

TITLE 92. OKLAHOMA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

CHAPTER 10. RULES FOR BOXING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

92:10-1-1. Purpose

~~The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act and to protect, maintain and improve the safety and welfare of the participants of including but not limited to bare knuckle fighting, professional boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, elimination tournaments, and mixed martial arts, as well as the general public.~~ The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act and protect the safety and welfare of participants in activities regulated by the Commission and the general public.

92:10-1-2. Definitions

~~"Administrator" means the administrator or Executive Director of Oklahoma State Athletic Commission licensing representing the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.~~

"Administrator" means the Administrator or Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.

"Broadcast" means any audio or visual transmission, distribution, streaming, broadcast, or other electronic delivery of a combat sports event by any means or technology, whether live, substantially live, taped or time delayed, and includes replays thereof.

"Closed Circuit Telecast" means a telecast combative sports event for which the right to receive, display, or show the telecast is limited by contract, license, subscription, authorization, or other arrangement and is not made generally available for unrestricted public viewing. The term includes pay-per-view and other commercially licensed transmissions, regardless of the technology, platform, or method of delivery. The term does not include private, non commercial viewing in a private residence.

~~"Mandatory 8 count" means a required count of eight (8) that is given by a referee to a participant who has been knocked down.~~

~~"No Decision" means boxing or sparring where a decision is not rendered.~~

"Telecast" means display of a telecast of a combative sports event at a bar, restaurant, theatre, arena, hotel, club, entertainment venue, meeting facility, or other commercial or public establishment within this state, whether or not an admission, cover charge, minimum purchase, membership fee, or other fee is charged to view the telecast.

~~"Timekeeper" means a person responsible for keeping accurate time during each event and also responsible for the knockdown count for boxing, kickboxing, elimination tournaments, and mixed martial arts event or exhibition.~~ "Timekeeper" means a person responsible for keeping accurate time and performing the timing and count duties required by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.

92:10-1-4. Licenses process

(a) The license fees and permit fees shall be:

- (1) ~~Professional~~ Promoter - \$250.00

- (10) Broadcast Permit- \$100
- (11) Event Permit Bare Knuckle - \$100
- (12) Event Permit Boxing - ~~\$50.00~~ \$100
- (13) Event Permit Combat BJJ - \$100
- (14) Event Permit Elimination - \$100
- (15) Event Permit Kickboxing - \$100
- (17) Event Permit Muay Thai - \$100
- (18) Event Permit Slap- \$100

~~(23) Fight Fax Records — \$5.00 per record requested~~

(f) Participants must possess and present their national mixed martial arts, boxing or other combative sport identification card to the Commission upon request. If the participant has not been issued a national identification card, one will be issued. Participants will not be allowed to compete without a national identification card.

(g) Any person whose license is lost or stolen may pay a replacement fee to obtain a replacement from the Commission .

(j) Applicants for licensure as combative sports practitioners including but not limited to boxing, kickboxing or MMA ~~with an exclusion for wrestlers~~ who are 40 years of age or older shall attach to their application the following:

92:10-1-5. Sanctioning permits

(b) The promoter shall obtain a separate sanctioning permit for each sport at their event from the Commission before each event. The request for the sanctioning permit, and fee ~~and bout card~~ must be received by the Commission no later than 30 ~~4~~ working days prior to the event.

(c) Telecast promoters are also required to obtain an event permit.

~~(e) The fee for sanctioning an event for boxing, kickboxing, or wrestling shall be \$25.00.¹~~

92:10-1-6. Promoters

(a) No person, including telecast promoters, shall promote any event without obtaining a license from the Commission.

(1) Provide the following proof of insurance a minimum of 24 hours prior to the event:

(A) Medical and dental benefit policy in the amount of at least

~~\$10,000~~ \$25,000 for each participant with the promoter being responsible for the ~~deductible~~ deductible payments on insurance claims;

(B) Death benefit policy in the amount of at least ~~\$10,000~~ \$25,000 for each participant;

(2) Provide surety bond, cash, certificate of deposit, or other forms of security acceptable to the Commission in the amount of

~~not less than \$10,000.00. The Commission may require security in an amount sufficient to cover all fees, assessments, and other monies due to the commission, contracted fighter purses and compensation due to the officials for the event when such amount exceeds \$10,000. The Commission may increase the security as circumstances warrant.~~ not less than \$10,000. The Commission may require security sufficient to cover fees, assessments, other monies due to the Commission, contracted purses, and officials' compensation when that amount exceeds \$10,000. The Commission may increase security as circumstances warrant.

(3) Not hold a license as a second, referee, timekeeper, or judge.

(4) Telecast promoters are exempt from the participant medical and death benefit insurance requirements and the prohibition against holding a license as a second, referee, timekeeper, or judge in this section.

(d) Promoters shall be responsible for ensuring that each fighter scheduled to participate in an event has obtained a license required by the Commission and that all applicable license fees have been paid prior to the fighter's participation in the event.

(i) Promoters are responsible for ensuring the maintenance of adequate public safety at all events. Failure to ensure adequate public safety may result in cancellation of an event, discipline against a promoter's license and denial of future permits for events. The promoter or venue shall provide evidence of a general liability insurance policy for the purposes of boxing, kickboxing, elimination tournaments, and mixed martial arts combative sports events.

~~(j) The promoter is responsible for ensuring that no bottled drinks unless poured into paper cups by vendors at the time of sale, or glass ashtrays are permitted in any facility where any event is being held. If the event is staged out of doors, paper cups also must be used on the site of the event.~~ The promoter shall ensure compliance with the container restrictions in 92:10-1-11 and shall not permit glass ashtrays in the event facility. Drinks sold in bottles shall be poured into paper cups by vendors at the time of sale.

(l) No one shall interfere with the inspectors' or officials' duties, use foul language, or threaten physical harm.

(m) The promoter shall be responsible for the performance of requirements of the Act and of the rules in this chapter at each event.

~~(n) For the purposes of mixed martial arts, boxing, elimination tournaments, and kickboxing combative sports events,~~ the promoter shall arrange for an ambulance to be on site at each event with emergency medical personnel and proper resuscitation equipment.

92:10-1-8. Disciplinary action

(a) ~~The Commission may take disciplinary action against:~~

- ~~(1) any licensee Any individual who violates any provision of the Act, rules, policies, or applicable standards, regardless of whether the individual is licensed, registered, certified, or otherwise credentialed by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission or any rule or order of the Commission;~~
- ~~(2) any individual who falsifies, alters, fabricates, misrepresents, or knowingly submits fraudulent medical records, certificates, reports, or other medical documentation;~~
- ~~(3) any individual who knowingly violates, breaches, or fails to fulfill the terms of an agreement or contract;~~
- ~~(4) any individual who fails to appear at a scheduled event, competition, meeting, weigh-in or other required engagement without prior authorization or a legitimate reason;~~
- ~~(5) any licensee individual who fails to follow the instructions of a Commission representative at a sanctioned event;~~
- ~~(6) any licensee individual who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct including but not limited to the use of foul and abusive language or mannerisms;~~
- ~~(7) any participant individual in a contest who fails to strive earnestly in good faith to win or who commits flagrant or repeated fouls;~~
- ~~(8) any licensee individual who engages in conduct at any time or place or in any manner that is deemed by the Commission to reflect discredit to combative sports; or~~
- ~~(9) any licensee individual who is convicted or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime of moral turpitude.~~

(b) ~~Disciplinary action by the Commission may include immediate suspension pending a hearing, suspension for a definite term, conditional suspension, fines, and/or revocation. Disciplinary action shall be taken by the Commission as provided in Chapter 1 of this Title, and pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 et seq.~~

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92:10-1-8. Disciplinary and enforcement action

(a) Grounds for disciplinary or enforcement action.

The Commission may take disciplinary or enforcement action, as authorized by law, against any licensee, applicant, individual, person, business, organization, club, corporation, or other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission for conduct including, but not limited to:

- (1) violating or attempting to violate any provision of the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act, this Title, any lawful order or directive of the Commission, or any applicable rule, policy, requirement, or standard adopted or recognized by the Commission;
- (2) promoting, organizing, conducting, booking, matchmaking, participating in, facilitating, assisting with, advertising, or otherwise engaging in an event or activity subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission without first obtaining any license, permit, sanction, approval, or authorization required by law or Commission rule;
- (3) knowingly assisting, aiding, abetting, encouraging, conspiring with, or facilitating another person or entity in conducting an unsanctioned or otherwise unlawful event or activity subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission;
- (4) falsifying, altering, fabricating, concealing, misrepresenting, or knowingly submitting false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading information or documentation to the Commission, including but not limited to applications, medical records, certificates, reports, contracts, identification documents, bout records, or other records required by the Commission;
- (5) knowingly violating, breaching, or failing to fulfill the terms of an agreement, contract, or other obligation relating to an event or activity regulated by the Commission when such conduct constitutes a violation of applicable law or Commission rule;
- (6) failing to appear at a scheduled event, contest, exhibition, weigh-in, meeting, hearing, medical examination, or other required engagement without prior authorization or good cause;
- (7) failing or refusing to comply with a lawful instruction, directive, order, or requirement of the Commission, the Administrator, or an authorized representative of the Commission;
- (8) engaging in unsportsmanlike, disorderly, threatening, abusive, fraudulent, dishonest, deceptive, or otherwise improper conduct in connection with a Commission-regulated activity;
- (9) failing to compete honestly and in good faith, intentionally compromising or attempting to compromise the integrity of a contest or exhibition, participating in the manipulation or predetermined outcome of a contest, or committing flagrant or repeated fouls;
- (10) engaging in conduct that threatens or adversely affects the health, safety, or welfare of a participant, official, spectator, Commission representative, or member of the public;
- (11) engaging in conduct related to a Commission-regulated activity that the Commission determines is detrimental to the integrity, safety, or lawful regulation of combative sports in this state;
- (12) being convicted of, pleading guilty to, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving fraud, dishonesty, violence, or moral turpitude when the offense is relevant to the individual's qualifications, fitness, or participation in an activity regulated by the Commission; or
- (13) engaging in any other act or omission for which disciplinary or enforcement action is authorized by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act or other applicable law.

(b) Disciplinary action against licensees and applicants.

When authorized by law, disciplinary action against a licensee or applicant may include, but is not limited to, immediate suspension pending a hearing, suspension for a definite term, conditional suspension, probation, denial of an application, refusal to issue or renew a license, restriction or limitation of a license, administrative fines or penalties, revocation, disqualification, or any combination thereof. The Commission may impose reasonable conditions for reinstatement, relicensure, or continued participation as authorized by law.

(c) Unlicensed persons and unsanctioned events.

The absence of a license, permit, registration, certification, or other credential issued by the Commission shall not prevent the Commission from exercising enforcement authority otherwise granted to it by law.

The Commission may take action to halt or prevent the unlicensed or unsanctioned promotion, organization, conduct, booking, matchmaking, or operation of an event subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and may take any other enforcement action authorized by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act.

Any person or entity that promotes, organizes, conducts, books, matchmakes, facilitates, assists with, or otherwise engages in an unsanctioned event or other activity in violation of the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act may be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal enforcement as authorized by law.

(d) Referral and legal action.

In addition to any disciplinary or enforcement action available to the Commission, the Commission or Administrator may refer suspected criminal activity, fraud, unlicensed activity, threats to public safety, or other violations of law to the Oklahoma Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney, a law enforcement agency, another governmental or regulatory authority, or any other authority having jurisdiction.

The Commission may request or seek injunctive relief, temporary or permanent restraining orders, civil penalties, enforcement of Commission orders, or any other judicial or administrative remedy authorized by law.

Referral of a matter to another governmental or law enforcement authority shall not prevent the Commission from taking separate disciplinary or administrative action within its jurisdiction.

(e) Cumulative remedies.

The disciplinary and enforcement remedies provided in this Section are cumulative and shall not be construed to limit any other authority or remedy available to the Commission under the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act, this Title, or other applicable state or federal law.

(f) Proceedings.

Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 1 of this Title, the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 et seq., and other applicable law.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize the Commission to impose a penalty or sanction beyond the authority granted to it by statute.

92:10-1-9. Inspectors

- (b) During events, all officials and participants at all times shall be under the direction of the Administrator, Deputy Director and/or Chief Inspector. ~~the inspectors.~~
- (c) Employees and inspectors of the Commission shall not have any interest in or connection with, either directly or indirectly, any promotion of ~~either professional boxing, mixed martial arts, or kickboxing in this state~~ combat sports or have any interest, directly or indirectly, in any event or participant.
- (e) Before the start of an event, the Commission or an inspector must check all participants, promoters, matchmakers, vendor, announcers, seconds, timekeepers, and referees for licenses issued by the Commission. Any of those persons without a current license issued by the Commission shall not participate in the event.

92:10-1-10. Tickets

- (d) All parties responsible for ticket sales must provide a complete POS ticket sales report for all tickets sold for the event.

92:10-1-11 Vendors

- (a) Any vendor participating in an event regulated by the Commission shall hold a current license issued by the Commission before offering food, beverages, merchandise, apparel, souvenirs, programs, or other goods for sale at the event.
- (b) The promoter shall provide the Commission, prior to the event, a list of all vendors expected to conduct sales at the event.
- (c) Each vendor shall maintain complete and accurate records of gross receipts from sales conducted in connection with the event and shall submit the required vendor report and assessment to the Commission within the time prescribed by law or Commission rule.
- (d) A vendor shall make records relating to event sales available to the Commission upon request.
- (e) A promoter shall not knowingly permit an unlicensed vendor to conduct sales at an event regulated by the Commission.
- (f) A vendor or promoter who fails to comply with this Section may be subject to disciplinary action as authorized by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act.
- (g) No vendor shall sell, serve, or distribute any food, beverage, or other item in a glass container or other breakable glassware at an event unless approved by the Commission.

SUBCHAPTER 2. OFFICIALS

92:10-2-1. Assignment and conduct of officials

(a)All officials except the announcer shall be assigned by the Commission. The announcer shall be selected by the promoter for the event.

(b)The minimum number and type of competition officials shall comply with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6. Additional officials may be assigned under 92:10-2-2. At least one physician shall be present at each combative sports event; any greater physician staffing requirement imposed by the Commission shall apply.

(c)Officials licensed by the Commission shall not participate in unsanctioned combative sports events in Oklahoma.

(d)The licensed promoter shall pay officials the fees and authorized expenses approved in advance by the Administrator, including additional compensation required under 92:10-2-2.

(e)No official shall be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances while performing their duties. The Commission may require an official to be tested for the presence of alcohol or controlled substances in the same manner that participants are tested. Violations of this section or refusal to be tested shall subject the official to disciplinary action as provided by these rules, including immediate suspension of the official's license pending a hearing, and immediate expulsion from the site of the event. The Commission shall use drug or alcohol testing procedures in accordance with the laws of Oklahoma or the normal and customary practices of athletic regulatory bodies.

92:10-2-2. Additional officials and extended events

The Commission may assign officials in addition to the minimum number otherwise required by these rules when the Commission determines that additional officials are necessary for the safe, efficient, and proper conduct of an event.

In determining the number of officials necessary, the Commission may consider the number of scheduled bouts, anticipated duration of the event, type of contests or exhibitions, workload of assigned officials, or any other factor affecting the health and safety of participants or the ability of officials to properly perform their duties.

Any event exceeding four (4) hours in duration shall require additional compensation to the officials assigned to the event. The amount of additional compensation shall be established by the Commission and shall be the responsibility of the promoter. All officials assigned by the Commission shall be considered necessary event personnel, and the promoter shall be responsible for payment of all applicable officials' fees, additional compensation, and authorized expenses.

92:10-2-3. Certification and training of officials

All officials licensed by the Commission shall obtain and maintain certification or approved training through the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combat Sports (ABC), or another certifying or training organization approved by the Commission, at least once every two (2) years.

The Commission may approve alternative training, certification, or continuing education when it determines that such training is substantially equivalent or otherwise appropriate.

The Commission may waive or modify the certification or training requirement when deemed appropriate by the Commission.

As a condition of initial licensure or renewal, the Commission may require an official to satisfactorily complete a vision examination and to pass an examination covering the Act, this Title, and the applicable rules of the sport. The form and manner of examination shall be prescribed by the Commission.

92:10-2-4. Matchmakers

- (a) The promoter and matchmaker shall not be the same person.
- (b) If the matchmaker is employed by the promoter, both the matchmaker and the promoter are jointly responsible for matches made and compliance with applicable state laws, including the Act, and the rules in this chapter.
- (c) The duties of the matchmaker shall include arranging the event, matching the participants as to weight and experience and ensuring that all the required equipment is in its place. While the events are in progress, the matchmaker shall cooperate with the inspector and is responsible to the Commission for the actions of the promoter.
- (d) The matchmaker shall provide to the Commission the legal name, date of birth, and federal id or national identification number for all participants. The matchmaker shall indicate on the tentative bout list submitted to the Commission whether the participant is a debut fighter. If the name of a debut fighter contained on the tentative bout list is not the same as the name on the fighter's picture ID, the fighter will not be approved to participate unless granted an exception by the Commission.
- (e) Matches shall be finalized a minimum of 48 hours prior to the start time of the event and shall not be changed unless otherwise approved by the Commission.
- (f) A promoter or matchmaker who makes changes after the deadline that result in substantial additional labor, or expense may be subject to disciplinary action, including a fine.
- (g) The promoter and matchmaker shall be subject to disciplinary action under 92:10-1-8 for arranging a match in which a participant is disproportionately outclassed. Persistent lack of judgment in arranging matches shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

92:10-2-5 Referees

- (a) The referee shall enforce the competition rules applicable under 92:1-7-6 and the requirements of the Commission during the bout. Before licensure, an applicant shall certify that the applicant has read the Act, this Title, and the applicable rules of the sport. Referees shall not wear spectacles while refereeing unless they are sport-style goggles; contact lenses may be worn.
- (b) Before starting each bout, the referee shall check with the score keeper, each judge and the timekeeper to determine if each is ready. The referee shall also obtain the name of the chief second in each corner. The referee shall require that the chief second control the activities in that participant's corner under the rules of this chapter.
- (c) The referee shall stop an event if the referee deems advisable when:

- (1) The physical condition of one (1) or both of the participants requires stopping.
- (2) One (1) of the participants is clearly outclassed by the opponent.
- (3) The referee decides that a participant is not making a best effort, or
- (4) For any other reason the referee deems sufficient.
- (d) In the event of a cut or injury, the referee shall summon the ringside physician and proceed in accordance with 92:10-2-6 and the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.
- (e) The referee shall conduct a final inspection of each participants' gloves, mouthpiece, protective equipment, attire and body before the bout begins.
- (f) The referee shall warn the chief second of violations of any rules relating to seconds. If the chief second does not comply with the requirements of the referee, the referee shall warn the chief second that further violations will result in disqualification of the participant, referral to the Commission for action for the suspension or discipline of the second's license, and removal of the chief second and other officials in violation of the rules from the ring or cage for the remainder of the event at the discretion of the referee.
- (g) The referee shall notify the judges of assessed fouls and point deductions in accordance with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6. Scorecards shall be collected and delivered to the Commission-designated scorekeeper in accordance with 92:10-2-10.
- (h) The referee shall ensure that an event moves to its proper completion. It should be stopped or completed, not delayed, except in cases of damaging fouls. Delaying or avoiding tactics, or both, should be avoided and the participant who employs these tactics should be penalized in the scoring.

92:10-2-6. Ringside physicians

- (a) A physician shall be in charge of all pre and post bout physical examinations.
- (b) The ring or cage side physician must be a state licensed medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).
- (c) The physician shall be seated at or adjacent to the ring or cage during all combative sports events.
- (d) An event shall not begin or continue unless the required physician is present at the competition area. The physician shall remain at the event site until the requirements of 92:10-5-16 have been satisfied.
- (e) When requested by the referee, the ringside physician shall promptly enter the competition area, examine the participant, and advise the referee whether the participant is medically able to safely continue. Bout stoppage authority and procedures shall be governed by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.

92:10-2-7. Timekeepers

- (a) The timekeeper shall have during the performance of the timekeeper's duties a bell, air horn and at least two (2) stopwatches. In addition, the timekeeper shall have a whistle, a hammer or wooden mallet, a white dry erase board and a dry erase marker.
- (b) The timekeeper shall be located within his arm length of the bell in a seat designated by the Commission. No match shall begin or continue unless the timekeeper is in his designated seat.
- (c) The timekeeper shall not use the whistle, bell, or other instrument during the progress of a round except in the manner and at the time authorized in this Chapter.
- (d) Ten seconds before the beginning of each round, the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of each participant by blowing the whistle. Ten seconds before the end of each round, the timekeeper shall give warning by pounding three times on the ring floor or the table where the timekeeper is stationed.
- (e) If directed by the referee, the timekeeper shall take time out.
- (f) The timekeeper shall strike the bell to signify the beginning and ending of each round.
- (g) If a match ends before the scheduled number of rounds, the timekeeper shall inform the referee and the Commission of the exact duration of the match.
- (h) The timekeeper shall be familiar with and perform such other duties as set forth these Rules.
- (i) In the event that an automatic timekeeping machine is available, it may be used, provided however, that manual timekeeping is maintained in the event of equipment failure.

92:10-2-8. Announcers

- (a) All combative sports events must have a licensed announcer.
- (b) Announcers shall announce the names of the officials, the participants, the participants' correct weights, the decisions of the referee and judges. Promoters shall provide equipment and facilities for announcing.
- (c) Introductions and announcements made to the general public must include the statement "Sanctioned by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission."
- (d) At the conclusion of each bout, the Commission-designated scorekeeper shall provide the announcer with the official result, including the judges' scores when applicable or the time and manner of stoppage.
- (e) The announcer shall not permit or invite any person who is not licensed by the Commission to enter the ring or cage unless approved by the Commission.

92:10-2-9. Seconds

- (a) Seconds must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

- (b) The number of seconds permitted for each participant shall comply with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6. One second shall be designated chief second and shall be responsible for the conduct of all seconds in the participant's corner. Seconds shall comply with Commission directions and shall not interfere with officials, use foul language, or threaten physical harm.
- (c) The chief second of any participant shall have at the ringside a stool, a pair of scissors, a towel, a clean water bucket, a container of drinking water and/or electrolyte drinks, and tape and bandages.
- (d) First aid and other ring equipment of a second shall in all cases and at all times before, during, and after use, be available for inspection by the physician and the Commission whose decision shall be final as to the propriety of its use.
- (e) Seconds shall not by word or action attempt to heckle or annoy his participant's opponent. Seconds shall not knock or pound on the ring floor.
- (f) No second shall attempt to render aid to a participant who has been counted out during the course of a match before the physician has examined the participant.
- (g) Unauthorized entry into the competition area and any resulting penalty shall be governed by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.
- (h) The excessive or undue spraying of water on any fighter between rounds is prohibited.
- (i) Seconds shall enter and leave the competition area only as permitted by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6 and the directions of the referee or inspector. Before each round, they shall remove spilled water or ice, buckets, stools, towels, and other obstructions.

92:10-2-10. Judges

- (a) The number of judges required and the method of scoring shall comply with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.
- (b) For boxing and kickboxing, a judge shall be seated on a high stool between the ring posts, not on the same side as another judge, with a clear view of the ring.
- (c) For all other combat sports, a judge shall be seated at a table between cage posts, not on the same side of another judge with a clear view of the cage.
- (d) Judges shall score contests in accordance with the scoring system and judging criteria applicable under 92:1-7-6, including the Ten-Point Must System where required by the rules of the sport.
- (e) Judges shall record scores on Commission-furnished scorecards and sign each scorecard. Scorecards shall be collected and delivered to the Commission-designated scorekeeper at the times and in the manner required by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6 or as directed by the Commission.
- (f) If a judge becomes unable to complete an assignment, the Commission shall appoint an alternate licensed judge. Scoring of affected rounds shall be handled in accordance with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.

92:10-3-8. Suspension procedures for boxers

- (a) Contract violations, failure to appear, and failure to make weight shall be addressed under 92:10-1-8 when the conduct constitutes a violation of applicable law or Commission rule.

SUBCHAPTER 5. COMBATIVE SPORTS EVENTS

92:10-5-1. Weight Classes and Weight Differentials

- (a) Weight classes and weight differentials shall comply with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.
- (b) Participants shall compete within the applicable weight classes. A match outside those classes requires prior approval of the Commission and the agreement of both participants to the approved weight differential.

92:10-5-2. Weigh-in

- (d) All required participant license applications, contracts, bout agreements and other documentation required by the Commission shall be fully completed, executed, and in the possession of the Commission before a participant may weigh in.

92:10-5-3. Competition area and safety zone

- (a) The ring, cage, fenced area, or other competition area shall meet the specifications and safety requirements of the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6 and shall be inspected and approved by the Commission before use.
- (b) Spectator seating shall be at least six (6) feet from the outside edge of the ring apron, cage, or other competition area unless otherwise approved by the Commission. The Commission shall control the working area. The promoter shall exclude nonessential persons and provide seating for assigned officials and inspectors as directed by the Commission.

92:10-5-4. Gloves and protective equipment

- (a) Gloves and protective equipment shall comply with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6 and shall be inspected and approved by the referee and inspector. Damaged, unclean, or defective equipment shall be replaced before a bout begins.
- (b) The promoter shall provide the required equipment for professional bouts and sufficient replacement equipment of the types and sizes required for the scheduled bouts.

92:10-5-5. Hand wraps

- (a) Participants' hand wraps shall comply with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.
- (b) Only materials and substances permitted by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6 may be used on hand wraps.

92:10-5-6. Mouthpieces

Mouthpiece requirements, replacement procedures, and penalties for intentional removal shall be governed by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.

92:10-5-7. Use or administration of any substance

The use or administration of substances before or during a contest shall comply with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6 and the drug-testing requirements of 92:10-5-13. Drinks and substances used in a participant's corner shall be available for inspection and approval by the Commission and ringside physician.

92:10-5-8. Ringside equipment

~~(5) Seats at ringside for the assigned officials. The physician shall be seated near the steps into the ring.~~ Seats for assigned officials, including the ringside physician, in locations designated by the Commission.

~~(12) High stools for use by the judges.~~

(13) Bottled Water

(14) Scales for weigh-ins, which the Commission may require to be certified.

92:10-5-16. Post-bout physical

(a) Following the conclusion of each bout, every participant, regardless of the outcome of the bout, shall undergo a post-bout medical examination by a physician appointed or approved by the Commission. No participant shall leave the event site until the post-bout examination has been completed and the participant has been released by the physician.

(b) The post-bout medical examination shall include an evaluation of the participant's physical and neurological condition and any injuries sustained during the bout. The physician may conduct any additional examination or evaluation the physician determines medically necessary or appropriate.

(c) The physician shall document any injury, abnormal finding, or medical concern identified during the post-bout examination and shall report such findings to the Commission or its authorized representative.

(d) The physician may recommend or require a medical suspension, additional diagnostic testing, treatment, examination by a specialist or other qualified medical provider, or other medical clearance before the participant is permitted to return to competition.

(e) If the physician determines that a participant requires immediate or additional medical attention, the participant shall comply with the physician's direction, including transportation to an emergency department or other medical facility when medically necessary.

(f) A participant placed on medical suspension shall not participate in any contest, exhibition, sparring, or other prohibited activity until the suspension has expired and all medical requirements imposed by the Commission have been satisfied.

(g) The physician shall remain at the event site until all participants have completed their post-bout medical examinations and all participants requiring additional medical attention have been appropriately treated, released, or transferred for further medical care.

92:10-5-12. Medical suspensions following technical knockouts and knockouts

- (a) A participant who lost a bout by technical knockout shall be suspended for a minimum of 30 calendar days.
- (b) ~~A participant who lost a bout by knockout shall be suspended for a minimum of 45 calendar days.~~ A participant who loses a bout by knockout shall be suspended for a minimum of forty-five (45) calendar days; a mixed martial arts participant who loses by knockout shall be suspended for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days.
- (c) ~~The physician shall administer post bout evaluations and recommend testing if deemed necessary.~~ All participants shall receive post-bout examinations under 92:10-5-16. The Commission may require additional testing or medical clearance before return to competition.

92:10-5-13. Drug testing

- (c) A laboratory test that results in a finding of the presence of a drug or alcohol, anabolic steroids, or the refusal of a participant or assigned official to submit to the test shall be grounds for a summary suspension and/or fine of the participant or official's license as provided for by the Commission.

92:10-5-14. Female participants

- (a) ~~Female participants shall not engage in combative sports events against male opponents.~~
- (b) In addition to requirements for male participants, female participants shall:
 - (1) ~~Have hair secured, with soft and non-abrasive material, in a manner that does not interfere with vision or safety of either participant; and~~ Secure hair with soft, nonabrasive material so that it does not interfere with either participant's vision or safety, as required by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6; and
 - (2) ~~Use no facial cosmetics.~~ Comply with the restrictions on cosmetics and other substances in the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.
- (c) Before participating in a combat sports event, A female participant must, ~~before each professional boxing match,~~ provide a negative pregnancy test which shall be verified by the ringside physician.

92:10-7-1. General provisions

- (a) ~~Sections 3-1, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9, 3-11, 3-13, 3-14 [except (g)], 5-3, 5-6, 5-7, 5-9, 5-10, 5-12, 5-13 shall apply to elimination tournaments, unless otherwise noted.~~
- (b) ~~Before the start of an event, the Commission shall check all participants and~~

~~promoters, for licenses issued by Commission. Any individual without a current license issued by the Commission shall not participate in the event.~~

~~[Source: Added at 17 Ok Reg 2286, eff 6-26-00; Amended at 18 Ok Reg 1025, eff 5-11-01; Amended at 19 Ok Reg 1583, eff 4-24-02 (emergency); Amended at 20 Ok Reg 2277, eff 7-11-03]~~

Elimination tournaments shall comply with Subchapters 1, 2, and 5 and the applicable competition rules under 92:1-7-6, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Subchapter or approved by the Commission. The promoter shall obtain advance approval of any tournament format or rules for which no applicable ABC rules exist.

92:10-7-2. Promoter responsibility

Promoter licensing, permits, fees, insurance, security, emergency services, and event equipment shall be governed by 92:10-1-4 through 92:10-1-6 and 92:10-5-8. A promoter may act as matchmaker for an elimination tournament and may request exclusion of a participant for conduct or safety reasons, subject to Commission approval.

92:10-7-3. Elimination tournament contests

The format and competition procedures in this section shall apply only to the extent approved by the Commission under 92:1-7-6; applicable ABC rules shall govern unless the Commission approves an exception.

92:10-7-4. Participant responsibilities and requirements

(a) Each participant shall:

- (1) ~~Be at least eighteen (18) years of age, male participants must wear a groin protector and a mouthpiece during all bouts.~~ Participants shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and shall use the protective equipment required by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.
- (2) ~~Provide the Commission with one form of photo identification with date of birth.~~
- (3) ~~Complete an application form provided by the Commission.~~
- (4) Submit the required license fee ~~of \$20.~~

(b) A participant may not participate if the participant has:

- (1) been a competitor in professional boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts competition;
- (2) been a winner of more than five (5) of any combination of amateur boxing, kickboxing, or elimination tournament events in the past five (5) years or more than three (3) in the past twelve
- (12) months, unless the event is restricted to winners of previous events.

(c) ~~Each participant shall submit to and complete a pre-bout medical examination performed by a Commission appointed ringside physician before the elimination tournament begins. The physicals shall be performed at the location of the event unless an alternate location is approved by the Commission.~~ Participants shall complete pre-

bout examinations under 92:10-5-11 at the event location unless the Commission approves another location. Each participant shall complete a post-bout examination under 92:10-5-16 after every bout, including each bout in a multi-bout tournament.

(d) ~~No participant shall be allowed to participate if he is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The Commission may require elimination tournament participants to submit to an alcohol breathalyzer test at any time.~~ Participants shall comply with 92:10-5-13. The Commission may require an alcohol breathalyzer test at any time.

(e) ~~A participant shall not wear any type of body piercing, hard contact lenses, dentures, or removable dental work during a bout. A participant with dental braces may compete if the participant wears a fitted mouthpiece covering the entire brace.~~ Participant attire and prohibited personal items shall comply with the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.

92:10-7-7. Weight classes

- (a) ~~There shall be two (2) weight classes for male and female participants:~~
- (1) ~~Light heavyweight—up to 185 lbs.~~
 - (2) ~~Heavyweight—over 185 lbs. or more.~~
- (b) ~~The promoter may add additional weight categories to the program of bouts if participants in other categories apply to compete upon approval by the Commission.~~

Weight classes and weight differentials shall be governed by 92:10-5-1. When no applicable ABC weight classes exist for an approved tournament format, the promoter shall obtain Commission approval of the proposed classes before the event.

SUBCHAPTER 9. PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

92:10-9-1. General provisions

In addition to Subchapter 1, except paragraphs 92:10-1-4 (d), (3), (4), (5), (6), ~~(7)~~, (8), (10), ~~(11)~~, ~~(13)~~ ~~(14)~~ ~~(15)~~ ~~(16)~~ ~~(17)~~ ~~(18)~~ ~~(20)~~ ~~(21)~~ and subsections 92:10-1-6 (b), (c), and (m), all professional wrestling events shall comply with this Subchapter.

[Source: Added at 17 Ok Reg 2286, eff 6-26-00 ; Amended at 18 Ok Reg 1025, eff 5-11-01]

92:10-9-2. Ring and safety zone

(a) The ring shall be square with sides not less than fourteen (14) feet nor more than thirty two (32) feet inside the ropes unless otherwise approved by the Commission. The ring platform shall be not less than three (3) feet nor more than four (4) feet above the floor of the building, unless otherwise approved by the Commission, and shall be provided with suitable steps for participants.

(b) The ring floor shall be padded with a closed cell foam. The padding may be used with a top covering of clean canvas, or other covering, tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform.

(c) The ring corners and turn buckles shall be protected inside the ring with a form of padded material.

(d) Ring ropes shall at least be three in number.

(e) There shall be a six foot safety zone between ringside and first row seats. The safety zone shall extend from ringside to the locker room and shall be bordered by a metal barrier or rope at least three feet high on both sides of the safety zone.

(f) If wrestling occurs within the safety zone, the floor of the area in which such activity occurs shall be covered with protective padding consisting of closed-cell foam or comparable impact-absorbing material at least one (1) inch thick and approved by the Commission.

[Source: Added at 17 Ok Reg 2286, eff 6-26-00 ; Amended at 18 Ok Reg 1025, eff 5-11-01 ; Amended at 19 Ok Reg 1255, eff 5-28-02 ; Amended at 28 Ok Reg 2208, eff 7-25-11]

92:10-9-3. Yearly physicals

All wrestling participants shall provide a copy of a thorough medical physical ~~covering all items listed in section 92:10-5-11~~ on a form provided by the Commission; as part of the license application. The physical shall have been performed within ~~12 months~~ 30 days of submission. The physical must be performed by a Doctor of Osteopathy or a Doctor of Medicine.

(a) Applicants for licensure of professional wrestling who are 40 years of age or older shall also attach to their application:

1. EKG Exam
2. Cardiac Clearance by a board-certified medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) specialized in the medical field of cardiology.

(b) The examinations and tests required by this subsection shall be dated no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the application.

92:10-11-1. General provisions

Professional and amateur mixed martial arts events shall comply with Subchapters 1, 2, and 5 and the competition rules applicable under 92:1-7-6. Identification cards, suspension reporting, and event reporting shall comply with the applicable ABC requirements recognized by the Commission. Additional requirements expressly provided in this Subchapter shall apply

92:10-11-2. Contests and exhibitions

Permit fees shall be those prescribed by 92:10-1-4. Competition area requirements shall be governed by 92:10-5-3; rounds and rest periods shall be governed by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.

92:10-11-3. Mixed martial arts participants

Participant identification requirements shall be governed by 92:10-1-4; attire, gloves, and protective equipment shall comply with 92:10-5-4 and the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6.

92:10-11-4. Classes and Weight Categories

Weight classes and weight differentials shall be governed by 92:10-5-1.

92:10-11-7. Fouls

- (a) Fouls, point deductions, injury procedures, scoring, and decisions shall be governed by the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6, subject to the following amateur restrictions.
- (b) No amateur mixed martial arts participant shall use elbow strikes of any kind or linear kicks to the knee with the intent to hyperextend or damage the knee.

92:10-11-8. Results of Contests or Exhibitions

Bout results shall be determined under the rules applicable under 92:1-7-6 and announced in accordance with 92:10-2-8.

92:10-11-9. Technical Knockouts and Knockouts

Medical suspensions following technical knockouts and knockouts shall be governed by 92:10-5-12. Post-bout medical examinations shall be governed by 92:10-5-16.