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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama Boxing Commission

Rule No.: 165-X-21

Rule Title: Officials Responsibilities

X New _____ Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly
Harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's
Police power and the protection of the public health,
Safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation
Available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or
Indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services
Involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public
Than the harm that might result from the absence of
The proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely
For the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary
Effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be
accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-
22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the
requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all
applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative
Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date: October 20, 2011

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Alabama Athletic Commission

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Boxing Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE: 165-X-21 Officials Responsibilities

INTENDED ACTION: New

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Board proposes to promulgate rules for mixed martial arts additional requirements.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2011. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, at 610 S. McDonough Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or via electronic mail at keith@warrenandco.com or via telephone at 334-269-9990.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Monday, December 5, 2011.

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Alabama Athletic Commission

Chapter 165-X-21 Officials Responsibilities

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1. **Referee.** No one other than the referee may stop a fight during or between rounds.
2. **Pre-Match Instructions.** Referees shall meet with the contestants and with each chief second appointed by the contestants prior to the beginning of the match, contest, or exhibition and during that meeting shall inform each party of the rules applicable to each fight as well as the in-ring/in-cage conduct expected from each contestant and second assisting in the corner of each contestant.
3. **Pre-Bout Confirmation of Officials, Physician, and Ring/Cage Certification.** Prior to calling for the sounding of the bell to begin each bout, the referee in the ring will confirm that the ringside physician as well as each judge assigned to the bout is in place at ringside. Prior to calling for the sounding of the bell to begin each bout, the referee shall also certify the ring or cage is in a safe condition to sustain competition and in compliance with the guideline set forth by the Alabama Athletic Commission.
4. **Touching Contestants.** The referee shall not touch the competing amateur mixed martial artists except when one or both fails to obey the break command, or at such time as to break one contestants hold on the other upon a physical or verbal tap out submission.
5. **Count.** The referee's count is the official count. When a contest is knocked down, the referee shall order the opponent to retire to the farthest corner of the ring or cage, pointing to that corner. Once the opponent has so retired to the farthest neutral corner the referee will immediately pick up the timekeeper's count. The referee shall then audibly announce the passing of each second, accompanying the count upward with motions of his or her arm, indicating the count with visual finger counts at the end of each second. The referee may cease counting if the opponent fails to remain in the neutral corner until the count is complete. No contestant who is knocked down shall be allowed to resume competition until the referee has finished counting eight. The contestant may take the count either on the floor or standing.

6. Count for Dazed Contestant. Should a contestant who is down rise before the count of 10 and again go down without being struck then the referee shall resume the count where he or she stopped.
7. Saved by the Bell due to Knock Down. An amateur mixed martial artist cannot be saved by the bell in any round including the final round of any contest. When any round ends before a contestant who was knocked down rises, the bell shall not ring and count shall continue. If the contestant rises before the count of ten, the bell shall ring ending the round. The one-minute rest period, delayed by the count in (i) above, shall not begin until the bell has sounded ending the round. A knockdown will not be awarded or scored if the blow was struck after the bell ending the round has sounded.
8. Saved by the Bell due to a Lock or Hold. An amateur mixed martial artist shall be saved by the bell in any round including the final round of any contest, when the contestant is being controlled by a lock or hold intended to force the other contestant to submit.
 - (a) When a round ends before a contestant fully executes his or her lock or hold, the bell shall ring and both contestants should rise and return to their corners.
9. Amateur Mixed Martial Artists knocked out of the ring. Any amateur mixed martial artist knocked out of the ring shall receive a twenty (20) second count. During the time that any such amateur mixed martial artist is outside the ring, he or she shall not be assisted by any member of their corner and such assistance, if offered shall end the match, contest, or exhibition with that amateur mixed martial artist losing by a technical knockout.
 - (a) As a general precaution, to protect the safety of the amateur mixed martial artists and to prevent any potential injury, an amateur mixed martial artist knocked out of the ring may have his or her fall stopped or slowed by any person without penalty, provided that such assistance shall only be to prevent injury from the fall and not to assist the boxer in returning to the ring.
10. Standing Eight Count. There shall be no standing eight (8) count.
11. Knock-Out. If the contestant fails to rise before the count of 10 the referee shall declare said contestant the loser by knockout.
12. Failure to Answer Bell. A contestant shall not leave the ring or cage during any 1 minute rest period between rounds. If any contestant fails or refuses to resume competition when the bell sounds signaling the commencement of the next round, the referee

shall award a decision of technical knockout to his opponent as of the round which has last been finished.

(a) If the circumstances indicate to the referee the need for investigation or punitive action, the referee may withhold giving a decision.

(b) The referee shall have the authority to stop a contest at any time if one of the competitors is unable or no longer able to defend himself or herself.

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Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-1020

History: New Rule: