# INITIAL RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

# TITLE 92. OKLAHOMA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

# CHAPTER 1. GENERAL AGENCY RULES

## 1. A STATEMENT OF THE NEED FOR THE RULE AND LEGAL BASIS SUPPORTING IT:

The Oklahoma State Athletic Commission proposes amendments to seven sections of Chapter 1: 92:1-1-4, 92:1-3-2, 92:1-5-1, 92:1-5-4, 92:1-7-2, 92:1-7-6, and 92:1-9-3. The amendments replace outdated office and meeting-location references, consolidate overlapping officer and petition provisions, revise written communication and hearing-notice language, and establish a common framework for professional and amateur combative sports to follow applicable Association of Boxing Commissions and Combat Sports (ABC) rules or Commission-approved alternatives.

These amendments are needed to address obsolete administrative information and duplicate competition requirements and to improve clarity and consistency in agency administration. The legal basis is 3A O.S. §§ 603 and 604.2, authorizing Commission rulemaking and regulation under the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act, 3A O.S. §§ 601 et seq. Rulemaking is conducted pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, including 75 O.S. § 303.

## 2. A CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED RULES:

Preliminary classification: Nonmajor

The amendments are primarily administrative consolidation and a common competition-rule framework. The implementation and compliance costs to businesses, government entities, or individuals are not expected to exceed one million dollars ($1,000,000) within the initial five-year period. No new fees, equipment, or reporting obligations are created by these amendments. There are no expected annual implementation and compliance costs because of these rule changes.

## 3. DESCRIPTION AND DETERMINATION OF FEDERAL MANDATE, FEDERAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, AND WHETHER THE PROPOSED RULE EXCEEDS APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS:

The proposed rules are not mandated by federal law, nor are they a condition of participation in a federally subsidized or assisted program. The amendments are based solely on state statutory authority and do not exceed any applicable federal requirements.

## 4. CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED, CLASSES BEARING COSTS, AND COST IMPACT INFORMATION RECEIVED:

Persons affected include licensees and applicants subject to administrative proceedings. The amendments are procedural and are not expected to create new costs for affected persons or entities.

## 5. PERSONS BENEFITING, VALUE OF BENEFITS, AND EXPECTED HEALTH OUTCOMES:

Participants, promoters, officials, and the public benefit from more consistent competition requirements and clearer access to governing rules. Petitioners and parties benefit from simplified administrative language, subject to preservation of statutory notice and hearing protections. The Commission may benefit from reduced duplication and fewer requests to resolve inconsistent requirements.

No reliable dollar value of these benefits or measured health outcome has been supplied. The intended health benefit is more consistent application of sport-appropriate rules and prior review of alternatives; a quantified reduction in injury risk is not established by the supplied materials.

**6. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS, INCLUDING AGENCY STAFFING, IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE COSTS, AND FEE CHANGES:**

The proposed rules do not impose economic burdens on the public. No additional full-time position is required by the proposed text. The amendments are expected to improve internal administrative efficiency.

**7. METHODOLOGY AND ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The proposed rules are procedural in nature and do not establish or modify any substantive business obligations or fees.

**8. IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTATION OR ENFORCEMENT:**

There is no anticipated economic impact on any political subdivisions, and their cooperation is not required.

**9. ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:**

There is no anticipated impact on small businesses.

**10. EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE COSTS AND IMPACT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND INDIVIDUALS:**

The Agency has made efforts to minimize costs, as well as limiting the number and scope of amendments.

**11. EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT RISKS AND EXPECTED RISK REDUCTION:**

The proposed rules are anticipated to have a positive effect on license and enhance fairness, transparency, and efficiency in administrative rule and proceedings and do not alter any public health standards. These rule changes will ensure the Agency can continue to protect public health.

**12. DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT ADOPTION:**

None anticipated.

**13. ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES TO ADOPTING THE RULE:**

Alternatives to adopting the rule include retaining existing rules; obsolete agency address; retaining separate sport-specific competition provisions.

**14. ESTIMATED STATE EMPLOYEE TIME AND OTHER RESOURCES USED TO DEVELOP THE RULE:**

OSAC employees have spent a combined 10 staff hours on review and development. The commission and our Assistant Attorney General counsel spent combined 2 hours on review.

**15. SUMMARY AND PRELIMINARY COMPARISON OF EXISTING OR PROPOSED FEDERAL REGULATIONS:**

The relevant federal comparator is 15 U.S.C. §§ 6301–6313, including the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 and Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act. Those provisions address professional boxing safety, boxer registration, suspension review, and commercial integrity. They do not prescribe OSAC office locations, its petition format, or a rule system for all state-regulated sports.

**16. PREPARATION AND MODIFICATION DATES:**

This rule impact statement was initially prepared on October 6, 2026.