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Commission Meeting Minutes of 2/1/2023

Board Members Present: Kyle Jared Wills - Chair
James W Grow, Jr
Kaleb Redden

Division Staff: Kent Absec, Executive Officer
Greg Loos, General Counsel
Elizabeth Kukla, Licensing Supervisor
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent: Kip Dribnak
Thomas Fleming

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 PM by Kyle Jared Wills.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation: Mr. Absec explained the purpose and process of ZBR. The Commission reviewed its administrative rules to eliminate duplicative or outdated requirements, remove unnecessary barriers, and to increase the readability of the rules.

Rule 10 – Definitions: The Commission discussed adding language to establish that fighting without gloves is not permissible in Idaho and to prohibit bare-knuckle boxing. The Commission also discussed possibly adding a definition for “gloves.” No changes were made. The Commission also added language to establish a minimum number of rounds, fights, and times per event.

Rule 101 – Combatant: The Commission discussed adding a definition for a serious head injury to protect fighters. Division staff made suggestions including changing the language to allow for a more comprehensive examination by the physician to determine a serious head injury; authorizing the examining physician to make such a determination, which eliminates the need for a definition; and updating the rule to state that a Physician’s Assistant cannot perform examinations for licensure. The Commission changed the language to state that only a certified physician may perform pre-licensure examinations for a serious head injury.

Rule 101.03 – Additional Examination: The Commission changed the language from “take this examination” to “fulfill these medical requirements.”

Rule 102 – Ability of Combatant: The Commission added a reference to Idaho Codes §§ 54-406 and 67-2614 for clarity.

Rule 103 – Honoring Actions of Regulatory Agencies in Other Jurisdictions: The Commission added language granting authority to suspend a combatant for medical reasons. The Commission discussed the merits of taking the Technical Knock Out chart out of the rule and putting it in policy.

Rule 101 – Combatant: Mr. Absec proposed combining subsections 04- 06 into a single subsection because they all pertain to blood and drug testing. The Commission accepted the change.

Rule 104 – Time Between Contests: To eliminate duplication, the Commission replaced the language and chart with a reference to Idaho Code § 54-407.

Rule 106 – Requirements for License as a Promoter: The Commission discussed the possibility of requiring a credit report from promoters. No changes were made.

Rule 107 – Health Insurance: The Commission added a reference to Idaho Code § 54-408(5) which states that promoters must obtain health insurance to cover injuries sustained by people other than the promoter.

Rule 108.01 – Surety Bond or Other Security: The Commission removed language that was duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-408.

Rule 108.03 – Surety Bond or Other Security: The Commission discussed whether this subsection is necessary due to similarities with the statute. No changes were made.

Rule 109.03 – Approval of Sanctioned Event Permits: The Commission deleted this as duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-409.

Rule 111 – Non-Combatant Licenses: The Commission removed Non-Combatant from the title of the rule and removed redundant language about promoters.

Rule 114.02 – Officials of Events: The Commission added language that allows the Commissioner to withdraw its approval of an announcer at any time.

Rule 115.01 – Referees: The Commission updated the rule to state that the Commission approves the referee rather than selects them. The Commission removed language about the referee's fee as duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-406(i).

Rule 115.02 – Protests: The Commission changed the rule to require that referees be announced ahead of any event to allow time for protest from a combatant.

Rule 116 – Judges: The Commission changed the rule to require that judges be announced ahead of any event to allow time for protest from a combatant.

Rule 116.03 – Fees: This was deleted as duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-412.

Rule 116.05 – Physical Examination: The Commission added language stating that all judges must have 20/20 vision.

Rule 117 – Denial or Revocation of License: Division staff will reword this rule for conciseness.

Rule 118 – Penalties for Certain Violations – Review by Commission: The Commission discussed what authority it has when administering fines. Language was added that authorizes fines for nonfighters who do not follow the law or rules. The Commission removed subsection 01 as unnecessary because the rule has never been used.

Rule 119 – Suspension and Revocation of Licenses: The Commission added language that disallows fighters to participate in events if they have a suspended or revoked license in Idaho or any other state.

Rule 119.01 – Comply with Suspensions: Division staff will reword the rule to clarify that only licensed fighters can participate in events.

Rule 119.02 – Specific Actions: The Commission struck language that required a promoter to refund someone who has been ejected from an event.

Rule 120 – Fees: The Commission discussed fees and Mr. Wills stated that the fee amount is the number one complaint he gets. Mr. Absec stated that there is currently a three-year moratorium on changing fees.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM MT.

The next meeting is on 02/21/2023.