Straw weight
Flyweight
Bantamweight over 125 to 135 lbs.
Featherweight over 135 to 145 lbs.
Lightweight over 145 to 155 lbs.
Welterweight over 155 to 170 lbs.
Middleweight over 170 to 185 lbs.
Light Heavyweight over 185 to 205 lbs.
Heavyweight over 205 to 265 lbs.
Super Heavyweight

2. After the weigh-in of an unarmed combatant competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts, weight loss in excess of 2 pounds is not permitted.

- 3. The weight loss described in subsection 2 must not occur later than 1 hour after the initial weigh-in.
- 4. Except for championship contests or other contests that the Commission considers to be special events, or where a specific weight is specified by contract, an unarmed combatant may only weigh up to 1 pound over the weight classes in subsection 1 above.

Sec. 128. NAC 467.7958 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.7958 Proper attire for [unarmed combatants] mixed martial arts. (NRS 467.030)

An unarmed combatant competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts.

- 1. Must wear shorts, approved by the Commission or the Commission's representative.
- 2. May may not wear shoes or any padding on his or her feet during the contest.

Sec. 129. NAC 467.7962 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.7962 Acts constituting fouls. (NRS 467.030) The following acts constitute fouls in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts:

- 1. Butting with the head.
- 2. Eye gouging of any kind.
- 3. Biting.
- 4. Hair pulling.
- 5. Fishhooking.
- 6. Groin attacks of any kind.
- 7. [Putting] *Placing* a finger into any orifice or into any cut or laceration on an opponent.
  - 8. Small joint manipulation.
  - 9. Striking to the spine or the back of the head.

- 10. Striking downward using the point of the elbow.
- 11. Throat strikes of any kind, including, without limitation, grabbing the trachea.
- 12. Clawing, pinching or twisting the flesh.
- 13. Grabbing the clavicle.
- 14. Kicking the head of a grounded opponent.
- 15. Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent.
- 16. Stomping a grounded opponent.
- 17. Kicking to the kidney with the heel.
- 18. Spiking an opponent to the canvas on the opponent's head or neck.
- 19. Throwing an opponent out of the ring or fenced area.
- 20. Holding the shorts or gloves of an opponent.
- 21. Spitting at an opponent.
- 22. Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent.
- 23. Holding *or grabbing* the ropes or the fence.
- 24. Using abusive language in the ring or fenced area.
- 25. Attacking an opponent on or during the break.
- 26. Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee.
- 27. Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed combat.
  - 28. Flagrantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.
- 29. Timidity, including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece or faking an injury.
  - 30. Interference by the corner.

- 31. Throwing in the towel during competition.
- 32. Applying any foreign substance to the hair, body, clothing or gloves immediately prior to or during a contest or exhibition that could result in an unfair advantage.
  - 33. Hitting an opponent below the navel or behind the ear.
- 34. If the referee has signaled that the opponent has been knocked out, striking an opponent who is helpless as a result of previous blows and so supported by the cage that he or she does not fall.
  - 35. Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
  - 36. Intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece.
  - Sec. 130. NAC 467.7964 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.7964 Fouls: Deduction of points.** (NRS 467.030)

- 1. If an unarmed combatant fouls his or her opponent during a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts, the referee may penalize him or her by deducting points from his or her score, whether or not the foul was intentional. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 467.698, the referee may determine the number of points to be deducted in each instance and shall base the determination on the severity of the foul and its effect upon the opponent.
- 2. [When the referee determines that it is necessary to deduct a point or points because of a foul, he or she shall warn the offender of the penalty to be assessed.
- 3.1 The referee shall, as soon as is practical after the foul, notify the judges, *a* representative of the Commission, and both unarmed combatants of the number of points, if any, to be deducted from the score of the offender.
- [4.] 3. Any point or points to be deducted for any foul must be deducted in the round in which the foul occurred and may not be deducted from the score of any subsequent round.

# Sec. 131. NAC 467.7968 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.7968 Results of contests. (NRS 467.030) A contest of mixed martial arts may end under the following results:

- 1. Submission by:
- (a) Physical tap out.
- (b) Verbal tap out.
- 2. Technical knockout by the referee stopping the contest.
- 3. Decision via the scorecards, including:
- (a) Unanimous decision.
- (b) Split decision.
- (c) Majority decision.
- (d) Draw, including:
  - (1) Unanimous draw.
  - (2) Majority draw.
  - (3) Split draw.
- 4. Technical decision.
- 5. Technical draw.
- 6. Disqualification.
- 7. [Forfeit] No decision.

Sec. 132. Section heading located immediately following NAC 467.845 is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **COMMISSION ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM; PROHIBITED ACTS;**

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Sec. 133. NAC 467.850 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.850 Administration or use of alcohol, stimulants, drugs or injections; urinalysis or chemical tests; disciplinary action. (NRS 467.030)

- 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.
- (f) Any drug] prohibited substance or method identified in the most current edition of the *Prohibited List* published by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), is [hereby adopted]

by reference] *prohibited*. The most current edition of the *Prohibited List* may be obtained, free of charge, at the Internet address www.wada-ama.org.

- [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) Antiuleer 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.
  - (1) 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.] 2. An unarmed combatant shall submit to a *blood test*, urinalysis or *other* chemical test *at any time*, *in or out of competition*, if the Commission or a representative of the Commission directs him or her to do so. A blood test will not be requested within 7 days of a contest or exhibition, *unless directed by the Chairman and Executive Director*.
- [6.] 3. [A licensee] Any person who violates any provision of this section, including any individual or entity associated with unarmed combat in this State, is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission, which shall not delegate this authority. In addition to any other disciplinary action by the Commission, if an unarmed combatant who won or drew a contest or exhibition is found to have violated the provisions of this section, the Commission may, in its sole discretion, change the result of that contest or exhibition to a [no decision] result of no contest. A note will also be placed on the unarmed combatant's record that the change in decision was the result of a testing positive for a banned substance or prohibited method.
- 4. Each alleged violation of this section will be examined by the Commission on a case-by-case basis. A strict liability standard will generally be applied, while retaining for the Commission maximum discretion. Where a violation of this section is established, the

Commission may impose penalties including but not limited to financial and eligibility sanctions. The following constitute violations of this section:

- (a) Presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an unarmed combatant's sample.
- (1) It is each unarmed combatant's personal duty to ensure that no prohibited substance enters his or her body. Unarmed combatants are responsible for any prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in their samples. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing use on the unarmed combatant's part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.
- (2) Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation is established by any of the following:
- (I) Presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in the unarmed combatant's A Sample where the unarmed combatant waives analysis of the B Sample and the B Sample is not analyzed; or,
- (II) Where the unarmed combatant's B Sample is analyzed and the analysis of the unarmed combatant's B Sample confirms the presence of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found in the unarmed combatant's A Sample; or,
- (III) Where the unarmed combatant's B Sample is split into two bottles and the analysis of the second bottle confirms the presence of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found in the first bottle.
- (3) Excepting those substances for which a quantitative threshold is specifically identified in the Prohibited List, the presence of any quantity of a prohibited substance or its

metabolites or markers in an unarmed combatant's sample shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

- (4) As an exception to the general rule of this section, the Prohibited List may establish special criteria for the evaluation of prohibited substances that can also be produced endogenously.
- (b) Use or attempted use by an unarmed combatant of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method.
- (1) It is each unarmed combatant's personal duty to ensure that no prohibited substance enters his or her body and that no prohibited method is used. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing use on the unarmed combatant's part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method.
- (2) The success or failure of the use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method is not material. It is sufficient that the prohibited substance or prohibited method was used or attempted to be used for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.
  - (c) Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection.

Evading sample collection, or without compelling justification, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection.

(d) Tampering or attempted tampering with any part of the Commission's anti-doping program. This includes conduct which subverts the Commission's anti-doping provisions, but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of prohibited methods. Tampering shall include, without limitation, intentionally interfering or attempting to interfere with an anti-doping official, providing fraudulent information to a representative of the Commission,

or any other representative of the Commission's anti-doping program or a representative of an anti-doping organization or intimidating or attempting to intimidate a potential witness.

- (e) Possession of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method.
- (1) Possession by an unarmed combatant in-competition of any prohibited substance or any prohibited method, or possession by an unarmed combatant out-of-competition of any prohibited substance or any prohibited method which is prohibited out-of-competition unless the unarmed combatant establishes that the possession is consistent with a therapeutic use exemption ("TUE") granted in accordance with this Chapter.
- (2) Possession by an unarmed combatant support person in-competition of any prohibited substance or any prohibited method, or possession by an unarmed combatant support person out-of-competition of any prohibited substance or any prohibited method which is prohibited out-of-competition in connection with an unarmed combatant, competition or training, unless the unarmed combatant support person establishes that the possession is consistent with a TUE granted to an unarmed combatant in accordance this Chapter.
- (f) Trafficking or attempted trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method. Trafficking or attempted trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method is a violation of this Chapter and is grounds for disciplinary action.
- (g) Administration or attempted administration to any unarmed combatant incompetition of any prohibited substance or prohibited method, or administration or attempted administration to any unarmed combatant out-of-competition of any prohibited substance or any prohibited method that is prohibited out-of-competition is a violation of this Chapter and is grounds for disciplinary action.

Sec. 134. NAC 467.875 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.875 Solicitation to conduct fraudulent contest or exhibition: Duty of licensee to report such solicitation immediately; disciplinary action for failure to report.

(NRS 467.030) When any person who is [licensed] associated with unarmed combat in the State is approached with a request or suggestion that a contest or exhibition not be conducted honestly, that person must immediately report the matter to the Commission. Failure to do so is a ground for disciplinary action.

Sec. 135. NAC 467.885 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.885 Grounds for disciplinary action. (NRS 467.030) The Commission may suspend or revoke the license, approval, registration, or sanctioning of, or otherwise discipline or take any combination of such actions against [a licensee] any individual or entity licensed, approved, registered, sanctioned, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, including any individual or entity associated with unarmed combat in this State who has, in the judgment of the Commission:

- 1. Violated the laws of Nevada, except for minor traffic violations;
- 2. Violated any provision of this chapter;
- Provided false or misleading information to the Commission or a representative of the Commission;
- 4. Failed or refused to comply with a valid [order] request of a representative of the Commission;
- 5. Conducted himself [or], herself, or itself, at any time or place, in a manner which is deemed by the Commission to reflect negatively upon the reputation of the State of Nevada, the Commission, or unarmed combat;

- 6. Knowingly dealt or consorted with any person who:
- (a) Has been convicted of a felony;
- (b) Engages *or has engaged* in illegal bookmaking;
- (c) Engages *or has engaged* in any illegal gambling activity;
- (d) Is *or has been* a reputed underworld character;
- (e) Is *or has been* under suspension from any other Commission *for potential or actual violation of any law or regulation*; or
- (f) Is engaged *or has engaged* in any activity or practice that is detrimental to the best interests of *the State of Nevada*, *the Commission*, *or* unarmed combat; or
- 7. [Had personal] Has knowledge, or, in the judgment of the Commission, should have knowledge, that an unarmed combatant suffered a serious injury during training for a contest or exhibition and failed or refused to inform the Commission about that serious injury.
- 8. In addition to any other disciplinary action that is taken against a person by the Commission pursuant to this chapter, the Commission may impose a ban from participating in unarmed combat in this State for a certain period, including a lifetime ban from participation in unarmed combat in this State.
- 9. The authority of the Commission to take disciplinary action against a person pursuant to this chapter or NRS 467 must not be construed to be limited to those persons who are licensed by the Commission. Such authority extends to any person involved in or associated with unarmed combat in this State who violates any provisions of this chapter or NRS 467.
- 10. The Commission shall not delegate any part of the Results management process, including but not limited to adjudication of any alleged violation of this chapter or NRS 467

and assignment and application of any sanction or penalty resulting from a Commission finding of any violation.

Sec. 136. NAC 467.887 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.887 Suspension of license, approval, registration, or sanctioning on [ground] grounds of moral turpitude. (NRS 467.030) A license, approval, registration, or sanctioning issued by the Commission may be suspended if the holder is [arrested or] convicted on a charge involving moral turpitude.

Sec. 137. NAC 467.888 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.888 Suspension by another jurisdiction may be honored by Commission. (NRS 467.030) The Commission may honor the suspension of [a licensee] any person approved, registered, or sanctioning by an agency that regulates unarmed combat in another jurisdiction, or by other entities recognized by the Commission, if the suspension is ordered for:

- 1. Medical safety;
- 2. A violation of a law or regulation governing unarmed combat which also exists in this State; or
- 3. Any other conduct which [discredits] tends to reflect negatively on the reputation of the State of Nevada, the Commission, or unarmed combat, as determined by the Commission.

Sec. 138. NAC 467.895 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.895 Effect of suspension or revocation of [certain licenses] license, approval, registration, or sanctioning. (NRS 467.030)

1. Every promoter and matchmaker shall take notice of the bulletins of suspension [sent out by the Commission] listed on registries recognized by the Commission and shall not permit

any person under suspension to take any part as a participant or in arranging or conducting contests or exhibitions during the period of suspension.

- 2. A person whose license, *approval*, *registration*, *or sanctioning* has been suspended or revoked by the Commission [shall refrain] is *prohibited* from participating in or matchmaking or holding contests or exhibitions during the period of suspension or after the revocation.
- 3. A person whose license, *approval*, *registration*, *or sanctioning* has been suspended or revoked is barred from:
- (a) The dressing rooms at the premises where any program of unarmed combat is being held;
- (b) Occupying any seat within six rows of the ring platform or, if the program is being held in a fenced area, within six rows of the platform of the fenced area;
- (c) Approaching within six rows of seats from the ring platform or, if the program is being held in a fenced area, within six rows of seats of the platform of the fenced area; and
- (d) Communicating in the arena or near the dressing rooms with any of the principals in the contests or exhibitions, their managers, their seconds or the referee, whether directly or by a messenger, during any program of unarmed combat.
- → A person who violates a provision of this subsection may be ejected from the arena or building where the program is being held, and the price paid for his or her ticket refunded to him or her upon presentation of the ticket stub at the box office. Thereafter, the person is barred entirely from all premises used for contests or exhibitions while the programs are being held.
- 4. If a license, *approval*, *registration*, *or sanctioning* issued by the Commission has been suspended because the holder *[used] employed* dishonest methods to affect the outcome of any contest or exhibition or because of any conduct reflecting *[serious]* discredit upon *the State*

of Nevada, the Commission, or unarmed combat, the Commission will not [reinstate] consider reinstatement of the license, approval, registration, or sanctioning for at least [6] 12 months [in the case of a first offense. In the case of a second offense, the holder's license will be revoked].

- 5. A manager who is under temporary suspension is considered to have forfeited all rights in this State under the terms of any contract with an unarmed combatant licensed by the Commission. Any attempt by a suspended manager to exercise those contract rights will result in a permanent suspension of his or her license. The license of any unarmed combatant, matchmaker or promoter who continues to engage in any contractual relations with a manager whose license has been suspended by the Commission may be indefinitely suspended.
- 6. An unarmed combatant whose manager has been suspended may continue competing independently during the term of that suspension, signing his or her own contracts for contests or exhibitions. Payment of the earnings of an unarmed combatant may not be made by any promoter to a manager who is under suspension, or to his or her agent, but the purse must be paid in full to the unarmed combatant.
- 7. Revocation of a manager's license automatically cancels all his or her contract rights in this State under any contracts with unarmed combatants made under the authority of the Commission. If such a revocation occurs, an unarmed combatant may operate independently and enter into contracts for his or her own contests or exhibitions, or may enter into contracts with other managers licensed by the Commission.

Sec. 139. NAC 467.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.900 Penalties for certain violations; review by Commission. (NRS 467.030, 467.158)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a Commissioner or the Commission's representative may charge *any person involved or associated with unarmed combat in this State* a penalty not to exceed \$250,000 from a schedule of penalties approved by the Commission for:
- (a) Any violation of the provisions of [NAC 467.093, 467.592, 467.598 or 467.635] of this Chapter.
  - (b) Being *excessively or repeatedly* late for a weigh-in or for a contest or exhibition.
- 2. Any disciplinary action taken pursuant to subsection 1 will be reviewed at a later date by the Commission.

#### Sec. 140. NAC 467.905 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.905 Disciplinary action for dishonored check.** (NRS 467.030) The Commission may fine [a licensee] any person or deny, suspend or revoke a license, approval, registration, or sanctioning if the [licensee] person delivers a check to the Commission that is not honored by the financial institution upon which it is drawn.

### Sec. 141. NAC 467.922 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## NAC 467.922 Complaint: Filing; service of copy on respondent. (NRS 467.030)

1. The Executive Director or a Commissioner may institute disciplinary proceedings described in NRS 467.110 to 467.117, inclusive, or 467.157 or 467.158 against [a] any person [who is licensed] involved in or associated with unarmed combat in this State pursuant to this chapter by filing a complaint with the Commission. If a Commissioner institutes disciplinary proceedings pursuant to this subsection, the Commissioner shall not take any part in the adjudication of the matter.

2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Commission will serve a copy of the complaint upon the respondent personally or by registered or certified mail at his or her address on file with the Commission.

### Sec. 142. NAC 467.924 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.924 Answer; appearance by respondent; failure to file answer or appear. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The respondent shall file an answer with the Commission not later than 20 days after the date the complaint is served on the respondent. In the answer, the respondent shall:
  - (a) State in short and plain terms his [or], her, or its defenses to each claim asserted;
  - (b) Admit or deny the facts alleged in the complaint;
- (c) State which allegations [he or she] the respondent is without knowledge or information to form a belief as to their truth; and
  - (d) Set forth any avoidance or affirmative defense that the respondent desires to assert.
- 2. If a respondent answers allegations by stating that he or she is without knowledge or information to form a belief as to their truth, such allegations shall be deemed to be denied.
- 3. Unless the Chair of the Commission has waived the requirement of personal attendance, a respondent shall personally attend a hearing on the merits.
- 4. If a respondent fails to file an answer *in writing* to the complaint or to appear personally at a hearing on the merits without having obtained a waiver of appearance pursuant to subsection 3, such failure shall be deemed to be:
- (a) An admission of all matters [and facts] contained in the complaint with respect to such respondent; and
  - (b) A waiver of the right to an evidentiary hearing.

# Sec. 143. NAC 467.932 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## **NAC 467.932 Subpoenas.** (NRS 467.030)

- 1. The *Chairman of the Commission or a quorum of three members of the*Commission [will only] may issue a subpoena to compel a person to:
  - (a) Appear at the hearing on the merits of the case;
  - (b) Give oral testimony; or
  - (c) Produce documents or other tangible items.
- 2. In addition to submitting a subpoena to the Chair of the Commission, the party requesting the subpoena shall:
  - (a) Serve a copy of the subpoena on all other parties to the proceeding; and
  - (b) File proof of such service with the Commission.
- 3. The Commission will not issue a blank subpoena. A subpoena submitted by a party for issuance must contain:
  - (a) The title of the case;
  - (b) The name of the person to whom it will be directed;
  - (c) The date, time and place of the hearing;
  - (d) The name and signature of the requesting party or his or her attorney; and
- (e) If the subpoena is a subpoena duces tecum, a complete description of specific documents or other tangible items that the witness will have to produce at the hearing.
- 4. Unless the witness agrees otherwise, the requesting party shall serve a subpoena on the witness:
  - (a) At least 10 calendar days before the hearing; or

(b) During the hearing or upon less than 10 days' notice by order of the Commission for reasonable cause shown by the requesting party.

## Sec. 144. NAC 467.936 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**NAC 467.936** Procedure for hearing; rules of evidence. (NRS 467.030) At a hearing before the Commission:

- 1. Oral evidence may be taken only upon oath or affirmation administered by the Commission.
  - 2. Each party has the right to:
  - (a) Call and examine witnesses;
- (b) Introduce exhibits relevant to the issues of the case, including the transcript of testimony at an investigative hearing conducted by or on behalf of the Commission;
- (c) Cross-examine opposing witnesses on matters relevant to the issues of the case, even though the matter was not covered in a direct examination;
  - (d) Impeach a witness regardless of which party first called him or her to testify; and
  - (e) Offer rebuttal evidence.
- 3. If the respondent does not testify on his or her own behalf, a party may call the respondent and examine him or her as if under cross-examination.
- 4. Hearings before the Commission are civil proceedings. The Commission need not follow the rules of evidence that a court must follow. All evidence that the Commission determines to be relevant and submitted in accordance with the requirements of this chapter is admissible. If the Commission determines that the evidence is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, the Commission may use that evidence alone to support a finding of fact.

### Sec. 145. NAC 467.940 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 467.940 Authentication of evidence. (NRS 467.030) The proponent of documentary and other physical evidence must authenticate such evidence. A party may authenticate evidence through any means which tends to show that the matter in question is what the proponent claims it to be and which the Commission determines to be [reasonable] relevant, including, without limitation, presenting evidence that proves the authenticity of the document. Any evidence the Commission determines would be authentic [in a court] shall be deemed authentic by [the Commission] a reviewing court.

#### Sec. 146. NAC 467.946 is hereby amended to read as follows:

### NAC 467.946 Procedure for motions. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. All motions must be in writing, unless made *orally* during a hearing.
- 2. A motion must:
- (a) State with particularity the grounds for the motion;
- (b) Include a memorandum of points and authorities in support of the motion; and
- (c) Set forth the relief or order sought.
- 3. For every written motion other than one considered by the Commission to be ex parte, the moving party shall:
  - (a) File the motion with the Commission; and
  - (b) Serve the motion upon the adverse party or as the Chair of the Commission directs.
- 4. A party who desires to object to a motion must file with the Commission and serve on all parties a memorandum of points and authorities in opposition to the motion not later than 10 calendar days after being served with the motion.

- 5. The moving party must file with the Commission and serve on all parties a reply memorandum of points and authorities not later than 5 calendar days after being served with the opposing memorandum.
- 6. A moving party shall be deemed to consent to the denial of the motion if he or she fails to file a memorandum of points and authorities in support of a motion. A nonmoving party shall be deemed to consent to the granting of the motion if he or she fails to file a memorandum of points and authorities in opposition to a motion.
  - Sec. 147. NAC 467.348 is hereby repealed.
  - Sec. 148. NAC 467.354 is hereby repealed.
  - Sec. 149. NAC 467.370 is hereby repealed.
  - Sec. 150. NAC 467.381 is hereby repealed.
  - Sec. 151. NAC 467.886 is hereby repealed.

#### TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

NAC 467.348 Speculation in tickets prohibited; restrictions on changes in ticket prices. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. A promoter who holds a program of unarmed combat shall exercise extraordinary caution to prevent speculation in tickets.
- 2. The promoter may not sell any tickets for a price other than the price printed on the ticket.
- 3. The promoter may not, without the Commission's permission, change the price of tickets at any time after they have been placed on sale or sell them at any time during the

program of unarmed combat for less than tickets for the same seats were offered or sold before the program commenced.

NAC 467.354 Tickets sold at reduced rate: Actual price charged must be stamped on ticket and stub. (NRS 467.030) Any ticket for a program of unarmed combat sold for less than the price printed on the ticket must be overstamped with the actual price charged. The overstamp must be placed on the printed face of the ticket as well as the stub retained by the holder of the ticket.

#### NAC 467.370 Tickets: Removal and possession of stub. (NRS 467.030)

- 1. A holder of a ticket for a program of unarmed combat must not be allowed:
- (a) To pass through the gate of the premises where the program is being held unless his or her ticket is separated from the stub; or
  - (b) To occupy a seat unless he or she is in possession of the stub.
  - 2. For the purposes of this section:
- (a) "Stub" means that part of the ticket retained by a person entering the arena after the ticket has been collected.
- (b) "Ticket" means that part of the ticket retained by the promoter upon a person's entrance to the arena.
- **NAC 467.381 Readmission prohibited; exceptions.** (NRS 467.030) A promoter may not issue a ticket to a person for the purpose of readmitting him or her if the person leaves the arena and then wishes to reenter the arena, unless the promoter has obtained the Commission's written permission for such an issuance.

NAC 467.886 Licensees prohibited from engaging in activities that bring disrepute to unarmed combat. (NRS 467.030) A person licensed by the Commission shall

not engage in any activity that will bring disrepute to unarmed combat, including, but not limited to, associating with any person or entity if such an association brings disrepute to unarmed combat.