

ALABAMA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Athletic Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE:

165-X-1	Professional Boxing	Repealed & New
165-X-2	Professional Mixed Martial Arts	Repealed & New
165-X-3	Amateur Mixed Martial Arts	Repealed & New
165-X-4	Medical Requirements	Repealed
165-X-5	Conduct of Promotion	Repealed
165-X-6	Ring and Equipment	Repealed
165-X-7	Officials: Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges and Timekeepers	Repealed
165-X-8	Officials: Conduct of Contest, Match, or Exhibition	Repealed
165-X-9	Forms	Repealed
165-X-10	Functions of Commission	Repealed
165-X-11	Martial Arts Definition	Repealed
165-X-12	Bout Results	Repealed
165-X-13	Mixed Martial Arts Ring and Equipment	Repealed
165-X-14	Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Standards	Repealed
165-X-15	Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Competition Rules	Repealed
165-X-16	Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Additional Competition Guidelines	Repealed
165-X-17	Foul Procedures	Repealed
165-X-18	Injuries Sustained During Competition That will Terminate the Bout	Repealed
165-X-19	Types of Bout Results	Repealed
165-X-20	Licensing for Amateur MMA Sanctioning Organizations	Repealed
165-X-21	Officials Responsibilities	Repealed
165-X-22	Medical Requirements	Repealed
165-X-23	Match Permits	Repealed
165-X-24	Additional Requirements	Repealed
165-X-25	Mixed Martial Arts Licensing Procedures	Repealed
Appendices		Repealed

INTENDED ACTION: Repealed and New

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Commission will repeal rules that are redundant and condense these rules into 3 chapters.

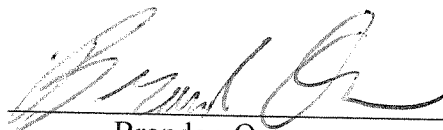
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Oral or written comments should be addressed to the Alabama Athletic Commission at the address or phone number below and must be received no later than ~~November 7~~, 2013.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 7, 2013

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REPEAL

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CHAPTER 165-X-24
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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165-X-24-.01 Age Of Contestant.

(1) Age of contestant. An amateur mixed martial arts contestant must attain the age of 18 years on the date of the contest. Contestants of 37 years of age or more must submit satisfactory evidence that his or her health, ability and physical condition is sufficient to ensure the contestant's safety.

Author: Casey C. Sears

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

History: New Rule: Filed July 17, 2012; effective August 21, 2012.

165-X-24-.02 Additional Medical Requirements.

(1) Additional medical requirements. Contestants 37 years of age or more must submit to additional testing.

(a) A detailed dilated ophthalmological examination, conducted by a state licensed ophthalmologist. The intent of this examination is to assure both the contestant and the Commission that no ophthalmological complications exist potentially hampering the contestant's ability to protect himself or herself in the ring, and to ensure that no ocular damage from previous bouts is evidenced. This exam must, at a minimum,

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include a careful dilated examination of the retinal periphery utilizing indirect ophthalmoscope.

(b) A detailed neurological examination, conducted by a state licensed neurologist. Whether auxiliary neuro-diagnostic tests, such as electroencephalography (EEG), computerized tomography (CT), or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), are utilized is left to the discretion and clinical opinion of the examining physician.

(c) A detailed cardiovascular examination to establish cardiovascular endurance. A poorly conditioned contestant is at increased risk of injury because of exhaustion, which may impede his or her ability to mount an active offense or defense. Whether auxiliary cardiovascular test, such as an electrocardiogram (EKG), are utilized is left to the discretion and clinical opinion of the examining physician.

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165-X-24-.03 Consumables Before And During The Contest.

(1) Consumables. Water shall be used to hydrate an amateur mixed martial artist between rounds. Honey, electrolyte glucose, sugar or any other substance mixed with water is prohibited. Contestants should not consume energy drinks on the date of the contest.

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165-X-24-.04 Seconds.

(1) Number of seconds allowed per fight. Each amateur mixed martial artist must have two seconds, unless the Commission permits otherwise. Each contestant shall have one chief second and each chief second must have a complete first aid kit. The seconds must be neatly attired.

(2) Leaving the Ring or Cage: When seconds leaving the ring. Seconds shall leave the ring or cage enclosure at the sound of the timekeeper's whistle. They shall leave the ring or cage

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platform promptly when the bell sounds for the beginning of each round and immediately remove all obstructions, including stools, buckets, and any other corner equipment. None of these articles shall be replaced on the ring floor until the bell has sounded the end of a round.

(3) Assisting Contestant During Bout: Prohibited. During rounds, seconds shall not assist or interfere with the contestants.

(4) Throwing Towel: Prohibited. Seconds are forbidden from tossing a towel into the ring.

(5) Ejection and Disqualification. Violations of the provisions of this subparagraph may result in ejection of the offender from the ring or cage corner, and may result in the disqualification of his or her contestant by the referee.

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165-X-24-.05 Corner Equipment.

(1) Corner Kit: Substances Allowed. The use of an unapproved preparation during the match, contest, or exhibition is prohibited. The only substances and materials allowed in the corner are limited to the following:

- (a) Ice;
- (b) Water;
- (c) Cotton swabs;
- (d) Gauze pads;
- (e) Clean towels;
- (f) Vaseline or surgical lubricant approved by the commission
- (g) Enswell
- (h) Avitine or Adrenaline
- (i) Athletic tape approved by the commission.

(2) Corner Kit: Substances Prohibited. Substances such as Monsell's solution, other iron or bismuth compounds, collodion, silver nitrate, ammonia or smelling salts will not be used and the use of such modalities will result in disqualification, and disciplinary action against the licensed sanctioning organization.

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165-X-24-.06 Security.

(1) General Safety. It shall be the licensed sanctioning organization's responsibility to insure safety of the contestants, officials, and fans and to comply with all safety standards required by the Commission.

(a) Arena Security. Arena security is the responsibility of the licensed sanctioning organization and such security measures by the organization shall be sufficient to maintain order. At a minimum, two (2) sworn off duty law enforcement officers shall be retained for security.

(2) Arena Safety Compliance. No amateur mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition will be allowed to commence or continue in any arena which to the Commission to be unsafe or where the Commission has reason to believe that such building or location does not conform to any applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations in the city or unincorporated county area.

(3) Dressing Rooms. The only people allowed in the Contestant's dressing room are the Contestant, manager, seconds, sanctioning organization representatives, Commission representatives including appointed commissioners, approved physician(s), approved media representatives, and promoter's personnel.

(a) Licensed sanctioning organizations may be required by the Commission to post a guard at the entrance to the dressing rooms to aid in enforcement of dressing room security.

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165-X-24-.07 Beverage And Liquor Sales.

(1) Liquor Sales At Event. If the chosen venue has a liquor license, and liquor is intended to be sold at the event, the Commission must be advised in writing in advance of the show and give its approval.

(a) Beverages cannot be sold in cans or bottles.

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