

**ADOPTED 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, 2, 8-13 and 15-23, NRS 467.030; §§3-6, NRS 467.030 and 467.100; §7, NRS 467.030 and 467.108; §14, NRS 467.030 and 467.150; §24, NRS 467.030, 467.100 and 467.150.

A REGULATION relating to unarmed combat; removing references to wrestling in various provisions relating to unarmed combat; repealing the provisions relating to elimination boxing contests and elimination boxers; revising certain requirements concerning an application for a license as a referee, judge, timekeeper or ringside physician; revising the provisions pertaining to weigh-ins of unarmed combatants; revising the provisions governing stoppage of a contest or exhibition under certain circumstances; revising the provisions relating to sanctioning of amateur boxing contests and exhibitions; revising the requirements for a fenced area used in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts; revising the provisions relating to the use of prohibited substances by unarmed combatants; providing that it constitutes a ground for disciplinary action if a licensee who has personal knowledge that an unarmed combatant has suffered a serious injury during training fails or refuses to inform the Nevada Athletic Commission about that serious injury; repealing certain provisions relating to unarmed combatants who have been knocked out; making various other changes relating to unarmed combat; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 467.0037 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.0037 “Unarmed combat” means boxing [~~-, wrestling~~] or any form of competition in which a blow is usually struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury.

Sec. 2. NAC 467.009 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.009 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, championship contests of boxing and other contests of boxing that the Commission considers to be special events must

comply with the *Unified Championship Rules* adopted by the Association of Boxing Commissions, which are hereby adopted by reference.

2. A copy of the *Unified Championship Rules* may be obtained free of charge from the Commission, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite ~~1500,~~ 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Sec. 3. NAC 467.012 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.012 1. An application for a license as a:

- (a) Professional boxer;
- (b) Mixed martial artist;
- (c) ~~Elimination boxer;~~
- ~~(d) Professional wrestler;~~
- ~~(e)~~ Kickboxer;
- ~~(f)~~ (d) Any other unarmed combatant;
- ~~(g)~~ (e) Promoter;
- ~~(h)~~ (f) Matchmaker;
- ~~(i)~~ (g) Manager;
- ~~(j)~~ (h) Second, including a trainer;
- ~~(k)~~ (i) Referee;
- ~~(l)~~ (j) Judge;
- ~~(m)~~ (k) Timekeeper;
- ~~(n)~~ (l) Announcer; or
- ~~(o)~~ (m) 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.

4. Before issuing a license, the Commission or its staff may, when deemed appropriate, require an applicant to provide independent proof of his identity such as a photographic identification provided by a governmental authority.

5. 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. The fee for issuance or renewal of a license:

(a) For a boxer is \$25.

(b) For a mixed martial artist is \$25.

(c) ~~For an elimination boxer is \$25.~~

~~(d) For a wrestler is \$25.~~

~~(e)~~ For a kickboxer is \$25.

~~(f)~~ (d) For any other unarmed combatant is \$25.

~~(g)~~ (e) For a matchmaker is \$100.

~~(h)~~ (f) For a manager is \$100.

~~(i)~~ (g) For a second is \$50.

~~(j)~~ (h) For an announcer is \$100.

7. 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.

8. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a licensee must pay the full renewal fee for a license, regardless of whether his 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. 4. NAC 467.052 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.052 1. A person applying for a license as a promoter may be required to appear before the Commission and be prepared to prove his:

- (a) Integrity;
- (b) Financial stability; and
- (c) Knowledge of the responsibilities involved in the promotion of contests or exhibitions.

2. The applicant, or a person he 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. The fee for a promoter's license is \$500 per year.

5. The fee for an amateur *boxing* promoter's license is \$25 per year.

Sec. 5. 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; *and*

(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 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.] 2.~~ The Commission will determine when additional ring officials are needed and when licensing examinations for ring officials will be conducted.

~~[5.] 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 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.}~~ 4. 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.}~~ 5. The ~~{renewal}~~ fee ~~{ }~~ *for issuance or renewal of a license:*

- (a) ~~{For}~~ *As* a judge is \$50.
- (b) ~~{For}~~ *As* a timekeeper is \$50.
- (c) ~~{For}~~ *As* a referee is \$75.

Sec. 6. NAC 467.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.071 1. Ringside physicians must be licensed annually as need for their services is determined by the Commission.

2. The ~~{application and renewal}~~ 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 Commission will consider the applicant's past performance and abilities in evaluating his application for renewal.

4. A ringside physician must maintain his 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 ~~for a member of the Board may not treat or examine]~~ *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 furtherance of the duties of the Board described in NRS 467.018;~~

~~—(c)]~~ Provided in a medical emergency; or

~~[(d)]~~ (c) Otherwise allowed by the Commission.

Sec. 7. NAC 467.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.151 1. Not later than ~~[14]~~ **20** days after the completion of a live professional ~~[boxing or wrestling]~~ 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 ~~[boxing]~~ 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 boxing 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. 8. NAC 467.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.225 1. A majority of the Commission will select the judges for the main event in boxing championship contests and for any other boxing 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 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. 9. 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. Unarmed combatants shall use only those brands and models of gloves that have been approved by the Commission for their contest or exhibition.

Sec. 10. NAC 467.437 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.437 1. The chief second shall equip himself with:

- (a) A clear plastic water bottle;
- (b) A bucket containing ice;
- (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. 11. NAC 467.476 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.476 1. The classes for unarmed combatants who are boxers ~~[or elimination boxers]~~ and the weights for each class are shown in the following schedule:

Strawweight.....up to 105 lbs.
Light-Flyweight.....over 105 to 108 lbs.
Flyweight.....over 108 to 112 lbs.

Super Flyweight	over 112 to 115 lbs.
Bantamweight.....	over 115 to 118 lbs.
Super Bantamweight	over 118 to 122 lbs.
Featherweight	over 122 to 126 lbs.
Super Featherweight.....	over 126 to 130 lbs.
Lightweight	over 130 to 135 lbs.
Super Lightweight.....	over 135 to 140 lbs.
Welterweight	over 140 to 147 lbs.
Super Welterweight.....	over 147 to 154 lbs.
Middleweight	over 154 to 160 lbs.
Super Middleweight	over 160 to 168 lbs.
Light-heavyweight	over 168 to 175 lbs.
Cruiserweight	over 175 to 195 lbs.
Heavyweight.....	all over 195 lbs.

2. No boxing contest or exhibition ~~[or elimination boxing contest]~~ may be scheduled, and no unarmed combatants may engage in a boxing contest or exhibition , ~~[or in an elimination boxing contest,]~~ without the approval of the Commission or the Commission’s representative if the difference in weight between unarmed combatants exceeds the allowance shown in the following schedule:

up to 118 lbs	not more than 3 lbs.
118 lbs.-126 lbs.	not more than 5 lbs.

126 lbs.-135 lbs.	not more than 7 lbs.
135 lbs.-147 lbs.	not more than 9 lbs.
147 lbs.-160 lbs.	not more than 11 lbs.
160 lbs.-175 lbs.	not more than 12 lbs.
175 lbs.-195 lbs.	not more than 20 lbs.
195 lbs. and over	no limit.

3. After the time of the weigh-in ~~is~~:

~~—(a) Weight], weight~~ loss in excess of 2 pounds is not permitted . ~~[for an unarmed combatant who weighed in at 147 pounds or less.~~

~~—(b) Weight loss in excess of 3 pounds is not permitted for an unarmed combatant who weighed in at over 147 pounds.]~~

4. The weight loss described in subsection 3 must not occur later than ~~[2 hours]~~ **1 hour** after the initial weigh-in.

Sec. 12. NAC 467.522 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.522 1. An unarmed combatant who fails to make the weight agreed upon in his bout agreement forfeits:

(a) Twenty-five percent of his 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.

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

Sec. 13. NAC 467.562 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.562 1. A licensee who is determined by ~~[the examining]~~ *a* physician to be unfit to compete or officiate must be suspended until it is shown that he is fit for further competition or officiating.

2. An unarmed combatant suspended for 30 days for his medical protection shall take a medical examination upon the direction of the Commission or the Commission's representative. The examining physician may require any procedures during the medical examination, including an electroencephalogram if indicated.

Sec. 14. NAC 467.655 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.655 1. A round of unarmed combat, other than the final round, includes a period of unarmed combat and a period of rest that follows immediately after the period of unarmed combat. The final round of unarmed combat includes only a period of unarmed combat.

2. Except for contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts, ~~[and elimination boxing contests,]~~ a period of unarmed combat must be 3 minutes in duration, unless a shorter duration is approved by the Chairman of the Commission or the Commission's representative. A period of rest following a period of unarmed combat must be 1 minute in duration, unless a different duration is approved by the Chairman of the Commission or the Commission's representative.

3. A round of unarmed combat, other than the first round, does not begin until the immediately preceding period of rest has ended and the bell sounds signaling commencement of

the round. The first round of unarmed combat begins when the bell sounds signaling commencement of the contest or exhibition.

Sec. 15. NAC 467.718 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.718 **1.** The referee may stop a contest or exhibition at any stage if ~~he considers it~~ *the referee determines that the contest or exhibition is* too one-sided or if either unarmed combatant is in such a condition that to continue might subject ~~him~~ *the unarmed combatant* to serious injury.

2. *The referee shall stop a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat at any stage if the referee determines that both unarmed combatants are in such a condition that to continue might subject the unarmed combatants to serious injury. If a contest or exhibition is stopped pursuant to this subsection, the decision shall be deemed to be a technical draw.*

Sec. 16. NAC 467.770 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.770 ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 of NAC 467.850, the*

Commission will not change a decision rendered at the end of any contest or exhibition unless:

1. The Commission determines that there was collusion affecting the result of the contest or exhibition;
2. The compilation of the scorecards of the judges discloses an error which shows that the decision was given to the wrong unarmed combatant; or
3. As the result of an error in interpreting a provision of this chapter, the referee has rendered an incorrect decision.

Sec. 17. NAC 467.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.785 1. The Commission will recognize an amateur boxing contest or exhibition only if it is registered and sanctioned by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., ~~for Golden Gloves of America~~ as an amateur boxing contest or exhibition.

2. ~~[An amateur boxing contest or exhibition is governed by the rules adopted for amateur boxing contests or exhibitions by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc. The Commission hereby adopts by reference those rules as they exist in the form most recently adopted by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc. A copy of those rules may be purchased for a price of \$15, from United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909. If those rules do not cover a particular situation in an amateur boxing contest or exhibition, the provisions of this chapter concerning unarmed combat and professional boxing contests or exhibitions apply.~~

~~—3.]~~ An amateur boxer may not take part in an amateur boxing contest or exhibition unless he is registered with United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., or some other amateur organization recognized by the Commission.

~~[4.]~~ 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 ~~the Commission.~~

~~—5.]~~ *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.

~~[6.]~~ 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.

~~[7.]~~ 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.

Sec. 18. NAC 467.7952 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.7952 1. Mixed martial arts contests and exhibitions may be held in a ring or in a fenced area.

2. A ring used for a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts must meet the following requirements:

(a) The ring must be no smaller than 20 feet square and no larger than 32 feet square within the ropes.

(b) 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, with at least a 1-inch layer of foam padding. 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.

(c) The ring platform must not be more than 4 feet above the floor of the building and must have suitable steps for the use of the unarmed combatants.

(d) Ring posts must be made of metal, not more than 3 inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to a minimum height of 58 inches above the ring floor, and must be properly padded in a manner approved by the Commission. Ring posts must be at least 18 inches away from the ring ropes.

(e) There must be five ring ropes, not less than 1 inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material. The lowest ring rope must be 12 inches above the ring floor.

(f) There must not be any obstruction or object, including, without limitation, a triangular border, on any part of the ring floor.

3. A fenced area used in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts must meet the following requirements:

(a) The fenced area must be circular or have at least ~~eight~~ six equal sides and must be no smaller than 20 feet wide and no larger than 32 feet wide.

(b) The floor of the fenced area must be padded with ensolite or another similar closed-cell foam, with at least a 1-inch layer of foam padding, with a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the platform of the fenced area. Material that tends to gather in lumps or ridges must not be used.

(c) The platform of the fenced area must not be more than 4 feet above the floor of the building and must have suitable steps for the use of the unarmed combatants.

(d) Fence posts must be made of metal, not more than 6 inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the building to between 5 and 7 feet above the floor of the fenced area, and must be properly padded in a manner approved by the Commission.

(e) The fencing used to enclose the fenced area must be made of a material that will prevent an unarmed combatant from falling out of the fenced area or breaking through the fenced area onto the floor of the building or onto the spectators, including, without limitation, chain link fence coated with vinyl.

(f) Any metal portion of the fenced area must be covered and padded in a manner approved by the Commission and must not be abrasive to the unarmed combatants.

(g) The fenced area must have two entrances.

(h) There must not be any obstruction on any part of the fence surrounding the area in which the unarmed combatants are to be competing.

4. The promoter of a program of unarmed combat that consists of contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts shall hang at least two video screens which meet the approval of the Commission or its Executive Director and which allow patrons to view the action inside the ring or fenced area.

Sec. 19. NAC 467.7956 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.7956 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:

Flyweight.....up to 125 lbs.
Bantamweight.....over 125 to 135 lbs.

Featherweightover 135 to 145 lbs.
 Lightweightover 145 to 155 lbs.
 Welterweightover 155 to 170 lbs.
 Middleweightover 170 to 185 lbs.
 Light Heavyweightover 185 to 205 lbs.
 Heavyweight.....over 205 to 265 lbs.
 Super Heavyweightall over 265 lbs.

2. After the weigh-in of an unarmed combatant competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts ~~1:~~

~~—(a) Weight], weight~~ loss in excess of 2 pounds is not permitted . ~~[for an unarmed combatant who weighed in at 145 pounds or less.~~

~~—(b) Weight loss in excess of 3 pounds is not permitted for an unarmed combatant who weighed in at over 145 pounds.]~~

3. The weight loss described in subsection 2 must not occur later than ~~[2 hours]~~ **1 hour** after the initial weigh-in.

Sec. 20. NAC 467.7966 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.7966 1. If a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts 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 the foul and if the foul did not involve a concussive impact to the head of the unarmed combatant who has been fouled, the referee may order the contest or exhibition continued after a recuperative interval of not more than 5 minutes. Immediately after separating

the unarmed combatants, the referee shall inform the Commission's representative of his determination that the foul was accidental.

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

- (a) The first two rounds of a contest or exhibition that is scheduled for three rounds or less; or
- (b) The first three rounds of a contest or exhibition that is scheduled for more than three rounds.

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

- (a) The completed second round of a contest or exhibition that is scheduled for three rounds or less; or
- (b) The completed third round of a contest or exhibition that is scheduled for more than three 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.

Sec. 21. NAC 467.7968 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.7968 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.
- 8. No ~~contest.~~ *decision.*

Sec. 22. 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.

(f) Any drug identified on the most current edition of the Prohibited List published by the World Anti-Doping Agency, which is hereby adopted by reference. 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) 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 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.

Sec. 23. NAC 467.885 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.885 The Commission may suspend or revoke the license of, otherwise discipline or take any combination of such actions against a licensee 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;
3. Provided false or misleading information to the Commission or a representative of the Commission;
4. Failed or refused to comply with a valid order of a representative of the Commission;
5. Conducted himself at any time or place in a manner which is deemed by the Commission to reflect discredit to unarmed combat; ~~for~~
6. Knowingly dealt or consorted with any person who:
 - (a) Has been convicted of a felony;
 - (b) Engages in illegal bookmaking;
 - (c) Engages in any illegal gambling activity;
 - (d) Is a reputed underworld character;
 - (e) Is under suspension from any other Commission; or
 - (f) Is engaged in any activity or practice that is detrimental to the best interests of unarmed combat ~~H~~; *or*

7. Had personal 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.

Sec. 24. NAC 467.00254, 467.00256, 467.752, 467.782, 467.800, 467.815 and 467.820 are hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

467.00254 “Elimination boxer” defined. (NRS 467.030) “Elimination boxer” means a contestant who competes in an elimination boxing contest.

467.00256 “Elimination boxing contest” defined. (NRS 467.030) “Elimination boxing contest” means a competition in which contestants who have no professional experience as boxers compete in a series of boxing matches. The term does not include any amateur contest or exhibition that complies with the provisions of NRS 467.170 or NAC 467.785.

467.752 Treatment of unarmed combatant after knockout or technical knockout; placement on ill and unavailable list; reinstatement. (NRS 467.030)

1. An unarmed combatant who has been knocked out must be kept in a prone position until he has recovered. Except for the referee or chief second who may remove his mouthpiece, no one may touch him until the ringside physician enters the ring, attends him and issues any instructions to his handlers.

2. If the referee has rendered a decision of technical knockout against an unarmed combatant, the unarmed combatant must be placed on the ill and unavailable list for a period designated by the Commission's representative after consultation with the Commission's physician, but that period must not be less than 15 days. The unarmed combatant may not engage in any contest or exhibition during this period without the approval of the Commission.

3. If an unarmed combatant has been knocked out by a blow to the head, he must be placed on the ill and unavailable list for at least 45 days, unless the Commission orders that he be placed on the ill and unavailable list for a different period. Before he is reinstated, he must satisfactorily pass an examination performed with a computerized tomographic scanning device or an electroencephalogram, or both, if the Commission or its physician finds that such an examination is necessary to determine his condition.

4. Whenever it appears that an unarmed combatant may have suffered a head injury, he must undergo such an examination if directed to do so by the Commission or its physician.

467.782 Conduct of contests; applicability of provisions; limitations on license; duration of contests; equipment; limitations on contests. (NRS 467.030, 467.100, 467.150)

1. An elimination boxing contest must be conducted under the supervision and authority of the Commission.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section and except as otherwise provided by specific statute or regulation, the provisions of this chapter and chapter 467 of NRS pertaining to boxing apply to an elimination boxing contest.

3. A license issued to an elimination boxer pursuant to the provisions of this chapter authorizes the elimination boxer to participate only in elimination boxing contests.

4. All matches in an elimination boxing contest must be no more than three rounds in duration. A period of unarmed combat in an elimination boxing contest must be 1 minute in duration. A period of rest following a period of unarmed combat in an elimination boxing contest must be 1 minute in duration.

5. An elimination boxer:

(a) Shall wear gloves that weigh 16 ounces.

(b) May wear headgear approved by the Commission or the Commission's representative.

6. An elimination boxer may participate in more than one match in an elimination boxing contest, but may not box more than a total of 12 rounds in an elimination boxing contest.

467.800 Wrestling programs deemed to be exhibitions only; exception with special license; restrictions on advertising. (NRS 467.030) Unless a special license has been obtained, all professional wrestling programs under the supervision and authority of the Commission are only exhibitions and not contests, and those exhibitions cannot be advertised or announced as contests.

467.815 Application for license as wrestler; age limitations; disciplinary action. (NRS 467.030, 467.100) A person may not be issued a license to wrestle by the Commission if he is under 18 years of age or over the age of 55, except with the permission of the Commission. An application for a license as a wrestler must be in writing on a form furnished by the Commission. Any person who gives incorrect information in an application for a license as a wrestler may be permanently suspended by the Commission, and any purse to which he might otherwise be entitled may be confiscated.

467.820 Wrestlers required to submit to physical examination. (NRS 467.030, 467.100) Any person applying for or renewing a license as a wrestler must first be examined by a

physician. The Commission may order the examination of any wrestler at any time for the purpose of determining whether the wrestler is fit and qualified to engage in further exhibitions.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION
LCB File No. R090-07**

The Nevada Athletic Commission of the Department of Business and Industry adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R090-07 which pertain to chapter 456 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

1. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

R070-07 was noticed by posting at the (1) Office of the Athletic Commission, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, (2) Bradley Building, 2501 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104, (3) Washoe County District Courthouse, 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada 89502, (4) Department of Parks & Recreation, 2601 East Sunset Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120, and (5) State of Nevada Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101; by mailing to all main public libraries in each Nevada county; and by mailing to all persons and businesses who had requested in writing that they be placed upon a mailing list pursuant to NRS 233B.0603. It was also noticed on the website of the Office of the Athletic Commission, <http://boxing.nv.gov/agendas.htm>. Comments from the public focused on the rules of professional and amateur mixed martial arts. There were 50 written comments submitted, and there were four persons who testified. A copy of a summary of the public response may be obtained by calling the Office of the Athletic Commission at (702) 486-2575, or writing to the Office of the Athletic Commission, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, or email to boxing@boxing.nv.gov.

2. The number of persons who:

- (a) **Attended the**
 - September 11, 2007 workshop:** 2
 - October 24, 2007 hearing:** 6
- (b) **Testified at the**
 - September 11, 2007 workshop:** 1
 - October 24, 2007 hearing:** 3
- (c) **Submitted to the agency written comments:** 50 written comments were submitted to the agency.

3. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited from affected businesses by posting at the (1) Office of the Athletic Commission, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, (2) Bradley Building, 2501 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104, (3) Washoe County

District Courthouse, 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada 89502, (4) Department of Parks & Recreation, 2601 East Sunset Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120, and (5) State of Nevada Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101; by mailing to all main public libraries in each Nevada county; by mailing to all persons and businesses who had requested in writing that they be placed upon a mailing list pursuant to NRS 233B.0603; and by posting on the website of the Office of the Athletic Commission, <http://boxing.nv.gov/agendas.htm>. Comments from interested businesses related to the rules of professional and amateur mixed martial arts. There were no written comments submitted. A copy of a summary of the businesses' response may be obtained by calling the Office of the Athletic Commission at (702) 486-2575, or writing to the Office of the Athletic Commission, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

4. A summary of the reasons for making changes to the regulation as proposed.

The Nevada Athletic Commission adopted R070-07 as permanent regulation with three changes. The Commission made changes to (1) Section 6 by requiring ringside physician to *immediately* notify the Executive Director if the physician treats or examines an unarmed combatant licensee or applicant, and (2) Section 17 by *allowing* the Commission to 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 such purpose.

5. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:

- (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**
- (b) Both immediate and long-term effects.**

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

b. There is no estimated adverse effect on the public. However, there should be both immediate and long-term beneficial effect on the public because of improved regulation of unarmed combat in Nevada.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of these regulations.

7. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies that the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

There are no other state or governmental agency regulations that the proposed regulation duplicates.

8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

Not applicable.

9. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee. Since no fees are involved, there is not a total amount expected to be collected or used.