

Initial Rule Impact Statement

TITLE 92. OKLAHOMA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION CHAPTER 10. RULES FOR BOXING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Proposed Rule: Amendments

1. Purpose of the Proposed Rule

OAC 92:10-1-1 Purpose expanded to include Bare Knuckle Fighting.

OAC 92:10-1-2 Added and amended definitions to clarify and add in new sport.

OAC 92:10-1-4 (i) Clarification for applicants for licensure as combative sports practitioners who are 40 years and removal of (4) requirement.

OAC 92:10-1-5 (a) Clarifies and add new definition to encompass other amateur sports not limited to mixed martial arts.

2. Affected Classes of Persons

- **Classes Bearing Costs:**
 - The Agency has worked to minimize cost impacts. The proposed rules only clarify and add a new sport for further opportunity.
- **Classes Benefiting:**
 - Promoters, matchmakers, and combative sports practitioners, who benefit from a clearer, more inclusive regulatory framework and the new sport added option.
 - Combative sports practitioners, who will experience reduced barriers to licensure.

3. Economic Impact

- **On Affected Classes:**
 - The proposed permanent rules are not expected to have an economic impact, cost of compliance, or fee changes.
- **On State Revenues:**
 - With the ability to sanction and regulate Bare Knuckle Fighting the commission anticipates attracting new promoters leading to an increase in event permitting, combat practitioner licensing and event assessment fee's offsetting administration fees.

4. Costs and Benefits

- **To the Agency:**

- No costs are associated with disseminating the Unified Rules, as they are available electronically for free.
- Benefits include clarify and consistency in regulatory oversight and additional new sport to regulate and sanction.
- **To Other Agencies:**
 - There is not expected to be an impact on other agencies.

5. Impact on Political Subdivisions

There is not expected to be an impact on political subdivisions.

6. Small Business Considerations

There are no expected adverse effects on small businesses.

7. Minimizing Compliance Costs

The agency has made efforts to minimize costs by observing the industry and gathering input on amendments that would benefit both agency and industry, as well as limiting the number and scope of amendments.

8. Public Health, Safety, and Environment

- **Positive Impacts:**
 - Enhanced safety for participants through updated medical and regulatory standards.
 - Broader inclusion of sports under regulation promotes fair competition and reduces risks associated with unregulated events.
- **Risk Reduction:**
 - Athletes, particularly those over 40, may continue to face unnecessary barriers to participation, causing them to participate for states that have no regulations or unregulated events.
 - Bare Knuckle Fighting is already being regulated by Tribes in Oklahoma and this can cause confusion for athletes and fans, by adding this it would create clarity and unification to the sports and the standards for the state.
- **Detrimental Effects if Not Implemented:**
 - Emerging sports like Bare Knuckle Fighting may lack proper oversight, potentially jeopardizing safety, and public confidence.

9. Preparation and Modification Dates:

This rule impact statement was prepared on December 2nd, 2024.

