

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

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

AUTHORITY: §§1-4 and 6-9, NRS 467.030; §5, NRS 467.030 and 467.107.

A REGULATION relating to unarmed combat; limiting the scheduling of certain programs of unarmed combat; authorizing a ring official to join certain sanctioning organizations; making various changes to the provisions governing promoters; revising the minimum number of rounds required for a program of unarmed combat; requiring unarmed combatants to use gloves that have been approved by the Nevada Athletic Commission; revising the requirements for a boxing or kickboxing ring; revising the provisions concerning an accidental foul that occurs during a contest or exhibition; revising the provisions prohibiting the administration or use of alcohol, stimulants, drugs or injections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 467 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

A promoter shall not schedule any one program of unarmed combat which utilizes more than 18 contestants unless a different limit is approved by the Chairman of the Commission or his designee.

Sec. 2. NAC 467.062 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

- (a) Be at least 21 years of age;
- (b) Not have been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude;

(c) Submit verifications from three persons of his proficiency as a referee, judge or timekeeper, whichever is appropriate; and

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, successfully pass the Commission's examination on *this chapter and* chapter 467 of NRS ~~[and this chapter]~~ and successfully complete an internship as established by the Commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. The Commission will establish and carry out a system to grade the skills of its ring officials. The Commission will notify its licensees of this system upon its establishment. The Commission and its staff will consider those grades in its selection of a ring official to participate

in a contest or exhibition and in its decision regarding whether to renew the license of such an official.

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

8. The renewal fee:

- (a) For a judge is \$50.
- (b) For a timekeeper is \$50.
- (c) For a referee is \$75.

Sec. 3. NAC 467.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

Sec. 4. NAC 467.204 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.204 ~~{A}~~

1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a promoter shall not schedule fewer than:*

~~{1.}~~ (a) Twenty-five rounds of boxing or kickboxing on any one program of unarmed combat that consists of contests or exhibitions of boxing or kickboxing.

~~{2.}~~ (b) Twenty rounds of mixed martial arts on any one program of unarmed combat that consists of contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts.

2. The Chairman of the Commission or the Executive Director may, if good cause is shown, grant a promoter's request to schedule up to three rounds less than the minimum number of rounds set forth in subsection 1.

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

467.332 1. A promoter may not issue complimentary tickets for more than 4 percent of the seats in the house , *equally distributed between or among the price categories for which complimentary tickets are issued*, without the Commission's written authorization. The Commission does not consider complimentary tickets which it authorizes under this section *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. ~~If complimentary tickets are issued for more than 4 percent of the seats in the house:~~
~~—(a) Each unarmed combatant who is working on a percentage must be paid his percentage of the normal price of all complimentary tickets [in excess of 4 percent of the seats in the house]~~ unless the contract between him and the promoter provides otherwise and stipulates the number of complimentary tickets which will be issued . ~~;~~ ~~and~~
~~—(b) 3.~~ If a service charge is made for complimentary tickets, the unarmed combatant is entitled to be paid his percentage of that service charge, less any deduction for federal taxes and the fees prescribed in NRS 467.104 and 467.107 ~~;~~ , *unless the contract between him and the promoter provides otherwise.*

Sec. 6. NAC 467.427 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.427 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 referee. If padding in any glove is found to be misplaced or lumpy or if any glove is found to be imperfect,

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

2. The gloves for every contest or exhibition that is designated as a main event must be new, furnished by the promoter 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, other than elimination boxing contests, and for contests or exhibitions of kickboxing, each unarmed combatant must wear gloves which weigh not less than 8 ounces and not more than 10 ounces, except that the Commission will 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. ~~Both unarmed~~ *Unarmed* combatants shall use ~~the same brand and model~~ *only those brands and models* of gloves *that have been approved by the Commission* for their contest or exhibition.

Sec. 7. NAC 467.442 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

1. The ring must be 20 feet square within the ropes. The ring floor must extend at least 18 inches beyond the ropes. The ring floor must be padded with ensolite or another similar closed-cell foam. Padding must extend beyond the ring ropes and over the edge of the platform, with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform. Material that tends to gather in lumps or ridges must not be used.

2. The ring platform must not be more than 5 feet above the floor of the building and must have suitable steps for the use of the unarmed combatants. Ring posts must be made of metal, not more than 3 inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a height of 58 inches above the ring floor. Ring posts must be at least 18 inches away from the ring ropes.

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

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

5. There may be one or two triangular borders on the ring apron under the following conditions:

(a) There must be a minimum of 24 inches from the edge of the bottom rope to the apron edge.

(b) If two triangular borders are being used, both triangular borders must be placed on the same side of the ring.

(c) The dimensions of a triangular border may not be more than 5 inches in height or more than 48 inches in length.

(d) The seats immediately behind a triangular border must be raised from the arena floor by an amount equal to the height of the triangular border.

(e) A triangular border must be placed at the outermost edge of the apron and secured to the apron floor by Velcro or a similar fastener.

(f) A triangular border must be removed immediately upon the request of a representative of the Commission.

(g) The promoter must provide the Commission with a letter from the site of the program of unarmed combat stating that the site has no objection to the use of triangular borders.

Sec. 8. NAC 467.702 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.702 1. If a contest or exhibition is stopped because of an accidental foul, the referee shall determine whether the unarmed combatant who has been fouled can continue or not. If the unarmed combatant's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of a foul and if the foul did not involve a concussive impact to the head of the unarmed combatant who was fouled, the referee may order the contest or exhibition continued after a reasonable interval. Before the contest or exhibition begins again, the referee shall inform the Commission's representative of his determination that the foul was accidental.

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

(a) The first three rounds of a contest or exhibition that is scheduled for six rounds or less;
or

(b) The first four rounds of ~~the~~ a contest or exhibition ~~[-]~~ that is scheduled for more than six rounds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 9. NAC 467.850 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.850 1. The administration of or use of any:

(a) Alcohol;

(b) Stimulant; or

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

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

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

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

- (b) Co-Tylenol or any other product that is pharmaceutically similar to Co-Tylenol.
- (c) A product containing an antihistamine and a decongestant.
- (d) A decongestant other than a decongestant listed in subsection 4.
- (e) Any over-the-counter drug for colds, coughs or sinuses other than those drugs listed in subsection 4. This paragraph includes, but is not limited to, Ephedrine, Phenylpropanolamine, and Mahuang and derivatives of Mahuang.

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

- (a) Aspirin and products containing aspirin.
- (b) Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories.

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

- (a) Antacids, such as Maalox.
- (b) Antibiotics, antifungals or antivirals that have been prescribed by a physician.
- (c) Antidiarrheals, such as Imodium, Kaopectate or Pepto-Bismol.
- (d) Antihistamines for colds or allergies, such as Bromphen, Brompheniramine, Chlorpheniramine Maleate, Chlor-Trimeton, Dimetane, Hismal, PBZ, Seldane, Tavist-1 or Teldrin.
- (e) Antinauseants, such as Dramamine or Tigan.
- (f) Antipyretics, such as Tylenol.
- (g) Antitussives, such as Robitussin, if the antitussive does not contain codeine.
- (h) Antiulcer products, such as Carafate, Pepcid, Reglan, Tagamet or Zantac.
- (i) Asthma products in aerosol form, such as Brethine, Metaproterenol (Alupent) or Salbutamol (Albuterol, Proventil or Ventolin).

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

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

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

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

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

(o) The following decongestants:

(1) Afrin;

(2) Oxymetazoline HCL Nasal Spray; or

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

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

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