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AUTHORITY: §§1-4, 7-8, 11, 13-15, 23, 29, 35-37, 39-43, and 45-56, NRS 467.030; §§5, 24-27, and 34, NRS 467.030 and NRS 467.100; §§6 and 30, NRS 467.030 and NRS 467.120; §§9, NRS 467.030 and NRS 233B.100; §§10, 12, 16, and 19, NRS 467.030 and section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 476, chapter 494, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 2979 (NRS 467.153); §§17-18, NRS 467.030 and NRS 467.158 and section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 476, chapter 494, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 2979 (NRS 467.153); §§20-22, NRS 467.030 and NRS 467.107; §§28, NRS 467.030 and NRS 467.136; §§31, NRS 467.030 and 467.108; §§32-33, NRS 467.030 and NRS 467.105; §§38, NRS 467.030 and 467.107 and 467.120; §§44, NRS 467.030 and NRS 467.155.

A REGULATION relating to unarmed combat; providing definitions of certain terms; providing disclosure requirements regarding domestic violence and consequences therefrom; providing option for binding arbitration; amending contract requirements; amending bout agreement requirements; updating certain rules for various forms of unarmed combat; providing for the applicability of certain rules to unarmed combatant programs; providing method for public to petition the Nevada State Athletic Commission (Commission) for adoption, amending, or repeal of regulations; providing for the Executive Director to designate a person to perform certain functions; providing clarification of the Executive Director's authority; providing criteria for a promoter's drug testing program; amending the requirements for claiming the drug testing credit; amending provisions relating to drug testing requirements; amending provisions relating to drug related disciplinary actions; amending grounds for bringing disciplinary action; amending procedures relating to disciplinary actions; clarifying certain administrative requirements for licensees; amending requirements for referees, judges, ringside physicians, EMT's, promoters, and sanctioning organizations; updating payment method for certain fees; amending provisions relating to permits for programs; providing method of calculation the complimentary ticket exemption; amending requirements for programs of unarmed combat; amending requirements for gloves, bandages, and attire; amending procedures for weigh-in; amending procedures for physical exams; providing updates to regulations relating to amateur unarmed combatants; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

1           **Section 1. Chapter 467 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions**  
2 **set forth as sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this regulation.**

3           **Sec. 2. [“Bout” defined.]**

4           *“Bout” means an individual contest or exhibition of unarmed combat.*

5           **Sec. 3. [“Chair” defined.]**

6           *“Chair” means the Chair of the Nevada State Athletic Commission as designated by the*  
7 *Governor pursuant to NRS 467.030.*

8           **Sec. 4. [“Promoter’s drug testing program” defined.]**

9           *“Promoter’s drug testing program” means a drug testing program described in subsection 4*  
10 *of NRS 467.107, which has been approved by the Commission pursuant Section 10.*

11           **Sec. 5. [Obligation to disclose instances of domestic violence and consequences]**

12           1. *An applicant for a license listed under NAC 467.012 must state on his or her application*  
13 *whether the applicant has ever been cited, arrested or convicted for domestic violence.*

14           2. *A person who holds a license issued by the Commission shall report any citation, arrest, or*  
15 *conviction for domestic violence that occurred post licensure to the Executive Director or the*  
16 *Executive Director’s designee within 15 calendar days of the relevant event.*

17           3. *If the Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee receives information that an*  
18 *applicant or licensee has received a citation, arrest, or conviction for domestic violence,*  
19 *regardless of how the information is received, the Executive Director or the Executive Director’s*  
20 *designee shall review the information and make a determination:*

21           (a) *For applicants, whether or not to recommend denial of the license application to the*  
22 *Commission pursuant to NAC 467.082.*

23           (b) *For existing licensees, whether or not to recommend disciplinary action against the*  
24 *licensee to the Commission pursuant to NAC 467.885.*

25           **Sec. 6. [Arbitration of contracts between managers and unarmed combatants]**

26           1. *A contract between an unarmed combatant and a manager that is executed and notarized*  
27 *on a form provided by the Commission may provide for binding arbitration of disputes. The*  
28 *Commission may at its discretion provide for binding arbitration on a contract that is not*  
29 *executed and notarized on a form provided by the Commission if the interested parties agree to*  
30 *arbitration.*

1       2. A party seeking arbitration of a contract must initiate the arbitration process by serving a  
2 notice of arbitration to the other party or parties to the agreement by certified or registered mail,  
3 return receipt requested and obtained, or by personal service. The notice of arbitration must  
4 describe the nature of the controversy and the remedy sought. Once a party provides proof of  
5 service to the Commission, the Chair shall, upon his or her discretion, appoint a representative  
6 of the Commission to conduct the arbitration.

7       3. The arbitrator may conduct the arbitration in such manner as the arbitrator considers  
8 appropriate for a fair and expeditious disposition of the proceeding.

9       (a) The authority conferred upon the arbitrator includes the power to hold conferences with  
10 the parties to the arbitral proceeding before the hearing and, among other matters, determine  
11 the admissibility, relevance, materiality and weight of any evidence.

12       (b) The arbitrator may issue a subpoena for the attendance of a witness and for the  
13 production of records and other evidence at the hearing. The arbitrator must serve a subpoena  
14 by certified or registered mail, or by personal service. All laws compelling a person under  
15 subpoena to testify as a witness, as well as all associated fees, apply to the arbitration as if the  
16 controversy were the subject of a civil action in the state of Nevada.

17       (c) The arbitrator may permit such discovery as the arbitrator decides is appropriate in the  
18 circumstances, taking into account the needs of the parties to the arbitral proceeding and other  
19 affected persons, and the desirability of making the proceeding fair, expeditious, and cost  
20 effective.

21       (d) The arbitrator may issue a protective order to prevent the disclosure of privileged  
22 information, confidential information, trade secrets and other information protected from  
23 disclosure to the extent a court could if the controversy were the subject of a civil action in the  
24 state of Nevada.

25       4. If a party to the arbitration seeks to make its appearance at the arbitration telephonically,  
26 it must obtain permission from the arbitrator. Requests for telephonic appearances must be  
27 submitted to the arbitrator at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled start of the arbitration.

28       5. The arbitrator shall set a date, time, and location, and give notice of the hearing not less  
29 than 5 days before the hearing begins. Unless a party to the arbitral proceeding makes an  
30 objection to lack or insufficiency of notice not later than the beginning of the hearing, the party's

1 *appearance at the hearing waives the objection. The arbitrator holds the sole discretion to grant*  
2 *any continuances of the hearing.*

3 *6. The arbitrator may hear and decide the controversy upon the evidence produced although*  
4 *a party who was duly notified of the arbitral proceeding did not appear.*

5 *7. A party to an arbitral proceeding may be represented by an attorney.*

6 *8. An arbitrator acting in that capacity pursuant to this section is immune from civil liability*  
7 *to the same extent as a judge of a court of the State acting in a judicial capacity.*

8 **Sec. 7. [Adjudication of technical knockout – mixed martial arts]**

9 *1. A mixed martial arts contest or exhibition shall be adjudged a technical knockout to the*  
10 *credit of the winner in the following situations:*

11 *(a) An injury as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough, in the opinion of the referee, to*  
12 *terminate a bout pursuant to NAC 467.7968; or*

13 *(b) An unarmed combatant is not intelligently defending himself or herself while being*  
14 *repeatedly struck.*

15 *2. The referee, as the sole arbiter of a contest or exhibition, has the discretion to end a contest*  
16 *or exhibition by declaring a technical knockout.*

17 **Sec. 8. [Adjudication of knockout – mixed martial arts]**

18 *1. A mixed martial arts contest or exhibition shall be adjudged a knockout to the credit of the*  
19 *winner when an unarmed combatant is rendered unconscious due to a strike, kick, or other legal*  
20 *maneuver.*

21 *2. The referee, as the sole arbiter of a contest or exhibition, has the discretion to end a contest*  
22 *or exhibition by declaring a knockout.*

23 **Sec. 9. [Petition for adoption, filing, amendment, or repeal of a regulation]**

24 *1. Any interested person may petition the Commission requesting the adoption, filing,*  
25 *amendment, or repeal of a regulation of the Commission by submitting the original and one copy*  
26 *of the petition.*

27 *2. The petition must include:*

28 *(a) The name and address of the petitioner;*

29 *(b) A clear and concise statement of the regulation to be adopted, filed, amended or repealed;*

30 *(c) The reason for the adoption, filing, amendment or repeal of the regulation; and*

31 *(d) The statutory authority for the adoption, filing, amendment or repeal of the regulation.*

1       3. The Chair may deny a petition that requests the adoption, filing, amendment or repeal of a  
2 regulation prior to full Commission review if:

3       (a) The original petition is not accompanied by one copy of the petition; or

4       (b) The petition does not contain the required information.

5       4. If the petition complies with the requirements of subsection 3, the Commission shall within  
6 30 days after the petition is filed review the petition and either deny the petition or initiate  
7 regulation-making proceedings.

8       5. The Commission or the Chair shall notify the petitioner in writing of the decision on the  
9 petition. If the petition has been denied, the Commission or the Chair shall state the reasons for  
10 the denial therein.

11           **Sec. 10. [Approval of promoter's drug testing program]**

12       1. To claim the credit provided for under subsection 4 of NRS 467.107, the promoter's drug  
13 testing program must be approved in advance by the Commission.

14       2. To obtain approval of the promoter's drug testing program, a promoter must submit to the  
15 Commission an application for such approval to the Commission on a form and in the manner  
16 prescribed by the Commission.

17       3. An application for approval of the promoter's drug testing program shall be accompanied  
18 by the following:

19       (a) A detailed description of the promoter's drug testing program, including, but not limited  
20 to the following:

21           (1) The individuals who are to be tested under the program;

22           (2) The frequency of the testing to be performed under the program;

23           (3) The name of the sanctioned drug testing organization that will administer the  
24 promoter's drug testing program;

25           (4) The consequences of a positive test result; and

26           (5) How the test results will be submitted to the Commission, including the timing of such  
27 submissions.

28       (b) Except as provided under subsection 4, copies of each contract entered into by the  
29 promoter and the sanctioned drug testing organization that will administer the promoter's drug  
30 testing program; and

1       (c) Any other information requested by the Commission, the Executive Director, or the  
2       Executive Director's designee.

3       4. The promoter is not required to submit to the Commission copies of the contracts required  
4       under paragraph (b) of subsection 3 if the Commission, in its discretion, authorizes the promoter  
5       to arrange for a representative of the Commission to review those contracts and report to the  
6       Commission whether the promoter is in compliance with the provisions of this section and  
7       subsection 2 of Section 41 of LCB File No. R062-16.

8       5. To be approved by the Commission, the promoter's drug testing program must meet the  
9       following minimum requirements:

10      (a) The program must test all unarmed combatants under contract with the promoter or on  
11      the promoter's roster;

12      (b) The tests performed under the program must be administered on an unannounced and  
13      random basis such that an unarmed combatant being tested will have no ability to obtain  
14      advance knowledge of the administration of the test, either directly or indirectly;

15      (c) The tests performed under the program must be administered at least once per calendar  
16      quarter on each unarmed combatant;

17      (d) All testing must be administered by a sanctioned drug testing organization; and

18      (e) The contracts entered into between the promoter and the sanctioned drug testing  
19      organization must meet the criteria set forth in subsection 2 of Section 41 of LCB File No.  
20      R062-16.

21      6. After receiving a complete application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 and the  
22      accompanying information required by subsection 3, the Commission shall:

23      (a) Determine whether the promoter's drug testing program meets the requirements set forth  
24      under subsection 5;

25      (b) Determine if the contracts with the sanctioned drug testing organization meet the criteria  
26      set forth in subsection 2 of Section 41 of LCB File No. R062-16; and

27      (c) Issue a written statement of its determination regarding the promoter's drug testing  
28      program.

29      7. If approved by the Commission, the promoter must maintain and operate its drug testing  
30      program exactly as it was described to the Commission in the promoter's application and  
31      accompanying information.

1       8. Any change to a promoter's drug testing program must be evaluated and approved by the  
2 Commission under the provisions of this section before such change can be implemented.

3       9. Should the promoter fail to maintain and operate the promoter's drug testing program  
4 exactly as described to the Commission in the promoter's application and accompanying  
5 information, the promoter may not claim the credit provided for under subsection 4 of NRS  
6 467.107, and must refund to the Commission any credit previously claimed that was provided  
7 during a period in which the promoter's drug testing program was not maintained or operated  
8 as exactly as approved by the Commission.

9       10. The promoter is responsible for ensuring that the results of drug tests performed under the  
10 promoter's drug testing program are properly and timely provided to the Commission by the  
11 sanctioned drug testing organization administering the promoter's drug testing program.  
12 Failure of the applicable sanctioned drug testing organization to properly and timely provide the  
13 Commission with the drug test results shall result of the forfeiture of any credit under subsection  
14 4 of NRS 467.107 that the promoter may otherwise be entitled, and shall require the promoter to  
15 refund to the Commission any such credit previously claimed relating to the relevant drug  
16 testing.

17       11. The Commission may revoke or suspend its approval of a promoter's drug testing  
18 program if the Commission determines after notice and an opportunity for a hearing that the  
19 program no longer meets the standards set forth in this section. The Commission's decision to  
20 revoke or suspend its approval may be based on information it had at the time it approved the  
21 program or on information obtained subsequent to its approval.

22       **Sec. 11. Section 17 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

23       For the purposes of this chapter and chapter 467 of NRS, the Commission will interpret the  
24 term:

25       1. "Contestant," as defined in NRS 467.0103, to include any person who is preparing to  
26 engage in, who currently is engaged in or who has formerly engaged in unarmed combat for  
27 remuneration.

28       2. "Promoter," as defined in NRS 467.0104, to include any person who intends or plans to  
29 produce, arrange or stage, who is currently producing, arranging or staging, or who has formerly  
30 produced, arranged or staged any professional contest or exhibition.



1 3. "Purse," as defined in NRS 467.0105, to include the financial guarantee or any other  
2 remuneration for which contestants are participating in a contest or exhibition, including, without  
3 limitation, the contestant's share of any payment received for radio broadcasting, television or  
4 motion picture rights and any bonus payment or other payment greater than the amount  
5 constituting the financial guarantee.

6 4. *"Ticket" to mean a physical or electronic record that grants a person the right to*  
7 *admission to a program of unarmed combat.*

8 5. "Unarmed combat," as defined in NRS 467.0107, to include boxing, kickboxing, mixed  
9 martial arts and any other form of competition in which a blow is usually struck, or a maneuver  
10 is usually executed, and which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury.

11 ~~[5.]~~ 6. "Unarmed combatant," as defined in NRS 467.0108:

12 (a) To include any person who engages in unarmed combat in a contest or exhibition, whether  
13 or not the person receives remuneration, including, without limitation, a contestant.

14 (b) To not include~~[-~~

15 ~~(1) Except as otherwise provided in NAC 467.785, an amateur boxer, amateur kickboxer or~~  
16 ~~amateur mixed martial artist; or~~

17 ~~(2) A] a~~ person who participates in a contest or exhibition that is exempt from the  
18 provisions of this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS pursuant to a specific statute or regulation,  
19 including, without limitation, NRS 467.170 and 467.173.

20 **Sec. 12. Section 18 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

21 1. The Commission hereby adopts by reference the most recent version of the:

22 (a) Prohibited List published by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

23 (b) International Standard for Laboratories published by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

24 (c) *The Technical Documents published by the World Anti-Doping Agency including, but not*  
25 *limited to, the Decision Limits for the Confirmatory Quantification of Threshold Substances,*  
26 ~~[WADA Technical Document—TD2014DL, published by the World Anti-Doping Agency]~~ *and*  
27 *the Endogenous Anabolic Androgenic Steroids Measurement the Reporting Technical Document.*

28 2. A copy of the publications adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1 is available, free  
29 of charge, at the Internet address [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org).

30 3. If a publication adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1 is revised, the Commission  
31 will review the revision to ensure its suitability for this State. If the Commission determines that

1 the revision is not suitable for this State, the Commission will hold a public hearing to review its  
2 determination within 6 months after the date of publication of the revision and give notice of that  
3 hearing within 30 days after the date of the publication of the revision. If, after the hearing, the  
4 Commission does not revise its determination, the Commission will give notice that the revision  
5 is not suitable for this State within 30 days after the hearing. If the Commission does not give  
6 such notice, the revision becomes part of the pertinent publication adopted by reference pursuant  
7 to subsection 1.

8 **Sec. 13. Section 20 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

9 1. Upon receipt of a request for a public book or record pursuant to chapter 239 of NRS, the  
10 Executive Director, *the Executive Director's designee*, or a person designated by the  
11 Commission to respond to the request shall request the Office of the Attorney General to conduct  
12 a review of the requested books or records to determine whether:

13 (a) The requested books or records are public books or records for the purposes of chapter  
14 239 of NRS; and

15 (b) Any confidentiality provisions prevent the release of the requested books or records, in  
16 part or in full.

17 2. Upon completion of the review by the Office of the Attorney General, the requested books  
18 or records must be reviewed and approved for dissemination by the Chair of the Commission,  
19 ~~and~~ the Executive Director, *or the Executive Director's designee*.

20 **Sec. 14. Section 21 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

21 Not later than 30 days after a change in the address ~~[of a person who is licensed by the~~  
22 ~~Commission]~~ *provided in a licensee's most recent license application or subsequent notification*  
23 *of change of address*, the licensee must provide the new address *in writing* to the Commission. A  
24 licensee who fails to comply with the provisions of this section ~~[is]~~ *may be* subject to disciplinary  
25 action by the Commission.

26 **Sec. 15. Section 22 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows**

27 1. Within 30 days after a change in the ownership of a promoter or a change in the officers,  
28 managers or directors of a promoter, the promoter must inform the Commission *in writing* of the  
29 proposed change. ~~[Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Commission may~~  
30 ~~approve or disapprove the change in ownership of a promoter or in the officers, managers or~~  
31 ~~directors of the promoter, as applicable.]~~

1       2. The written notice provided in subsection 1 shall include complete information  
2       pertaining to the relevant change, including, but not limited to, the specifics of the change in  
3       ownership or ownership interest, the name and address of any new owner, officer, manager, or  
4       director of the promoter, and any other information relevant to the change.

5       3. The Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee may request, and the  
6       promoter shall provide, additional information he or she may require to evaluate the relevant  
7       change, including, but not limited to, the financial and criminal history of any new owner,  
8       officer, manager, or director.

9       4. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Commission may approve or  
10       disapprove a change in ownership of a promoter or a change in an officer, manager, or director  
11       of a promoter, as applicable.

12       5. Should the Commission find the new owner, officer, manager, or director unsuitable for  
13       any reason, such owner, officer, manager, or director must immediately divest himself or herself  
14       of any ownership interest in the promoter and resign from any position held with the promoter.

15       6. Any person found unsuitable by the Commission under this section shall not be permitted to  
16       have any involvement, whatsoever, with the promoter.

17       7. Any violation of this section shall constitute an unsuitable method of operation by the  
18       promoter and shall be grounds for revocation of any licenses issued to the promoter by the  
19       Commission.

20       **Sec. 16. Section 25 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

21       1. At any time requested by the Commission or its representative, an unarmed combatant,  
22       whether in-competition or out-of-competition, shall submit to a drug test.

23       2. A test of any sample or specimen of an unarmed combatant may be performed by a  
24       laboratory approved by the Commission or a laboratory approved and accredited by the World  
25       Anti-Doping Agency.

26       3. To be approved by the Commission to test a sample or specimen of an unarmed combatant,  
27       a laboratory must implement the International Standard for Laboratories and the Decision Limits  
28       for the Confirmatory Quantification of Threshold Substances, which are adopted by reference  
29       pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 1 of section 18 of this regulation.

1       4. *The Executive Director is responsible for administering the Commission's drug testing*  
2 *program, including, but not limited to, selecting which drug testing organization or drug testing*  
3 *laboratory approved by the Commission to use.*

4       5. *The promoter is responsible for paying the costs for such testing.*

5           **Sec. 17. Section 26 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

6       1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 40 of ~~[this regulation]~~ *LCB File*  
7 *No. R062-16*, if a test of a sample or specimen of an unarmed combatant by a laboratory  
8 approved by the Commission pursuant to subsection 3 of section 25 of ~~[this regulation]~~ *LCB File*  
9 *No. R062-16* or a laboratory approved and accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency  
10 identifies the presence of a prohibited substance *as defined by section 18 of LCB File No.*

11 *R062-16* or its metabolites or markers in the sample or specimen, the unarmed combatant has  
12 committed an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission. A  
13 violation of this subsection is established by any of the following:

14       (a) The presence of any quantity of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in the  
15 A sample of an unarmed combatant if the unarmed combatant waives analysis of his or her B  
16 sample and the B sample is not analyzed. *An unarmed combatant shall be deemed to have*  
17 *waived analysis of his or her B sample if he or she fails to provide a written request for such*  
18 *analysis to the Commission within 20 days after the date the complaint is served on the*  
19 *respondent.*

20       (b) If the B sample of an unarmed combatant is analyzed, the analysis of the B sample  
21 confirms the presence of any quantity of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers as  
22 found in the A sample of the unarmed combatant.

23       (c) If the B sample of an unarmed combatant is split into two bottles, the analysis of the  
24 second bottle confirms the presence of any quantity of the prohibited substance or its metabolites  
25 or markers as found in the first bottle.

26       2. It is the duty of each unarmed combatant to ensure that no prohibited substance enters his  
27 or her body, and an unarmed combatant is responsible for the presence of any prohibited  
28 substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in his or her sample or specimen. To  
29 establish a violation of this section, it is not necessary to establish that the unarmed combatant  
30 intentionally, knowingly or negligently used a prohibited substance or that the unarmed

1 combatant is otherwise at fault for the presence of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or  
2 markers found to be present in his or her sample or specimen.

3 3. An unarmed combatant does not violate the provisions of this section if:

4 (a) The quantity of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present  
5 in his or her sample or specimen does not exceed the threshold *for the prohibited substance or its*  
6 *metabolites or markers as* established in the *World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List* ~~for the~~  
7 ~~prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers~~ *or the Technical Documents published by the*  
8 *World Anti-Doping Agency including, but not limited to, the Decision Limits for the*  
9 *Confirmatory Quantification of Threshold Substances.*

10 (b) The special criteria in the *World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List* for the evaluation of  
11 a prohibited substance that can be produced endogenously indicate that the presence of the  
12 prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in the sample or specimen  
13 of the unarmed combatant is not the result of his or her use of a prohibited substance.

14 4. Except as otherwise provided in sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of ~~this regulation~~ *LCB File*  
15 *No. R062-16*, an unarmed combatant who violates any provision of this section:

16 (a) Is ineligible to engage in unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 9 months but  
17 not more than 24 months, as determined by the Commission.

18 (b) Will be fined by the Commission in an amount equal to at least 15 percent but not more  
19 than 30 percent of his or her purse.

20 5. As used in this section:

21 (a) "A sample" means the primary sample or specimen used to test for the presence of a  
22 prohibited substance.

23 (b) "B sample" means the sample or specimen used to confirm or invalidate the presence of a  
24 prohibited substance in the A sample.

25 **Sec. 18. Section 38 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

26 1. The Commission may increase by not more than two times a period of ineligibility *or a*  
27 *monetary penalty as* set forth in sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of ~~this regulation~~ *LCB File No.*  
28 *R062-16* for an anti-doping violation committed by an unarmed combatant, a person who is  
29 licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated  
30 with unarmed combat in this State if the Commission finds one or more aggravating  
31 circumstances pursuant to this section.

1 2. An aggravating circumstance exists when the conditions, events or facts accompanying an  
2 anti-doping violation increase the culpability of the person who committed the anti-doping  
3 violation. Aggravating circumstances include, without limitation:

4 (a) The person has committed more than one anti-doping violation at or about the same time,  
5 including, without limitation, the use or possession of multiple prohibited substances or  
6 prohibited methods.

7 (b) The person who committed the anti-doping violation violated a provision of this chapter or  
8 chapter 467 of NRS, other than an anti-doping violation, at or about the same time as he or she  
9 committed the anti-doping violation.

10 (c) The anti-doping violation was part of a plan or scheme, either individually or in a  
11 conspiracy or common enterprise with others to commit the anti-doping violation.

12 (d) The person who committed the anti-doping violation engaged in deceptive or obstructing  
13 conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of the anti-doping violation.

14 (e) The anti-doping violation had a significant potential to enhance the performance of an  
15 unarmed combatant.

16 **Sec. 19. Section 41 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

17 1. To become a sanctioned drug testing organization for a promoter, an organization that  
18 administers a *promoter's* drug testing program must submit to the Commission an application for  
19 sanctioning on a form and in the manner prescribed by the Commission.

20 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an application submitted pursuant to  
21 subsection 1 must be accompanied by each contract entered into by the applicant and the  
22 promoter on whose behalf the applicant administers ~~[a]~~ *the promoter's* drug testing program and  
23 evidence satisfactory to the Commission that:

24 (a) The sample collection and testing standards of the applicant and any laboratory associated  
25 with the applicant conform or are comparable to the most recent version of the International  
26 Standard for Testing and Investigations published by the World Anti-Doping Agency, a copy of  
27 which may be obtained free of charge from the World Anti-Doping Agency at its Internet  
28 website at <https://www.wada-ama.org>; and

29 (b) A laboratory approved by the Commission pursuant to subsection 3 of section 25 of ~~[this~~  
30 ~~regulation]~~ *LCB File No. R062-16* or approved and accredited by the World Anti-Doping

1 Agency analyzes all samples or specimens collected, or directly or indirectly authorized for  
2 collection, by the applicant.

3 3. An applicant is not required to submit to the Commission the information required by  
4 subsection 2 if the Commission, in its discretion, authorizes the applicant to arrange for a  
5 representative of the Commission to review that information and report to the Commission  
6 whether the applicant is in compliance with the provisions of subsection 2.

7 4. After receiving a complete application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 and the  
8 accompanying information required by subsection 2 or the report authorized by subsection 3, the  
9 Commission will:

10 (a) Determine whether the applicant is qualified to be a sanctioned drug testing organization;  
11 and

12 (b) Issue a written statement of its determination to the applicant.

13 5. An organization that administers a *promoter's* drug testing program must be sanctioned  
14 pursuant to this section for each promoter for which it administers a *promoter's* drug testing  
15 program.

16 6. The sanctioning of a sanctioned drug testing organization expires on a date specified by the  
17 Commission, which must be either 1 calendar year after the date on which the Commission  
18 approved or renewed the certification or 2 calendar years after that date. The certification may be  
19 renewed in the manner prescribed by the Commission.

20 7. The Commission may revoke *or suspend* the sanctioning of a sanctioned drug testing  
21 organization if the Commission determines after notice and an opportunity for a hearing that the  
22 organization is not in compliance with the requirements set forth in subsection 2 or any other  
23 provision of this chapter.

24 8. The Commission will maintain and publish on its Internet website a list containing the  
25 name of each sanctioned drug testing organization.

26 9. A sanctioned drug testing organization shall submit to the Commission the results of each  
27 drug test performed on an unarmed combatant by the sanctioned drug testing organization.

28 **Sec. 20. Section 42 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

29 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, upon the request of the Commission, a  
30 promoter shall submit to the Commission a copy of any contract and each amendment to a  
31 contract entered into by the promoter and an organization that administers a *promoter's* drug



1 testing program on behalf of the promoter. The Commission may reject the contract or  
2 amendment if the Commission determines that:

3 (a) The promoter has not entered into a contract with a sanctioned drug testing organization;

4 (b) The contract or amendment does not contain sufficient terms to ensure protection of this  
5 State, the Commission or unarmed combat by providing full insight into the *promoter's* drug  
6 testing program ~~[of the promoter]~~ and the sanctioned drug testing organization; or

7 (c) The contract or amendment violates federal law or the laws of this State.

8 2. A promoter is not required to submit to the Commission a copy of a contract or  
9 amendment pursuant to subsection 1 if the Commission, in its discretion, authorizes the promoter  
10 to arrange for a representative of the Commission to review the information and report to the  
11 Commission whether the contract or amendment complies with the provisions of subsection 1.

12 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any proprietary information containing a  
13 trade secret that is submitted to the Commission pursuant to this section is confidential, and the  
14 Commission and any of its members, representatives or employees shall not disclose such  
15 information. The Commission or any of its members, representatives or employees may disclose  
16 information made confidential pursuant to this subsection to any governmental agency for the  
17 purpose of a civil, administrative or criminal investigation or proceeding.

18 4. As used in this section, "trade secret" means any information, including, without  
19 limitation, a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, product, system,  
20 process, design, prototype, procedure, computer programming instruction or code that:

21 (a) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known  
22 to, and readily ascertainable through proper means by, the public or any person who may obtain  
23 commercial or economic value from its disclosure or use; and

24 (b) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its  
25 secrecy.

26 **Sec. 21. Section 43 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

27 1. To obtain a drug testing credit, a promoter must submit to the Commission a written  
28 request for the drug testing credit on a form prescribed by the Commission and signed by the  
29 promoter under penalty of perjury *within 10 days following the applicable event or contest*. The  
30 request must contain such information as requested by the Commission and be accompanied by:



1 (a) An itemized statement of the costs for which the promoter is requesting the drug testing  
2 credit;

3 (b) Evidence satisfactory to the Commission that the promoter has paid or will pay in a timely  
4 manner the costs for which the drug testing credit is sought;

5 (c) If the promoter is requesting the drug testing credit for costs paid to a sanctioned drug  
6 testing organization, evidence satisfactory to the Commission that the collection of each sample  
7 or specimen and the testing of each sample or specimen was performed by:

8 (1) The sanctioned drug testing organization for that promoter; or

9 (2) A laboratory associated with that sanctioned drug testing organization that is approved  
10 by the Commission pursuant to subsection 3 of section 25 of ~~[this regulation]~~ *LCB File No.*

11 *R062-16* or approved and accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency; ~~[and]~~

12 *(d) Evidence from the laboratory performing the drug testing that it has commenced the*  
13 *testing process on the applicable samples or specimens;*

14 *(e) The identification number assigned to each drug test by the laboratory performing the*  
15 *drug testing; and*

16 *(f) Any other information requested by the Commission.*

17 2. Not later than 60 days after the receipt of a complete request for the drug testing credit  
18 submitted pursuant to subsection 1, the Commission will notify the promoter of the amount of  
19 the drug testing credit to which the promoter is entitled, as calculated pursuant to section 44 of  
20 ~~[this regulation]~~ *LCB File No. R062-16.*

21 3. The *Chair of the Commission or Executive Director*, in ~~[its]~~ *his or her* discretion, may  
22 compare the amount of the costs for which a promoter is requesting a drug testing credit to the  
23 ordinary amount of those costs in the market for drug testing and disapprove the drug testing  
24 credit for costs that exceed by more than a de minimis amount the ordinary costs of drug testing  
25 in the market for drug testing.

26 4. A promoter may take a drug testing credit against the license fee for a contest or  
27 exhibition only in an amount approved by the Commission pursuant to this section.

28 *5. The burden is on the promoter to prove the legitimacy and accuracy of any drug testing*  
29 *credit claimed. If a promoter cannot do so to the Commission's satisfaction, the promoter shall*  
30 *reimburse the Commission for the amount of the drug testing credit received within 30 days of*  
31 *being notified by the Commission to do so.*

1       6. *Failure by the promoter to submit any of the information required under this section*  
2 *within the time period provided shall result in a forfeiture of the relevant credit to which the*  
3 *promoter may have been entitled.*

4           **Sec. 22. Section 44 of LCB File No. R062-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

5       1. For the purpose of determining the amount of the drug testing credit to which a promoter is  
6 entitled, the amount paid by the promoter to administer ~~[a]~~ *the promoter's* drug testing program  
7 for unarmed combatants:

8       (a) Includes the following costs, whether paid to the Commission or to a sanctioned drug  
9 testing organization:

10       (1) The actual cost to collect a sample or specimen.

11       (2) The actual cost to test the sample or specimen.

12       (3) Any other costs deemed by the Commission to be reasonably necessary to administer  
13 an effective *promoter's* drug testing program.

14       (b) Does not include the following costs:

15       (1) Any costs paid by the promoter to adjudicate the results of a drug test, including,  
16 without limitation, the costs to adjudicate the determination of any penalty or sanction imposed  
17 on an unarmed combatant pursuant to an agreement between the unarmed combatant and the  
18 promoter.

19       (2) Any costs paid by the promoter for educational materials or programs.

20       (3) Any costs paid to a person that is not a sanctioned drug testing organization.

21       (4) Any costs not listed in paragraph (a).

22       2. To qualify for the drug testing credit:

23       (a) A cost described in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be paid by the promoter:

24       (1) To the Commission or to a sanctioned drug testing organization;

25       (2) To perform a drug test on an unarmed combatant in relation to a contest or exhibition  
26 that was held, or scheduled to be held, in this State; and

27       (3) To perform a drug test on a sample or specimen taken not earlier than ~~[90]~~ 60 days  
28 before the applicable contest or exhibition and not later than 6 hours after the conclusion of the  
29 program of unarmed combat in which the unarmed combatant competed.

30       (b) The number of sample or specimen collection events and the number and type of tests for  
31 each unarmed combatant must be deemed reasonable by the Chair of the Commission or the

1 Executive Director. Upon the request of the Chair or the Executive Director, a promoter shall  
2 provide such information as the Chair or Executive Director deems necessary to establish that the  
3 number of sample or specimen collection events and the number and type of tests for each  
4 unarmed combatant are reasonable.

5 (c) The laboratory testing the sample or specimen must test the sample or specimen in a  
6 timely manner, as determined by the ~~[Commission]~~ *Executive Director, not to exceed 21 days.*

7 (d) The result of each drug test on an unarmed combatant must:

8 (1) Be sent directly to the Executive Director by the laboratory that performed the test on  
9 the sample or specimen at the same time that the laboratory gives notice of the result to the drug  
10 testing organization or promoter for whom the drug test was performed; and

11 (2) Include the date on which the sample or specimen was collected from the unarmed  
12 combatant, the date on which the laboratory received the sample or specimen, the date of the  
13 analysis of the sample or specimen by the laboratory and the result of that analysis.

14 3. If the amount paid by a promoter to administer ~~[a]~~ *the promoter's* drug testing program  
15 relates to more than one contest or exhibition, the promoter may apply a drug testing credit  
16 against the license fee for only one such contest or exhibition.

17 4. Upon the approval of the Commission, a promoter may calculate the amount of the drug  
18 testing credit to which the promoter is entitled by aggregating the amount paid by the promoter  
19 to administer ~~[a]~~ *the promoter's* drug testing program for multiple contests or exhibitions.

20 5. The amount of the drug testing credit to which a promoter is entitled for a contest or  
21 exhibition must not exceed the amount of the license fee for that contest or exhibition. Any  
22 amount of the drug testing credit for a contest or exhibition that exceeds the amount of the  
23 license fee for that contest or exhibition is forfeited and may not be applied to the license fee for  
24 another contest or exhibition, unless the Commission authorizes a promoter to apply the excess  
25 amount of the drug testing credit to the license fee for another contest or exhibition.

26 *6 The promoter may only claim a drug testing credit for an unarmed combatant who is under*  
27 *contract with the promoter and who has been drug tested under the promoter's drug testing*  
28 *program.*

29 *7. The promoter may claim a drug testing credit for a qualifying cost even if they result of the*  
30 *applicable drug test is not known at the time the promoter submits the report required pursuant*  
31 *to NRS 467.109(1).*

1 8. *If a test of a sample or specimen of an unarmed combatant identifies the presence of a*  
2 *prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers, the Commission may seek reimbursement*  
3 *from the unarmed combatant for the amount of any drug testing credit claimed by a promoter for*  
4 *the cost of the drug test as part of any disciplinary action the Commission brings against the*  
5 *unarmed combatant relating to the result of the drug test. Such reimbursement shall be*  
6 *considered a return of a license fee and shall be accounted for as provided under NRS*  
7 *467.107(2).*

8 9. *A promoter may not claim a drug testing credit for the cost of a drug test:*

9 (a) *If the result of the drug test renders an unarmed combatant ineligible from participating*  
10 *in the relevant contest or exhibition; or*

11 (b) *If the unarmed combatant upon whom the test is performed fails to participate in the*  
12 *relevant contest or exhibition for any reason other than something outside the control of the*  
13 *unarmed combatant to which he or she has no fault.*

14 **Sec. 23. NAC 467.009 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

15 **NAC 467.009 Adoption by reference of *Unified Championship Rules; applicability of the***  
16 ***Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts; applicability of rules of other registered sanctioning***  
17 ***organizations.* (NRS 467.030)**

18 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, championship contests of boxing and other  
19 contests of boxing that the Commission considers to be special events must comply with the  
20 *Unified Championship Rules* adopted by the Association of Boxing Commissions, which are  
21 hereby adopted by reference.

22 2. ~~*[A copy of the Unified Championship Rules may be obtained free of charge from the*~~  
23 ~~*Commission 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101].*~~ *Except as*  
24 *otherwise set forth in this chapter, chapter 467 of NRS, or in any other rules adopted by the*  
25 *Commission, a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts must comply with the Unified Rules of*  
26 *Mixed Martial Arts adopted by the Association of Boxing Commissions unless otherwise ordered*  
27 *by the Commission.*

28 3. *A copy of the Unified Championship Rules or the Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts may*  
29 *be obtained free of charge from the Commission.*

30 4. *Except as otherwise set forth in this chapter, chapter 467 of NRS, or in any other rules*  
31 *adopted by the Commission, a contest or exhibition of kickboxing, Muay Thai, Thai boxing, or*

1 *another variation of kickboxing, must comply with the official rules of the sanctioning body that*  
2 *sanctions the contest or exhibition unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.*

3 *(a) The official rules of the registered sanctioning body sanctioning the event or contest shall*  
4 *be submitted to the Commission at the time the promoter of the contest or exhibition files for the*  
5 *applicable permit pursuant to NAC 467.167.*

6 *(b) The Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee may review the official rules*  
7 *of the sanctioning body and make any changes he or she feels necessary to protect the health and*  
8 *safety of the unarmed combatants participating in the contest or exhibition and the reputation of*  
9 *unarmed combat in the State of Nevada. Any such modification shall be complied with during the*  
10 *contest or exhibition.*

11 *5. If a rule in the Unified Championship Rules, Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts, or the*  
12 *official rules of a sanctioning body conflicts with a rule set forth in chapter 467 of NRS, chapter*  
13 *467 of NAC, or other rules adopted by the Commission, the rule found in chapter 467 of NRS,*  
14 *chapter 467 of NAC, or other rules adopted by the Commission shall control.*

15 **Sec. 24. NAC 467.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

16 **NAC 467.017 Effect of age, experience and physical condition on issuance or renewal**  
17 **of license to engage in unarmed combat. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)**

18 1. If an applicant for a license to engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant has:

19 (a) Not reached 18 years of age;

20 (b) Reached 38 years of age or will reach 38 years of age during the current calendar year;

21 (c) Competed in more than 425 rounds of unarmed combat in contests or exhibitions  
22 sanctioned by the Commission or any other agency that regulates unarmed combat in another  
23 jurisdiction; or

24 (d) Not competed in unarmed combat for at least 36 consecutive months,

25 ↪ the applicant or unarmed combatant must have his or her application for a license or for  
26 renewal of a license reviewed by the Commission or, if time does not permit and no concerns  
27 about the application have been raised by the Executive Director, *the Executive Director's*  
28 *designee*, or any Commissioner, reviewed by the Chair of the Commission or the Chair's  
29 designee, so that his or her qualifications may be considered before the license is issued or  
30 renewed.

1       2. In addition to the grounds set forth in subsection 1, as deemed necessary by the  
2 Commission for any reason, an applicant or unarmed combatant must have his or her application  
3 for a license or for renewal of a license reviewed by the Commission or, if time does not permit  
4 and no concerns about the application have been raised by the Executive Director, *the Executive*  
5 *Director's designee*, or any Commissioner, reviewed by the Chair of the Commission or the  
6 Chair's designee, so that the qualifications of the applicant or unarmed combatant may be  
7 considered before the license is issued or renewed.

8       3. The Commission will not issue or renew a license to engage in unarmed combat to an  
9 applicant or unarmed combatant who is found to be blind in one eye or whose vision in one eye  
10 is so poor that a physician recommends that the license not be granted or renewed. This rule is  
11 effective regardless of how good the vision of the applicant or unarmed combatant may be in the  
12 other eye.

13       4. If an applicant for a license to engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant has  
14 suffered a serious head injury, including, but not limited to, a cerebral hemorrhage, the applicant  
15 or unarmed combatant must have his or her application for a license or for renewal of a license  
16 reviewed by the Commission before a license is issued or renewed.

17           **Sec. 25. NAC 467.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

20       1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an applicant who has applied for a license to  
21 engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant who has applied for renewal of his or her  
22 license must:

23       (a) Be examined by a physician at least 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the  
24 applicant or unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is  
25 valid to establish the physical and mental fitness of the applicant or unarmed combatant for  
26 competition and provide a report of that examination to the Commission ~~[not earlier than 7 days]~~  
27 before that bout;

28       (b) Provide the Commission with an original or certified copy, or other authenticated copy, of  
29 the result of a dilated ophthalmologic eye examination that must have been performed:

30           (1) By an ophthalmologist who holds an M.D. or D.O.; and

1 (2) At least 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the unarmed combatant plans  
2 to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid; and

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

12 (1) Have a brain magnetic resonance imaging scan ~~[and a cerebral magnetic resonance~~  
13 ~~angiography]~~ performed; and

14 (2) Provide the Commission with original or certified copies, or other authenticated copies,  
15 of the results of the brain magnetic resonance imaging scan ~~[and the cerebral magnetic resonance~~  
16 ~~angiography not earlier than 60 days]~~ before the date of the first bout in which the applicant or  
17 unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid.

18 *(d) For an applicant's initial application for a license to participate in unarmed combat only,*  
19 *the applicant must provide the Commission with an original or certified copy, or other*  
20 *authenticated copy, of the results of a cerebral magnetic resonance angiography performed on*  
21 *the applicant within the 5 years immediately preceding the date his or her application is filed.*  
22 *This requirement only applies to the first time the applicant applies for a license to participate in*  
23 *unarmed combat. This requirement does not apply to subsequent applications or renewals.*

24 2. The information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to subsection 1 may  
25 be faxed to the Commission or scanned and sent to the Commission by electronic means.

26 3. An applicant or an unarmed combatant may be required to submit to any examination or  
27 testing ordered by the Commission, *the Chair, the Executive Director, the Executive Director's*  
28 *designee, or any representative of the Commission.*

29 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, ~~[not earlier than 7 days]~~ before the date of  
30 the first bout in which an applicant or unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year  
31 for which the license is valid, the applicant or unarmed combatant must provide with the



1 application for a license or for renewal of the license an original or certified copy, or other  
2 authenticated copy, of a complete blood count and the results of medical tests which:

3 (a) Were performed by a laboratory not earlier than 30 days before the date on which the  
4 application is submitted;

5 (b) Show that the applicant or unarmed combatant is not infected with the human  
6 immunodeficiency virus; and

7 (c) Show that the applicant or unarmed combatant is not infected with the hepatitis virus.

8 ~~[5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an applicant or an unarmed combatant must~~  
9 ~~provide with the application for a license or for renewal of the license an original or certified~~  
10 ~~copy, or other authenticated copy, of the results of a C-3 test or other neurological test required~~  
11 ~~by the Commission. A test required by this subsection must have been performed not earlier than~~  
12 ~~30 days before the date on which the application is submitted and must be provided to the~~  
13 ~~Commission not earlier than 7 days before the first bout in which the applicant or unarmed~~  
14 ~~combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid.~~

15 ~~6. In consultation with the Chair of the Commission and a physician designated by the~~  
16 ~~Commission, the Executive Director may waive any deadline set forth in this section for good~~  
17 ~~cause shown.~~

18 ~~7. As used in this section, "C-3 test" means an assessment which involves a series of tests to~~  
19 ~~assess the balance and mental acuity of an applicant or unarmed combatant and to track the~~  
20 ~~potential characteristics of long-term brain damage.]~~

21 **Sec. 26. NAC 467.062 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

22 **NAC 467.062 Referees, judges and timekeepers: Licensing requirements; expiration**  
23 **and renewal of license; membership in sanctioning organization; licensing fees; *physical***  
24 ***examinations.*** (NRS 467.030, 467.100)

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

27 (a) Be at least 21 years of age;

28 (b) Not have been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude; and

29 (c) Possess such ~~[qualification]~~ *qualifications* as the Commission deems necessary.

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



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

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

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

10 (a) As a judge is \$100.

11 (b) As a timekeeper is \$100.

12 (c) As a referee is \$100.

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

16 *7. Each judge licensed by the Commission:*

17 *(a) May be required to submit to or provide proof of a complete physical examination; and*

18 *(b) Must annually undergo an eye examination conducted by an optometrist or*  
19 *ophthalmologist and produce all records of the examination at the request of the Commission.*

20 **Sec. 27. NAC 467.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

21 **NAC 467.071 Ringside physicians: Licensing requirements and fees; certification in**  
22 **life-saving procedures; treatment or examination of unarmed combatant.** (NRS 467.030,  
23 467.100)

24 1. Ringside physicians must be licensed annually. The Commission may issue such licenses  
25 as the need for the services of ringside physicians is determined by the Commission.

26 2. To apply for the issuance or renewal of a license as a ringside physician, an applicant must:

27 (a) Submit an application to the Commission which includes a disclosure of any resolved or  
28 pending medical malpractice claims against the applicant and any civil or criminal actions filed  
29 against the applicant *that have not been previously disclosed to the Commission.*

30 (b) Hold an active license to practice medicine in this State issued by the Board of Medical  
31 Examiners *or Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.*

1 (c) Pay a fee of \$100.

2 3. In determining whether to issue or renew a license as a ringside physician, the Commission  
3 will consider:

4 (a) The applicant's past performance as a ringside physician;

5 (b) The applicant's capabilities as a physician;

6 (c) The status of the applicant's license with the Board of Medical Examiners, *Nevada State*  
7 *Board of Osteopathic Medicine*, or the medical licensing authority of any other state, including,  
8 without limitation, any resolved or pending malpractice claims and any civil or criminal actions  
9 filed against the applicant; and

10 (d) The general and professional reputation of the applicant.

11 4. A ringside physician must maintain an active license to practice medicine in this State  
12 issued by the Board of Medical Examiners *or Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine* and  
13 certification to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation or an equivalent or more advanced  
14 certification in advanced life-saving procedures.

15 5. A ringside physician licensed pursuant to this section must immediately notify the  
16 Executive Director *or the Executive Director's designee* if the ringside physician treats or  
17 examines an unarmed combatant or an applicant for a license as an unarmed combatant unless  
18 the treatment is:

19 (a) Provided in furtherance of the duties of the ringside physician described in NAC 467.642;

20 (b) Provided in a medical emergency; or

21 (c) Otherwise allowed by the Commission.

22 **Sec. 28. NAC 467.073 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

23 **NAC 467.073 Registration of sanctioning organizations: Requirement; application;**  
24 **fees; revocation, suspension or conditioning. (NRS 467.030, 467.136)**

25 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Commission may require the registration  
26 of a sanctioning organization.

27 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a sanctioning organization required to be  
28 registered must submit to the Commission, within 30 days after receipt of notice of the decision  
29 of the Commission that the sanctioning organization must be registered:

30 (a) A completed application for registration on a form provided by the Commission; ~~and~~

31 (b) An application fee of \$1000; *and*

1       (c) *Any additional information or materials that the Commission, Chair, Executive Director,*  
2 *or Executive Director's designee may request.*

3       3. A sanctioning organization required to be registered may have its registration revoked,  
4 suspended or conditioned by the Commission for:

5       (a) Failing to provide information as requested by the Commission, the Chair of the  
6 Commission, ~~or~~ the Executive Director, *or the Executive Director's designee*; or

7       (b) Any other cause for the revocation, suspension or conditioning of a license set forth in this  
8 chapter or chapter 467 of NRS.

9       4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a sanctioning organization required to be  
10 registered which fails or refuses to file an application for registration as required pursuant to  
11 subsection 2 or whose registration has been revoked or suspended by the Commission may not  
12 participate, directly or indirectly, in any professional contest or exhibition of unarmed combat.

13       5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a sanctioning organization that is registered  
14 pursuant to this section must submit to the Commission an annual fee of \$1000 for renewal of its  
15 registration.

16       6. The Chair of the Commission or his or her designee may waive the requirements of  
17 subsections 2, 4 and 5.

18       7. The provisions of this section do not apply to a sanctioning organization that holds a  
19 license as a promoter which is issued by the Commission and which is in good standing.

20       8. *As used in this section, "sanctioning organization" means an organization that sanctions*  
21 *professional contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat in this State.*

22       **Sec. 29. NAC 467.102 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

25       1. The Commission may refuse to honor a contract between a manager and an unarmed  
26 combatant unless it is filed with the Commission at least 72 hours before a scheduled contest or  
27 exhibition and it complies with the requirements of this section. ~~[The Commission will not honor~~  
28 ~~a contract between a manager and an unarmed combatant if the term of the contract is for a~~  
29 ~~period of more than 4 years.]~~

1 2. A manager may not contract to receive the services of an unarmed combatant under his or  
2 her management for a contest or exhibition which is scheduled to take place after the expiration  
3 of the contract.

4 ~~[3. A contract between an unarmed combatant and a manager that is executed and notarized on  
5 a form provided by the Commission may provide for voluntary binding arbitration of disputes by  
6 the Commission. The arbitration must be conducted by a representative of the Commission  
7 appointed by the Chair. The arbitration must be conducted pursuant to the Uniform Arbitration  
8 Act of 2000, NRS 38.206 to 38.248, inclusive.]~~

9 ~~[4.]~~ 3. The Commission may honor a contract that is not executed and notarized on a form  
10 provided by the Commission if the terms of the contract comply with the requirements of this  
11 section. If the terms of the contract exceed the limitations contained in this section, the  
12 Commission may honor the contract to the extent of those limitations.

13 ~~[5.]~~ 4. A manager may not negotiate or sign for contests or exhibitions for an unarmed  
14 combatant who is not under contract to the manager. An unarmed combatant who does not have  
15 a contract with a licensed manager must sign for his or her own contest or exhibition and sign the  
16 receipt for his or her own purse.

17 *5. The Commission shall not honor a contract between a manager and an unarmed combatant*  
18 *for a period of more than 4 years. If the contract term is for a period of more than 4 years, the*  
19 *Commission may, at its discretion, honor such a contract for a period of up to 4 years from the*  
20 *date of the contract's execution but not for a longer period.*

21 6. A manager or managers may not participate separately or collectively in more than 33 1/3  
22 percent of the earnings of the unarmed combatant in the ring.

23 7. An interest, other than a monetary interest, which an unarmed combatant or a manager has  
24 in a contract may not be assigned unless:

25 (a) A written assignment, signed by the unarmed combatant and the manager, is submitted to  
26 the Commission; and

27 (b) The ~~[Commission]~~ *Chair of the Commission, or his or her designee.*

28 8. At the discretion of the Commission, any contract or agreement required to be filed with  
29 the Commission pursuant to this section may be submitted to the Commission by electronic  
30 means.

31 **Sec. 30. NAC 467.117 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

1       **Provisions for filing bout agreements; failure to file; contracts for rights to broadcast,**  
2 **televise or take motion pictures.** (NRS 467.030, 467.120~~[, 467.137]~~)

3       1. A bout agreement between a promoter and an unarmed combatant for the main event of a  
4 program of unarmed combat must be placed on file with the Commission at least 7 calendar days  
5 before the program unless the Executive Director, *or the Executive Director's designee* waives  
6 the deadline for good cause shown.

7       2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, bout agreements between promoters and  
8 unarmed combatants who will be contending in a contest or exhibition must be filed before the  
9 scheduled time for weighing in.

10       3. ~~[A promoter or matchmaker who fails to file a bout agreement for an unarmed combatant  
11 whose name is released to the news media in relation to a potential bout requiring the filing of a  
12 bout agreement is subject to disciplinary action.]~~

13       ~~[4.]~~ Any agreement between contestants for a contest or exhibition must be placed on file  
14 with the Commission at least 7 calendar days before the contest or exhibition unless the  
15 Executive Director *or the Executive Director's designee* waives the deadline for good cause  
16 shown.

17       ~~[5.]~~ 4. At the discretion of the Commission, any agreement required to be filed with the  
18 Commission pursuant to this section may be filed with the Commission by electronic means.

19       **Sec. 31. NAC 467.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

20       **NAC 467.151 Payment of certain fees for tickets sold; grants to organizations that**  
21 **promote amateur contests or exhibitions.** (NRS 467.030, 467.108)

22       1. Not later than 20 calendar days after the completion of a live professional contest, match or  
23 exhibition is held in this State, the promoter shall pay the fees required by subsections 1 and 2 of  
24 NRS 467.108 to the Commission ~~[by check or money order.]:~~

25       *(a) If less than \$10,000, by check, money order or electronic transfer.*

26       *(b) If \$10,000 or more, by electronic transfer.*

27       2. To apply for a grant from money collected pursuant to NRS 467.108, an organization that  
28 promotes amateur contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat in this State must submit an  
29 application to the Executive Director on a form prescribed by the Executive Director.

30       3. After considering an application for a grant, the Commission may:

31       (a) Award the grant, in whole or in part;

- 1 (b) Refuse to award the grant; or
- 2 (c) Require the Executive Director or the organization applying for the grant to submit
- 3 supplemental information.
- 4 4. When determining whether to award a grant, the Commission will consider:
- 5 (a) The need for, and the propriety of, the grant requested;
- 6 (b) The recommendation of the Executive Director;
- 7 (c) Previous grants to, and the accounting procedures of, the requesting organization;
- 8 (d) The benefits to amateur unarmed combat in this State to be derived from a requested
- 9 grant; and
- 10 (e) The current and prospective balance of the total amount of money collected pursuant to
- 11 NRS 467.108.

12 **Sec. 32. NAC 467.167 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

13 **NAC 467.167 Permit: Submission and approval of program and date; content; payment**

14 **of fee; cancellation of program. (NRS 467.030, 467.105)**

15 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 467.169, a promoter shall not hold a program of

16 unarmed combat unless, before the program is held:

17 (a) The promoter submits to the Commission a written request for a permit, as required by

18 NRS 467.105, and for approval of the date for the program; and

19 (b) The Commission approves the permit and the date for the program.

20 2. A written request for a permit must include, without limitation:

21 (a) The proposed site for the event;

22 (b) A listing of all title fights to be held on the program; and

23 (c) If the program will be televised, ~~each date and~~ *list the* network on which the program

24 will be televised.

25 *(d) If the program involves kickboxing, Muay Thai, Thai boxing, or another variation of*

26 *kickboxing, a copy of the official rules of the registered sanctioning body that will be complied*

27 *with during the program as required under subsection 3 of NAC 467.009.*

28 3. The permit fee required by NRS 467.105 must be paid~~:~~

29 ~~(a) Within 10 days after the date for the program; or~~

30 ~~(b) If the program is cancelled and the permit fee is forfeited pursuant to subsection 4, when~~

31 ~~ordered by the Commission.]~~ *at the time the permit request is submitted.*

1 4. In determining whether to approve a permit for a program of unarmed combat, the  
2 Commission may consider the best interest of the State, including, without limitation:

- 3 (a) The financial effect of the program on the Commission;
- 4 (b) The well-being of the staff of the Commission; and
- 5 (c) The effect of the program on the reputation of unarmed combat.

6 5. The Commission is not required to approve a program of unarmed combat on the sole basis  
7 that the Commission has not approved a program of unarmed combat for the date for which the  
8 permit is request.

9 6. ~~[The failure of the promoter to notify the Commission of a cancellation at least 30 calendar~~  
10 ~~days before the date for the program shall result in the forfeiture of the permit fee and may~~  
11 ~~subject the promoter to disciplinary action.]~~ *If the program of unarmed combat is cancelled for*  
12 *any reason, the promoter shall not be entitled to a refund of any portion of the permit fee*  
13 *required by NRS 467.105.*

14 7. *Upon request by a Commission Member, the Chair, or the Executive Director, the*  
15 *Commission may hold a hearing to consider the revocation, conditioning, or modification of any*  
16 *permit issued by the Commission pursuant to this section, or sections 467.169 or 467.177.*

17 8. *Upon conducting of a hearing requested under subsection 7, the Commission may:*

18 (a) *Revoke, condition, or modify any permit issued by the Commission pursuant to this*  
19 *section, or sections 467.169 or 467.177, for any reason and in any manner deemed reasonable*  
20 *by the Commission.*

21 (b) *In making its determination under paragraph (a), the Commission may consider any*  
22 *relevant information, including, but not limited to the following:*

- 23 (1) *The financial viability of the event for which the permit was issued;*
- 24 (2) *The likelihood that the event for which the permit was issued will take place; and*
- 25 (3) *The interests of the State of Nevada.*

26 **Sec. 33. NAC 467.169 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

29 ~~[+]~~ *If, based upon the seating capacity of the venue and the proposed scale for prices of*  
30 *tickets, the total gross receipts from admission fees for a program of unarmed combat may*  
31 *reasonably exceed \$2,000,000, the Chair or Executive Director may require the following*

1 *information be provided to the Commission before* the Commission will consider a request for a  
2 permit and for approval of a date for the program submitted pursuant to NAC 467.167 ~~only if~~  
3 ~~the request includes~~:

4 ~~[(a)]~~ 1. A bout agreement or letter of intent signed by each unarmed combatant who is  
5 participating in the contest or exhibition that is designated as the main event of the program;

6 ~~[(b)]~~ 2. A contract or letter of intent signed by each promoter and by the authorized  
7 representative of the venue in which the program is to be held;

8 ~~[(c)]~~ 3. A statement that describes the seating capacity of the venue in which the program is  
9 to be held; and

10 ~~[(d)]~~ 4. The proposed scale for prices of tickets for the program.

11 ~~[2. If the Commission receives more than one request for the approval of a date submitted~~  
12 ~~pursuant to NAC 467.167 for the same date, the Commission may:~~

13 ~~(a) Approve only one request and grant a permit pursuant to NRS 467.105 only to the~~  
14 ~~applicant who submitted the request that was approved, if the Commission determines that~~  
15 ~~approving the request of and granting the permit to only that applicant is in the best interests of~~  
16 ~~the State of Nevada and the sport of unarmed combat;~~

17 ~~(b) Approve only one request and grant a permit pursuant to NRS 467.105 only to the first~~  
18 ~~applicant who submits a completed request for approval to hold a program of unarmed combat~~  
19 ~~on that date;~~

20 ~~(c) Approve two or more requests and grant permits pursuant to NRS 467.105 to each~~  
21 ~~applicant who submitted a request so approved, if the Commission determines that granting the~~  
22 ~~permits is in the best interests of the State of Nevada and the sport of unarmed combat; or~~

23 ~~(d) Take such other action as is deemed appropriate by the Commission.]~~

24 **Sec. 34. NAC 467.182 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

25 **NAC 467.182 Arrangement of contest or exhibition; use of licensed matchmaker by**  
26 **promoter. (NRS 467.030, 467.100)**

27 1. A contest or exhibition may not be arranged on behalf of any promoter except by a licensed  
28 matchmaker or the promoter.

29 2. *The licensed matchmaker or promoter for a program of unarmed combat shall submit his*  
30 *or her proposed bout to the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee by a date*  
31 *designated by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee.*



1       3. *The Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee may review any bout*  
2 *arranged by a licensed matchmaker or promoter to determine whether the proposed bout puts at*  
3 *risk the health and safety of either contestant.*

4       4. *The Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee shall consider the following*  
5 *factors in determining whether to approve a bout:*

6       (a) *The professional and amateur contest records and experience of the proposed unarmed*  
7 *combatants;*

8       (b) *The skill of the unarmed combatants;*

9       (c) *The physical condition of the unarmed combatants including, but not limited to, prior*  
10 *injuries suffered by the combatants; and*

11       (d) *Any other considerations regarding the health and safety of the unarmed combatants that*  
12 *the Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee deems relevant.*

13       5. *If the Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee determines from his or her*  
14 *review that the proposed bout would put at risk the health and safety of either contestant, the*  
15 *Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee shall not approve the bout.*

16       6. *A promoter aggrieved by the decision made under this section by the Executive Director or*  
17 *the Executive Director’s designee may appeal the decision to the Chair or a Commissioner*  
18 *designated by the Chair up to 72 hours prior to the time the promoter intended the proposed*  
19 *bout to take place. The decision becomes final if the promoter fails to appeal the decision prior*  
20 *to the date the proposed bout was to take place.*

21       7. *The Chair or the Commissioner designated by the Chair, after considering an appeal filed*  
22 *under this section, may uphold, modify, or reverse the decision of the Executive Director or the*  
23 *Executive Director’s designee. The Chair or the Commissioner designated by the Chair may*  
24 *condition or limit his or her decision in any manner he or she deems appropriate.*

25       8. *Repeated submissions of mismatched contests or exhibitions shall constitute grounds for*  
26 *disciplinary action against the licensed matchmaker or promoter.*

27       **Sec. 35. NAC 467.219 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

1 1. A majority of the Commission will select the referee for the main event in a championship  
2 contest or exhibition and for any other contest or exhibition which the Commission considers to  
3 be a special event.

4 2. The Commission will set the fee which the referee is entitled to receive for a contest or  
5 exhibition.

6 3. If any licensee of the Commission protests the assignment of a referee, the protesting  
7 licensee will be given an opportunity to voice a protest and provide sufficient grounds to the  
8 Commission for the reassignment of a referee if time permits. If time does not permit, the protest  
9 will be heard by two Commissioners or a Commissioner and the Chief Inspector or Executive  
10 Director in order to make such disposition of the protest as the facts may justify. Protests not  
11 made in a timely manner may be summarily rejected.

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

15 **Sec. 36. NAC 467.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

18 1. A majority of the Commission will select the judges for the main event in a championship  
19 contest and for any other contest or exhibition which the Commission considers to be a special  
20 event.

21 2. If any licensee of the Commission protests the assignment of a judge, the protesting  
22 licensee will be given an opportunity to voice the protest and provide sufficient grounds to the  
23 Commission for the reassignment of a judge if time permits. If time does not permit, the protest  
24 will be heard by two Commissioners or a Commissioner and the Chief Inspector or Executive  
25 Director in order to make such disposition of the protest as the facts may justify. Protests not  
26 made in a timely manner may be summarily rejected.

27 3. The Commission will set the fee which the judges are entitled to receive for a contest or  
28 exhibition.

29 4. The judges must be stationed ringside at places designated by the Commission's  
30 representative.

31 ~~[5. Each judge licensed by the Commission:~~

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

4 **Sec. 37. NAC 467.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

5 **NAC 467.245 Cancellation or postponement of program: Limitations; new bout**  
6 **agreement; approval of new date; advance notice to public. (NRS 467.030)**

7 1. A promoter may not cancel or postpone a program of unarmed combat unless the  
8 cancellation or postponement is approved by the Commission or its representative.

9 2. If a postponement becomes necessary through no fault of the promoter, the Commission  
10 may order that the parties enter into a new bout agreement and may approve a new date.

11 3. A small advance sale is not a legitimate reason for a cancellation or a postponement.

12 4. *If the Commission or its representative approves the cancellation or postponement of a*  
13 *program of unarmed combat, the promoter must notify the public via announcements through the*  
14 *news media and any ticket distribution companies that sold tickets to the program. A*  
15 *cancellation or postponement must not be made by the promoter so late that the public cannot be*  
16 *notified in advance ~~[through the news media]~~ of the program.*

17 **Sec. 38. NAC 467.332 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

21 1. ~~[A promoter may not issue complimentary tickets for more than 8 percent of the seats in~~  
22 ~~the house, equally distributed between or among the price categories for which complimentary~~  
23 ~~tickets are issued, without the Commission's written authorization. The Commission does not~~  
24 ~~consider complimentary tickets which it authorizes under this section or NAC 467.337 to~~  
25 ~~constitute part of the total gross receipts from admission fees for the purposes of calculating the~~  
26 ~~license fee.]~~ *If a promoter issues complimentary tickets totaling more than the limit set forth in*  
27 *subsection 7 of NRS 467.107, the total value of the complimentary tickets excluded from the*  
28 *license fee prescribed in NRS 467.107 shall be proportionally allocated between or among the*  
29 *price categories for which complimentary tickets were issued based on a weighted average of the*  
30 *total number of complimentary tickets issued by the promotor per each price category. The*

1 *remaining value of the complimentary tickets issued shall be included in the fee prescribed in*  
2 *NRS 467.107 pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 467.107.*

3 2. Each unarmed combatant who is working on a percentage must be paid his or her  
4 percentage of the normal price of all complimentary tickets unless the contract between him or  
5 her and the promoter provides otherwise and stipulates the number of complimentary tickets  
6 which will be issued.

7 3. If a service charge is made for complimentary tickets, the unarmed combatant is entitled to  
8 be paid his or her percentage of that service charge, less any deduction for federal taxes and the  
9 fees prescribed in NRS 467.104 and 467.107, unless the contract between him or her and the  
10 promoter provides otherwise.

11 4. *A ticket issued by a promoter without charge pursuant to NAC 467.337 shall not be*  
12 *included in the 8 percent limit for complimentary tickets set forth in subsection 7 of NRS*  
13 *467.107, nor shall its value be included in “gross receipts” for purposes of calculating the fee*  
14 *prescribed in NRS 467.107.*

15 **Sec. 39. NAC 467.344 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

16 **NAC 467.344 Reservation of area for use by Commission. (NRS 467.030)**

17 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3, for every program of unarmed combat,  
18 the promoter of the program shall reserve an area consisting of at least one whole side of the  
19 ring, from the ring apron to 15 feet back from the ring apron, for *exclusive* use by the  
20 Commission during the program. *No person, other than a person authorized by the Executive*  
21 *Director or the Executive Director’s designee may be seated within this area.*

22 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a program of unarmed combat consists of  
23 contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts held in a fenced area, the promoter shall reserve an  
24 area equivalent to the area described in subsection 1 for use by the Commission during the  
25 program.

26 3. The Executive Director *or the Executive Director’s designee* may waive a requirement of  
27 this section for good cause shown.

28 **Sec. 40. NAC 467.376 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

29 **NAC 467.376 Duties of ushers and door attendants; responsibility of promoter;**  
30 **disciplinary action. (NRS 467.030)**

31 ~~[An usher shall see that:]~~

1       1. *The promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall utilize ushers to assist with the*  
2 *coordination of the program.*

3       2. *Ushers shall work in conjunction with Commission representatives, venue security, and law*  
4 *enforcement officers to ensure the following:*

5       ~~1-1~~ (a) *Patrons get the seats corresponding with their ticket stubs; and*

6       ~~2-1~~ (b) *Anyone who occupies a seat for which he or she does not have the ticket stub is asked*  
7 *to vacate or, if necessary, is ejected from the venue;*

8       (c) *The aisle of the venue remain clear; and*

9       (d) *Patrons are controlled, including, but not limited to, preventing access to secured areas.*

10      3. *The promoter is responsible for providing an adequate number of ushers for a program.*  
11 *The determination of the number of ushers needed for a program may be based on multiple*  
12 *factors including, but not limited to:*

13      (a) *The size of the venue;*

14      (b) *The anticipated size of the audience; and*

15      (c) *Any anticipated or perceived security concerns for a particular program.*

16      4. *A promoter's failure to provide an adequate number of ushers for a program may lead to*  
17 *the cancellation of the program and initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the promoter.*

18      5. *For purposes of compliance with this section, an usher may be an employee of the venue,*  
19 *an employee of the promoter, or an independent contractor hired by either the venue or the*  
20 *promoter.*

21           **Sec. 41. NAC 467.414 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

22           **NAC 467.414 Provision of ambulance and medical personnel; alternative medical**  
23 **transport; notice of program to emergency services, facilities and personnel. (NRS 467.030)**

24           1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a program of unarmed combat must not be  
25 held unless ~~two ambulances and four persons certified by this State as paramedics are~~ *one*  
26 *advanced life support unit is* present at the site of the program and able and available to transport  
27 an unarmed combatant to a medical facility.

28           (a) *The Commission may, at its discretion, require additional advanced life support units to*  
29 *be present for a program of unarmed combat.*

30           (b) *Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, if an advanced live support unit, or part*  
31 *thereof, leaves the site of the program of unarmed combat to transport an unarmed combatant to*

1 *a medical facility, for good cause shown, the Executive Director or the Executive Director's*  
2 *designee may permit a program of unarmed combat to continue with fewer advance life support*  
3 *units present than the Commission required under paragraph (b) provided the number of*  
4 *advance life support units does not fall below the limit set forth in paragraph (c).*

5 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, ~~if at least one ambulance and two persons~~  
6 ~~certified by this State as paramedics are not present at the site of a program of unarmed combat,~~  
7 ~~the] a program [must not continue until:~~

8 ~~[(a)One ambulance and two paramedics are] of unarmed combat shall not be permitted to~~  
9 ~~proceed unless at least one advance life support unit is present and available [and the Chair of~~  
10 ~~the Commission or his or her designee has authorized the program to continue pursuant to~~  
11 ~~subsection 2; or~~

12 ~~(b) Two ambulances and four paramedics are present and available].~~

13 *↳ For purposes of this section an “advance life support unit” consists of one ambulance, one*  
14 *person certified by the State of Nevada as a paramedic, and a second person certified by the*  
15 *State of Nevada as an emergency medical technician, intermediate emergency technician,*  
16 *advance emergency technician, or paramedic.*

17 2. ~~[If one ambulance or two paramedics leave the site of the program to transport an unarmed~~  
18 ~~combatant to a medical facility, for good cause shown, the Chair of the Commission or his or her~~  
19 ~~designee may authorize the program of unarmed combat to continue until another ambulance or~~  
20 ~~replacements for the paramedics are present and available.] Final authorization for the advance~~  
21 ~~life support unit to leave the event premises after clearance of the dressing rooms shall only be~~  
22 ~~provided by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee.~~

23 3. If an ambulance is not available because of the location of the site, the highest level of  
24 medical transport in that locale must be present and able and available to transport an unarmed  
25 combatant to a medical facility. If the paramedics are not available because of the location of the  
26 site, two persons with the highest level of training as emergency medical technicians in that  
27 locale must be present and able and available to treat an unarmed combatant.

28 4. The medical personnel described in this section:

29 (a) Must be designated to render service only to the unarmed combatants in the program.

30 (b) Shall position themselves and their equipment in a location at or near the ring or, if the  
31 program is being held in a fenced area, at or near the fenced area, *from which they can observe*

1 *the unarmed combatants in the ring or fenced area, and* that they and the ringside physician  
2 deem appropriate. *The promoter shall ensure that the medical personnel have seating in the*  
3 *described area.*

4 5. Each promoter of such a program shall, without regard to the size of the anticipated  
5 attendance:

6 (a) Give notice of the time, date and site of the program to the ambulance service or  
7 emergency medical service which is located nearest to the site of the program and ascertain from  
8 the service the length of time required for one of its ambulances to reach the site.

9 (b) Give such a notice to the nearest hospital and the persons in charge of its emergency room.

10 6. For purposes of this section, a program of unarmed combat begins with the commencement  
11 of the first bout and ends when the last unarmed combatant leaves the site of the program.

12 **Sec. 42. NAC 467.427 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

13 **NAC 467.427 Requirements for gloves.** (NRS 467.030) Any written contract or agreement  
14 between unarmed combatants setting forth the acceptable gloves for a contest or exhibition must  
15 be furnished to the Commission not less than 7 calendar days before the scheduled contest or  
16 exhibition unless the Executive Director waives the deadline for good cause shown. The gloves  
17 used in a contest or exhibition must meet the following requirements:

18 1. The gloves must be examined by the Executive Director *or the Executive Director's*  
19 *designee* and the Chief Inspector or ~~[his or her]~~ *the Chief Inspector's* designee. If padding in any  
20 glove is found to be misplaced or lumpy or if any glove is found to be imperfect or not in  
21 compliance with any contract or agreement between the unarmed combatants, the glove must be  
22 changed before the contest or exhibition starts. No breaking down, roughing or twisting of gloves  
23 is permitted.

24 2. The gloves furnished by the promoter to the Commission for every contest or exhibition  
25 that is designated as a 12-round main event or championship fight must:

26 (a) Be new;

27 (b) Be in a sealed container;

28 (c) Properly fit the hands of the unarmed combatant; and

29 (d) Be provided to the Commission by the promoter no later than ~~[7]~~ 3 calendar days before  
30 the scheduled contest or exhibition unless the Executive Director waives the deadlines for good  
31 cause shown

1 3. If the gloves to be used in preliminary contests or exhibitions have been used before, they  
2 must be whole, clean and in sanitary condition. The gloves are subject to inspection by the  
3 referee or representative of the Commission. If a glove is found to be unfit, it must be replaced  
4 with a glove that meets the requirements of this section.

5 4. *Promoters shall arrive at each contest or exhibition of unarmed combat with a sufficient*  
6 *number of gloves, of the appropriate weight, for each of the unarmed combatants competing on*  
7 *the program.* Each promoter must have an extra set of gloves of the appropriate weight available  
8 to be used in case a glove is broken or otherwise damaged during the course of a contest or  
9 exhibition.

10 5. *Promoters shall ensure that the gloves to be used for a contest or exhibition of unarmed*  
11 *combat are secured to prevent tampering. The gloves shall only be released to the unarmed*  
12 *combatants in the presence of an inspector or Commission representative.*

13 6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for contests or exhibitions of boxing and  
14 kickboxing, each unarmed combatant weighing in:

15 (a) At 135 pounds or less must wear gloves which weigh 8 ounces during the contest or  
16 exhibition.

17 (b) At more than 135 pounds must wear gloves which weigh 10 ounces during the contest or  
18 exhibition, except that an unarmed combatant weighing in at more than 135 pounds but not more  
19 than 147 pounds may wear gloves which weigh 8 ounces during the contest or exhibition if both  
20 unarmed combatants agree to wear gloves of that weight.

21 ↪ ~~[The Commission will set the weight of the gloves to be used in a championship contest.]~~ All  
22 gloves must have the distal portion of the thumb attached to the body of the glove so as to  
23 minimize the possibility of injury to an opponent's eye.

24 ~~[6.]~~ 7. For contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts, each unarmed combatant must wear  
25 gloves that weigh not less than 4 ounces and not more than 8 ounces.

26 ~~[7.]~~ 8. An unarmed combatant shall use only those brands and models of gloves that have  
27 been approved by the Executive Director for the contest or exhibition in which the unarmed  
28 combatant is participating.

29 **Sec. 43. NAC 467.432 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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



1 1. Bandages on ~~[the]~~ *each* hand of an unarmed combatant ~~[may not exceed one winding of~~  
2 ~~surgeon's adhesive tape, not over 2 inches wide, placed directly on the hand to protect the part of~~  
3 ~~the hand near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice, but may not extend~~  
4 ~~within three-fourths of an inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist]~~ *shall be*  
5 *restricted to soft gauze cloth not more than two inches in width and 40 yards in length including*  
6 *the knuckle pad, held in place by surgeon's tape that is not more than two inches in width and no*  
7 *more than 15 yards in length. The knuckle pad may be folded but not rolled or twisted. The tape*  
8 *must be placed at least three-fourths of an inch away from the knuckles when the hand is*  
9 *clenched into a fist. Either gauze or tape, but not both, not more than one inch in width may be*  
10 *placed between the fingers to secure the knuckle pad.*

11 ~~[2. Each unarmed combatant shall use soft surgical bandage not over 2 inches wide, held in~~  
12 ~~place by not more than 12 feet of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. Up to one 20-yard roll~~  
13 ~~of bandage may be used to complete the wrappings for each hand. Flat strips of tape may be used~~  
14 ~~between the fingers to hold down the bandages.]~~

15 ~~[3. Bandages must be]~~ 2. *An unarmed combatant must have his or her hands wrapped and*  
16 *bandages* adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of a representative of the Commission  
17 and both unarmed combatants. Either unarmed combatant may waive his or her privilege of  
18 witnessing the bandaging of his or her opponent's hands.

19 **Sec. 44. NAC 467.514 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

21 1. Each unarmed combatant must be weighed in the presence of the public, his or her  
22 opponent, a representative of the Commission and an ~~[an official representing]~~ *a representative*  
23 *of the promoter, ~~[on scales approved by the Commission]~~ at ~~[any place]~~ a time and location*  
24 *designated by the ~~[Commission]~~ Executive Director. The promoter shall arrange for reasonable*  
25 *space for interested members of the public to attend the weigh-in.*

26 2. *The weigh-in shall not proceed until the scales are examined and approved by the Chief*  
27 *Inspector or the Chief Inspector's designee.*

28 3. *The promoter shall arrange for the scales to be used during the weigh-in to be properly*  
29 *calibrated in advance of the weigh-in by a calibrator approved by the Executive Director or the*  
30 *Executive Director's designee. The promoter shall provide proof of calibration to the Chief*  
31 *Inspector or the Chief Inspector's designee prior to the start of the weigh-in.*

1 4. The unarmed combatant must have all weights stripped from his or her body before  
2 weighing in, but may wear shorts and, if the unarmed combatant is female, a top.

3 ~~[3.]~~ 5. Representatives of newspapers and the electronic news media who properly identify  
4 themselves as such must be admitted to each official weighing in of an unarmed combatant. *The*  
5 *promoter shall arrange for adequate space for all interested members of the media to attend the*  
6 *weigh-in.*

7 ~~[4.]~~ 6. The owner or operator of the premises in which the weighing in is held shall provide  
8 adequate security for the unarmed combatant and other persons who are present.

9 ~~[5.]~~ 7. The Commission may require unarmed combatants to be weighed more than once for  
10 any cause deemed sufficient by the Commission.

11 **Sec. 45. NAC 467.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

12 **NAC 467.535 Duties of promoter concerning physical examination; fees for services of**  
13 **physician; provision of temporary or emergency treatment to unarmed combatant.** (NRS  
14 467.030)

15 1. The promoter shall provide ~~[the]~~ *each* physician designated by the Commission with a  
16 suitable place to examine each unarmed combatant.

17 2. The ~~[physician is entitled to receive a fee]~~ *promoter is responsible for paying any fees to*  
18 *which a physician is entitled* for his or her services at a contest or exhibition.

19 3. ~~[The]~~ A physician shall give ~~[any]~~ *an* injured unarmed combatant temporary or emergency  
20 treatment in the arena or dressing room, and no additional fee may be charged.

21 *4. This section shall apply to all weigh-ins and programs of unarmed combat.*

22 **Sec. 46. NAC 467.592 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

23 **NAC 467.592 Proper attire and equipment of unarmed combatants.** (NRS 467.030)

24 1. Each unarmed combatant must provide himself or herself with a costume, which is subject  
25 to the approval of the Commission or its representative.

26 2. Each unarmed combatant must appear in proper attire. The unarmed combatants may not  
27 wear the same colors in the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in  
28 the fenced area, without the approval of the Commission's representative.

29 3. The belt of the trunks must not extend above the waist line.

30 4. Each unarmed combatant must wear:

31 (a) A mouthpiece which has been individually fitted.

1 (b) ~~[Am]~~ *If the unarmed combatant is competing in a contest or exhibition of boxing,*  
2 abdominal protector which will protect him or her against injury from a foul blow. The  
3 abdominal protector must not cover or extend above the umbilicus.

4 (c) If the unarmed combatant is female, a top approved by the Commission or its  
5 representative.

6 (d) *If the unarmed combatant is female and competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed*  
7 *martial arts, a sports bra or a form-fitting rash guard that is either sleeveless or has sleeves that*  
8 *end above the elbow.*

9 (e) *If the unarmed combatant is male and competing in a contest or exhibition of kick boxing,*  
10 *Muay Thai, or mixed martial arts, groin protection.*

11 5. An unarmed combatant may not wear contact lenses during the contest or exhibition in  
12 which he or she is participating.

13 6. Each unarmed combatant must have his or her hair secured in a manner that does not  
14 interfere with the vision or safety of either unarmed combatant.

15 7. *An unarmed combatant competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts may not*  
16 *wear:*

17 (a) *Shoes or any padding on his or her feet during the contest; or*

18 (b) *Lose fitting tops.*

19 **Sec. 47. NAC 467.642 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

20 **NAC 467.642 Duties of ringside physician. (NRS 467.030)**

21 1. The ringside physicians designated by the Commission shall sit at the immediate ringside at  
22 every contest or exhibition *in a location that provides an unobstructed view of the unarmed*  
23 *combatants during each bout.* A contest or exhibition may not proceed unless at least one  
24 ringside physician is in his or her seat at ringside. Except as otherwise provided in this  
25 subsection, a ringside physician shall not leave until after the decision in the final contest or  
26 exhibition. The lead ringside physician shall not leave until the locker rooms are cleared of all  
27 unarmed combatants unless expressly permitted to leave by the Executive Director *or the*  
28 *Executive Director's designee.*

29 2. A ringside physician shall be prepared to assist if any serious emergency arises and shall  
30 render temporary or emergency treatments for cuts and minor injuries sustained by the unarmed  
31 combatants.

1 3. If an unarmed combatant appears to have been injured during a period of unarmed combat,  
2 his or her manager or second shall not attempt to render aid before a ringside physician has had  
3 an opportunity to examine him or her.

4 *4. The promoter shall ensure that the ringside physicians have seating in the location*  
5 *described in subsection 1.*

6 **Sec. 48. NAC 467.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

9 1. Hitting an opponent below the navel or behind the ear.

10 2. Hitting an opponent who is knocked down or taking a knee, or is getting up after being  
11 knocked down or taking a knee.

12 3. Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other.

13 4. Holding or deliberately maintaining a clinch.

14 5. Wrestling, kicking or roughing.

15 6. If the referee has signaled that the opponent has been knocked out, striking an opponent  
16 who is helpless as a result of previous blows and so supported by the ropes that he or she does  
17 not fall.

18 7. Butting with the head, shoulder, knee or elbow.

19 8. Hitting with the open glove, the butt, inside or back of the hand, or the wrist or the elbow.

20 9. Purposely going down onto the canvas of the ring without being hit or for the purpose of  
21 avoiding a blow, *except when taking a knee under subsection 2.*

22 10. Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.

23 11. Using the pivot blow or otherwise striking an opponent while completing a turn or pivot.

24 12. Using a rabbit punch or otherwise striking an opponent on the back of the head, the base  
25 of the skull or the back of the neck.

26 13. Jabbing the opponent's eyes with the thumb of the glove.

27 14. Using abusive language in the ring.

28 15. Engaging in any unsportsmanlike trick or action which causes injury to an opponent.

29 16. Hitting on the break.

30 17. Hitting after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed combat.

31 18. Hitting an opponent whose head is between and outside of the ropes.

- 1 19. Pushing an opponent about the ring or into the ropes.
- 2 20. Intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece.
- 3 21. Holding the ropes while hitting an opponent.
- 4 22. Biting or spitting at an opponent or the referee.
- 5 23. Failing to follow the instructions of the referee.
- 6 24. Stepping on an opponent.
- 7 25. Crouching below an opponent's belt.
- 8 26. Leaving a neutral corner.
- 9 27. Interference by the corner.
- 10 28. Hair pulling.
- 11 29. Groin attacks of any kind.
- 12 30. Timidity, including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, faking an
- 13 injury or intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece.
- 14 31. Throwing in the towel during competition.
- 15 32. Applying any foreign substance to the hair, body, clothing or gloves immediately before
- 16 or during a contest or exhibition that could result in an unfair advantage.

17 **Sec. 49. NAC 467.682 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

18 **NAC 467.682 Duties of referee; warnings; deduction of points; disqualification; view**  
19 **of replay after injury.** (NRS 467.030)

20 1. ~~[A]~~ *The* referee is responsible for enforcing the rules of the contest or exhibition. He or she  
21 shall not permit unfair practices that may cause injuries to an unarmed combatant. *The referee is*  
22 *the sole arbiter of a bout and his or her decisions in enforcing the rules of a contest or*  
23 *exhibition, declaring fouls, or stopping a contest or exhibition shall not be overturned except as*  
24 *otherwise provided under subsection 3 of NAC 467.770 after a hearing before the Commission..*

25 2. The referee shall warn the unarmed combatants whenever they are committing fouls.

26 3. If an unarmed combatant commits a foul, the referee may deduct points from the unarmed  
27 combatant or disqualify him or her.

28 4. ~~[After making a determination]~~ *At the conclusion of a contest or exhibition stopped*  
29 *immediately due to an injury to an unarmed combatant pursuant to NAC 467.718*, a referee may  
30 view a replay, if available, ~~[at the conclusion of a contest or exhibition stopped immediately due~~  
31 ~~to an injury to an unarmed combatant pursuant to NAC 467.718]~~ in order to determine whether

1 the injury in question was caused by a legal blow or a foul. If the determination is made that the  
2 injury was the result of:

3 (a) A legal blow, the injured unarmed combatant shall be determined to have lost the contest  
4 via technical knockout.

5 (b) A foul, it must be determined whether the foul was intentional or accidental. If deemed:

6 (1) Intentional, the outcome of the contest shall be determined in accord with  
7 NAC 467.698; or

8 (2) Accidental, the outcome of the contest shall be determined in accord with  
9 NAC 467.702 or 467.7966.

10 *5. The referee may, at any time during a contest or exhibition, call a time-out to consult with*  
11 *Commission officials.*

12 **Sec. 50. NAC 467.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

16 1. The Commission will recognize an amateur ~~boxing~~ contest or exhibition *of unarmed*  
17 *combat* only if:

18 (a) *For boxing*, it is registered and sanctioned by ~~United States Amateur~~ USA Boxing, Inc.,  
19 as an amateur boxing contest or exhibition.

20 (b) *For all other forms of unarmed combat*, it is registered and sanctioned by a sanctioning  
21 *organization approved by the Commission for that purpose pursuant to subsection 8.*

22 2. An amateur ~~boxer~~ *unarmed combatant* may not take part in an amateur ~~boxing~~ contest  
23 or exhibition *of unarmed combat* unless he or she is:

24 (a) *For amateur boxers*, registered with ~~United States Amateur~~ USA Boxing, Inc., or some  
25 other amateur organization recognized by the Commission.

26 (b) *For all other unarmed combatants*, registered with the relevant sanctioning organization  
27 *approved by the Commission pursuant to subsection 8.*

28 3. An amateur ~~boxer~~ *unarmed combatant* may be required to take an annual physical  
29 examination. Such a physical examination must include an evaluation of the amateur ~~boxer's~~  
30 *unarmed combatant's* physical and mental fitness to engage in a ~~boxing~~ *amateur* contest or  
31 exhibition *of unarmed combat*. In addition, the amateur ~~boxer~~ *unarmed combatant* must be

1 examined before *and after* each *amateur* contest or exhibition *of unarmed combat* by a physician  
2 who is certified by:

3 (a) For boxing, ~~[United States Amateur]~~ USA Boxing, Inc.

4 (b) For all other forms of unarmed combat, the relevant sanctioning organization approved  
5 by the Commission pursuant to subsection 8.

6 4. The ~~[United States Amateur Boxing Federation of]~~ Local Boxing Committee of USA  
7 Boxing, Inc., for Nevada shall maintain a permanent record of all *boxing* cards showing  
8 registrations of amateur boxers by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.

9 5. The boxing committee of each association of the United States Amateur Boxing Federation  
10 of Nevada shall, in conjunction with and subject to the approval of the Commission's  
11 representative, prepare an official list of competent boxing officials to serve as judges at amateur  
12 boxing contests or exhibitions.

13 6. ~~[A]~~ *The promoter of an amateur contest or exhibition of unarmed combat shall file a* notice  
14 of ~~[a]~~ *the* program of ~~[amateur boxing contests or exhibitions must be filed in the office of]~~ *the*  
15 *amateur contest or exhibition of unarmed combat with* the Commission at least 5 days before the  
16 date of the program. Approval of a date for a program of amateur ~~[boxing contests or~~  
17 ~~exhibitions]~~ *contest or exhibition of unarmed combat* may be given by the Executive Director *or*  
18 *the Executive Director's designee*.

19 7. The Commission will recognize an amateur contest or exhibition of unarmed combat that is  
20 not amateur boxing only if the amateur contest or exhibition is promoted by the holder of a  
21 promoter's license~~[, and the contest or exhibition is registered and sanctioned as an amateur~~  
22 ~~contest or exhibition by an organization recognized by the Commission for that purpose]~~.

23 8. The Commission may approve one *or more* sanctioning ~~[organization each]~~ *organizations*  
24 for amateur mixed martial arts, amateur kickboxing ~~[and]~~, amateur Muay Thai, *amateur Thai*  
25 *boxing, or another variation of amateur kickboxing*. A sanctioning organization approved by the  
26 Commission pursuant to this subsection shall report to the Commission the results of all contests  
27 or exhibitions sanctioned by the sanctioning organization.

28 9. A person under the age of 18 years may not participate in amateur mixed martial arts  
29 without the approval of the Commission.

30 **Sec. 51. NAC 467.7956 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

1 **NAC 467.7956 Weight classes of unarmed combatants; weight loss after weigh-in.** (NRS  
2 467.030)

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

6	Atomweight.....	up to 105 lbs.
7	Strawweight.....	over 105 to 115 lbs.
8	Flyweight.....	over 115 to 125 lbs.
9	Bantamweight.....	over 125 to 135 lbs.
10	Featherweight.....	over 135 to 145 lbs.
11	Lightweight.....	over 145 to 155 lbs.
12	Welterweight.....	over 155 to 170 lbs.
13	Middleweight.....	over 170 to 185 lbs.
14	Light Heavyweight.....	over 185 to 205 lbs.
15	Heavyweight.....	over 205 to 265 lbs.
16	Super Heavyweight.....	all over 265 lbs.

17 2. ~~Except for championship contests or other contests of mixed martial arts that the~~  
18 ~~Commission considers to be special events, or unless a weight is specified by contract for an~~  
19 ~~unarmed combatant, the Commission or its Executive Director will not approve an unarmed~~  
20 ~~combatant to compete in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts in a weight class if the~~  
21 ~~unarmed combatant weighs more than 1 pound over the maximum weight set forth in subsection~~  
22 ~~1 for that weight class.]~~

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

25 ~~[4.]~~ 3. The weight loss described in subsection ~~[3.]~~ 2 must not occur later than 1 hour after the  
26 initial weigh-in.

27 **Sec. 52. NAC 467.796 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

28 **NAC 467.796 Method of judging.** (NRS 467.030)

29 1. Each judge of a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts that is being judged shall score  
30 the contest or exhibition and determine the winner through the use of ~~[the following]~~ *a ten-point*  
31 *system. Under this* system:



1 (a) ~~[The better unarmed combatant of a round receives 10 points and his or her opponent~~  
2 ~~proportionately less.~~

3 ~~(b) If the round is even,]~~ *If the unarmed combatants have competed for the duration of the*  
4 *round and there is no difference or advantage between the unarmed combatants, each unarmed*  
5 *combatant shall receive 10 points. This result is referred to as a 10-10 round.*

6 (1) *A 10-10 round should be extremely rare and shall not be used as an excuse by a judge*  
7 *who cannot assess the differences in the round.*

8 (2) *A 10-10 round is a necessity to have for a judge's possible score, mainly for scoring*  
9 *incomplete rounds.*

10 (3) *If there is any discernable difference between the two unarmed combatants during the*  
11 *round a judge shall not give the score of 10-10.*

12 (c) *If an unarmed combatant wins the round by a close margin, the winning unarmed*  
13 *combatant shall receive 10 points and the losing unarmed combatant shall receive 9 points. This*  
14 *result is referred to as a 10-9 round. To obtain this result:*

15 (1) *The winner of the round must have demonstrated an advantage in striking and/or*  
16 *grappling.*

17 (2) *If striking and grappling are even, effective aggression will be assessed to determine*  
18 *the winner of the round.*

19 (3) *If the round is still even after considering the criteria set forth in subparagraphs (1)*  
20 *and (2), cage or ring control shall determine the winner.*

21 (4) *A 10-9 round is the most common score a judge assesses during a bout.*

22 (5) *If a judge sees an unarmed combatant land better strikes, or utilize effective grappling*  
23 *during the round, even if by just one technique over the unarmed combatant's opponent, the*  
24 *judge shall score the round as a 10-9 round.*

25 (6) *It is imperative that a judge understand that a score of 9 is not an automatic numerical*  
26 *score given to the losing unarmed combatant of the round. A judge must consider whether the*  
27 *losing unarmed combatant:*

28 (I) *Engaged in offensive actions during the round;*

29 (II) *Competed with an attitude of attempting to win the round; or*

30 (III) *Competed with an attitude of attempting just to survive the offensive actions of his*  
31 *or her opponent.*

1       (d) *If an unarmed combatant wins the round by a large margin, the winning unarmed*  
2 *combatant shall receive 10 points and the losing unarmed combatant shall receive 8 points. This*  
3 *result is referred to as a 10-8 round.*

4       (1) *To obtain this result the winning unarmed combatant must have:*

5           (I) *Dominated the action of the round;*

6           (II) *Had duration of the domination; and*

7           (III) *Impacted his or her opponent with either effective strikes or effective grappling*  
8 *maneuvers that diminished the abilities of his or her opponent.*

9       (2) *A 10-8 round is not the most common score a judge will render during a bout, however,*  
10 *it is absolutely essential to the evolution of mixed martial arts and the fairness to unarmed*  
11 *combatants that a judge understand and effectively use the score of 10-8.*

12       (3) *A score of 10-8 does not require an unarmed combatant to dominate and/or impact his*  
13 *or her opponent for the full length of a round.*

14       (4) *A score of 10-8 shall be utilized by a judge when the judge sees verifiable results on the*  
15 *part of both or either unarmed combatant.*

16       (5) *If an unarmed combatant has little to no offensive output during the round, it should be*  
17 *normal for a judge to award the losing unarmed combatant 8 points instead of 9 points.*

18       (6) *When assessing a score of 10-8, a judge shall evaluate impact, dominance, and*  
19 *duration and if two of the three are assessed to have been present, a 10-8 score shall be*  
20 *seriously considered. If all three are present, a 10-8 score shall be awarded.*

21       (e) *If one unarmed combatant completely overwhelms his or her opponent in effective striking*  
22 *and/or grappling and stoppage is warranted, the winning unarmed combatant will receive 10*  
23 *points and the losing unarmed combatant will receive 7 points. This result is referred to as a 10-*  
24 *7 round. For this result:*

25       (1) *A judge shall assess for multiple blows that diminish an unarmed combatant's*  
26 *opponent, and/or grappling maneuvers that place an unarmed combatant in dominant situations*  
27 *with impact being inflicted that visibly diminishes the unarmed combatant's opponent's ability to*  
28 *compete; and*

29       (2) *The winning unarmed combatant must have had:*

30           (I) *Overwhelming dominance over his or her opponent during the duration of the round;*  
31 *and*

1           (ii) Such significant impact that, at times, caused a judge to consider that the fight could  
2 have been stopped.

3           (3) A score of 10-7 shall be rarely given by a judge.

4           (f) Each judge of a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts that is being judged shall use  
5 the following judging criteria and priority:

6           (1) Effective striking or grappling shall be considered the first priority of round  
7 assessments.

8           (2) Effective aggressiveness is next in priority but should not be considered unless a judge  
9 does not see any advantage in criteria set forth in subparagraph (1).

10           (3) Cage or ring control is lowest in priority and should only be considered when the  
11 criteria set forth in subparagraphs (1) and (2) are entirely even for both competitors.

12           (g) For purpose of this section:

13           (1) “Effective striking” means legal blows that have an immediate or cumulated impact  
14 with the potential to contribute towards the end of the match with the immediacy of the impact  
15 weighing in more heavily that the cumulativeness of the impact.

16           (2) “Effective grappling” means the successful execution of takedowns, submission  
17 attempts, reversals, and the achievement of advantageous positions that produce immediate or  
18 cumulative impact with the potential to contribute to the end of the match, with the immediacy of  
19 the impact weighing in more heavily that the cumulativeness of the impact.

20           (3) “Effective aggressiveness” means effectively and aggressively making attempts to  
21 finish the bout. The key term is “effectively.” Chasing after an opponent with no effective result  
22 or impact shall not be factored into a judge’s assessment of effective aggressiveness.

23           (4) “Fighting area control” shall be assessed by determining which unarmed combatant is  
24 dictating the pace, place, and position of the bout.

25           (5) “Impact” assesses whether an unarmed combatant impacts his or her opponent  
26 significantly in the round even if he or she may not have dominated the action in the round. It is  
27 assessed by observing visible evidence such as swelling or lacerations. It is also assessed when  
28 an unarmed combatant’s actions using striking and/or grappling lead to a diminishing of his or  
29 her opponent’s energy, confidence, abilities, and spirit. When an unarmed combatant is  
30 impacted with strikes, by lack of control, and/or lack of ability it can create defining moments in  
31 the round and shall be assessed with great value.

1           (6) “Dominance” of a round can be observed in striking when an unarmed combatant is  
2 forced to continually defend, with no counters or reaction taken when openings present  
3 themselves. It can be observed in the grappling phase when an unarmed combatant takes  
4 dominant positions in the bout and utilizes those positions to attempt bout ending submissions or  
5 attacks. Merely holding a dominant position shall not be a primary factor in assessing  
6 dominance, rather what the unarmed combatant does while holding those dominant positions is  
7 what shall be assessed.

8           (7) “Duration” is the time spent by one unarmed combatant effectively attacking,  
9 controlling, and impacting his or her opponent, which his or her opponent offers little to no  
10 offensive output. A judge shall assess duration by recognizing the relative time in a round when  
11 one unarmed combatant takes and maintains full control of the effective offense. Duration can be  
12 assessed both standing and grounded.

13       ↪ When assessing effectiveness of striking, grappling, or aggressiveness, top and bottom  
14 position unarmed combatants shall be assessed more on the impactful or effective result of his or  
15 her actions than on his or her position.

16       (h) No fraction of points may be given.

17       ~~(d)~~ (i) Points for each round must be awarded immediately after the end of the period of  
18 unarmed combat in the round.

19       2. After the end of the contest or exhibition, the announcer shall pick up the scores of the  
20 judges from the Commission’s desk.

21       3. The majority opinion is conclusive and, if there is no majority, the decision is a draw.

22       4. When the Commission’s representative has checked the scores, he or she shall inform the  
23 announcer of the decision. The announcer shall inform the audience of the decision over the  
24 speaker system.

25           **Sec. 53. NAC 467.7962 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

- 28       1. Butting with the head.
- 29       2. Eye gouging of any kind.
- 30       3. Biting.
- 31       4. Hair pulling.

- 1 5. ~~[Fishhooking]~~ *Fish hooking*.
- 2 6. Groin attacks of any kind.
- 3 7. Placing a finger into any orifice or into any cut or laceration on an opponent.
- 4 8. Small joint manipulation.
- 5 9. Striking to the spine or the back of the head.
- 6 10. Striking downward using the point of the elbow.
- 7 11. Throat strikes of any kind, including, without limitation, grabbing the trachea.
- 8 12. Clawing, pinching or twisting the flesh.
- 9 13. ~~[Grabbing the clavicle]~~ *Moving arm toward an opponent with fingers outstretched toward*
- 10 *an opponent's face or eyes*.
- 11 14. Kicking the head of a grounded opponent.
- 12 15. Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent.
- 13 16. Stomping a grounded opponent.
- 14 ~~[17. Kicking to the kidney with the heel.]~~
- 15 ~~[18.]~~ 17. Spiking an opponent to the canvas on the opponent's head or neck.
- 16 ~~[19.]~~ 18. Throwing an opponent out of the ring or fenced area.
- 17 ~~[20.]~~ 19. Holding the shorts or gloves of an opponent.
- 18 ~~[21.]~~ 20. Spitting at an opponent or the referee.
- 19 ~~[22.]~~ 21. Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent.
- 20 ~~[23.]~~ 22. Holding or grabbing the ropes or the fence.
- 21 ~~[24.]~~ 23. Using abusive language in the ring or fenced area.
- 22 ~~[25.]~~ 24. Attacking an opponent on or during the break.
- 23 ~~[26.]~~ 25. Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee.
- 24 ~~[27.]~~ 26. Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed
- 25 combat.
- 26 ~~[28.]~~ 27. Flagrantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.
- 27 ~~[29.]~~ 28. Timidity, including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent,
- 28 intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece or faking an injury.
- 29 ~~[30.]~~ 29. Interference by the corner.
- 30 ~~[31.]~~ 30. Throwing in the towel during competition.

1 ~~[32.]~~ 31. Applying any foreign substance to the hair, body, clothing or gloves immediately  
2 prior to or during a contest or exhibition that could result in an unfair advantage.

3 ~~[33.]~~ 32. If the referee has signaled that the opponent has been knocked out, striking an  
4 opponent who is helpless as a result of previous blows and so supported by the ring or fenced  
5 area that he or she does not fall.

6 ~~[34. Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.]~~

7 ~~[35.]~~ 34. Intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece.

8 *↳ For purposes of subsections 14-16 of this section, the opponent shall be deemed grounded if:*

9 *(a) Both of the opponent's hands, including the palms or fists, are touching the floor of the*  
10 *fighting area; or*

11 *(b) One of the opponent's body parts, other than the hands and soles of the feet, is touching*  
12 *the floor of the fighting area.*

13 **Sec. 54. NAC 467.885 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

14 **NAC 467.885 Grounds for disciplinary action. (NRS 467.030)** The Commission may  
15 suspend or revoke the license, approval, registration or sanctioning of, impose a ban on  
16 participation in unarmed combat in this State for a certain period against, otherwise discipline, or  
17 take any combination of such actions against, a person licensed, approved, registered or  
18 sanctioned by the Commission or otherwise associated with unarmed combat in this State who  
19 has, in the judgment of the Commission:

20 1. Violated the laws of Nevada or the United States, except for minor traffic violations. The  
21 Commission may determine that a person licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the  
22 Commission or otherwise associated with unarmed combat in this State has violated the laws of  
23 Nevada or the United States, whether or not the person has been convicted of, or entered a plea  
24 of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to such a violation.

25 2. Violated any provision of this chapter.

26 3. Provided false or misleading information to the Commission or a representative of the  
27 Commission.

28 4. Failed or refused to comply with a valid request of a representative of the Commission.

29 5. Engaged in conduct at any time or place which is deemed by the Commission to reflect  
30 discredit to unarmed combat.

31 6. Knowingly dealt or consorted with any person who:

- 1 (a) Has been convicted of a felony;
- 2 (b) Engages or has engaged in illegal bookmaking;
- 3 (c) Engages or has engaged in any illegal gambling activity;
- 4 (d) Is or has been a reputed underworld character;
- 5 (e) Is or has been under suspension from any other Commission; or
- 6 (f) Is engaged or has been engaged in any activity or practice that is detrimental to the best
- 7 interests of this State, the Commission or unarmed combat.

8 7. Had knowledge, or in the judgment of the Commission, should have had knowledge that an  
9 unarmed combatant suffered a serious injury during training for a contest or exhibition and failed  
10 or refused to inform the Commission about that serious injury.

11 *8. Has been cited, arrested, or convicted for domestic violence.*

12 *9. Committed any act or omission that this Chapter or Chapter 467 of the NRS specifically*  
13 *provides constitutes grounds for disciplinary action.*

14 **Sec. 55. NAC 467.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

15 **NAC 467.900 Penalties for certain violations; review by Commission.** (NRS 467.030,  
16 467.158)

17 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a Commissioner or the Commission's  
18 representative may charge any person associated with unarmed combat in this State a penalty not  
19 to exceed \$250,000 from a schedule of penalties approved by the Commission for:

20 (a) Any violation of the provisions of NAC 467.093, 467.592, 467.598, ~~467.635~~, *or*  
21 *section 21 of LCB File No. R062-16*; or

22 (b) Being excessively or repeatedly late for a weigh-in or for a contest or exhibition.

23 2. Any disciplinary action taken pursuant to subsection 1 will be reviewed at a later date by  
24 the Commission.

25 **Sec. 56. NAC 467.924 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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

28 1. The respondent shall file an answer with the Commission not later than 20 days after the  
29 date the complaint is served on the respondent. In the answer, the respondent shall:

30 (a) State in short and plain terms his or her defenses to each claim asserted;

31 (b) Admit or deny the facts alleged in the complaint;

1 (c) State which allegations he or she is without knowledge or information to form a belief as  
2 to their truth; and

3 (d) Set forth any avoidance or affirmative defense that the respondent desires to assert.

4 2. If a respondent answers allegations by stating that he or she is without knowledge or  
5 information to form a belief as to their truth, such allegations shall be deemed to be denied.

6 3. Unless the Chair of the Commission has waived the requirement of personal attendance, a  
7 respondent shall personally attend a hearing on the merits.

8 4. If a respondent fails to file an answer to the complaint or to appear personally at a hearing  
9 on the merits without having obtained a waiver of appearance pursuant to subsection 3, such  
10 failure shall be deemed to be:

11 (a) An admission of all matters and facts contained in the complaint with respect to such  
12 respondent; and

13 (b) A waiver of the right to an evidentiary hearing.

14 *5. If a respondent appears at a disciplinary hearing and has not provided a written answer to*  
15 *the Commission, the Chair of the Commission may:*

16 *(a) Grant a continuance of the matter and direct the respondent to file a written answer or*  
17 *statement regarding the allegations; or*

18 *(b) Direct the respondent to provide an oral statement on the record answering each*  
19 *allegation.*

20 *6. The Chair of the Commission, for good cause shown, may extend the time a respondent has*  
21 *to file an answer under subsection 1.*

22 **Sec. 57. NAC 467.948 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

23 **NAC 467.948 Continuances.** (NRS 467.030) ~~[The Commission will not grant a continuance~~  
24 ~~except for good cause deemed sufficient by the Commission. A party seeking a continuance must~~  
25 ~~make a motion to continue a hearing at least 10 calendar days before the hearing date.] *A party*~~  
26 *seeking a continuance of a disciplinary proceeding must submit a written request to the Chair of*  
27 *the Commission prior to the posting of the Commission Agenda and Notice of Meeting. The*  
28 *Chair may grant a request for continuance for good cause he or she deems sufficient. Absent*  
29 *extraordinary circumstances, the Chair shall not grant any requests for continuances submitted*  
30 *after the posting of the Commission Agenda and Notice of Meeting.*

31 **Sec. 58. NAC 467.7958 is hereby repealed.**



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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS**

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**NAC 467.7958 Proper attire for unarmed combatants.** (NRS 467.030) An unarmed combatant competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts may not wear shoes or any padding on his or her feet during the contest.