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Commission Meeting Minutes of 5/2/2023

Commission Members Present: Kyle Jared Wills - Chair
Division Staff: Kent Absec, Executive Officer
James W Grow, Jr.
Greg Loos, Legal Counsel
Kaleb Redden, D.O.
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

Commission Members Absent: Marvin Crane
Kip Dribnak
Thomas Fleming

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by Kyle Jared Wills.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation: Mr. Absec restated the purpose of Zero-Based Regulation. The Commission reviewed suggested updates designed to eliminate duplicative or outdated requirements, remove unnecessary barriers, and increase the ease of readability in its administrative rules. The changes approved are as follows:

Rule 02.02 – Incorporation By Reference – Mr. Absec stated that Rule 02 was updated with current dates.

Rule 10.01 Definitions – Combatant – Mr. Absec stated that this rule has been removed as it is duplicative in statute, as is Rule 04 Martial Arts and 05 Ticket, which have also been removed.

Rule 100 – Licensing - The rule was arranged to remove Examination by Physician but to leave all other categories, adjusting the language in Additional Examination. The Commission agreed to table the discussion for 02 Additional Examination due to unsanctioned entities until additional comments are received.

Rule 205.03.a – Procedure For Testing For Prohibited Substance(s) - The Commission updated language to give the Commission discretion to administer a drug test at any event for both combatants.

Rule 503 – Required Number Of Ambulances - The Commission struck the rule as it is duplicative of the statute.

Rule 104 Female Combatants – Mr. Absec stated there were no changes to Rule 104.

Rule 106 – Requirements For Licensure As A Promoter - The Commission struck the rule as the promoter still needs to apply for licensure and bond. The Commission has never used this rule as it is duplicative of the application process.

Rule 107 – Health Insurance - The Commission shortened language in the rule as duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-408.

Rule 108.a – Surety Bond Or Other Security - The Commission struck the rule as redundant of Rule 108.3.b.

Rule 118 – Suspension And Revocation Of License - The Commission added language in the new Temporary Suspension subsection that gave the Commission the authority to suspend a combatant, matchmaker, or promoter who engages with a suspended manager.

Rule 119 – Fees - The Commission discussed reducing fees for combatants and officials. Mr. Absec stated that fee changes will not happen at this time due to upcoming costs to the Commission for the new DOPL licensing system. No changes were made.

Rule 207 – Promoter’s Advances To Combatant Or Manager Or Occurrence Of Dept On His Behalf – Mr. Loos stated that he will research Rule 207 and bring additional information for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

Rule 208 Payments Of Combatants – Mr. Loos stated that contractual language is being removed and language directly affecting the Commission’s tax allowance will remain in rule.

Rule 209 – Combatant Not To Have Promoter Or Certain Others Act As Manager Or Hold - The Commission removed Rule 209 because the Commission has no authority over private contracts or agreements between two private individuals or parties.

Rule 213 Failure of Combatant To Appear – Mr. Loos stated that Rule 213 has been eliminated in its entirety as duplicative of Discipline Rule 117.

Rule 500 – Postponement Of Program - The Commission combined subsection 04 into subsection 03.

Rule 502.02 – Reporting - Mr. Absec stated that Rule 502.02 was removed as that would be a Division guidance for staff rather than a rule directing licensees.

Rule 600 – Advance Appearance Of Combatants Scheduled To Fight In Main Event - The Commission struck the rule because it pertains to the promotor’s policy and contract with the combatant, not to the Commission’s authority.

Rule 601 – Weighing In Of Combatants - The Commission struck subsections 05 and 06 because the Commission does not do same-day weigh-ins but has the discretion to allow same-day weigh-ins.

Rule 605.01 – Suitable Examination Place - The Commission will retain this rule due to comments and complaints received stating that unsuitable examination areas have been a safety problem at events.

Rule 614 – Stopping Of Contest – Combatant Not Honestly Competing - The Commission changed the language from “honestly competing” to “intelligently defending themselves.”

Rule 700.06 – Use Of Official Rules For Art - The Commission changed the language to give the Commission authority to review non-incorporated rules before issuing a sanctioning permit.

Rule 802 Knockdown Of Boxing Combatant – Procedure Of Counting – The Commission agreed with the changes in Rule 802 and also with striking Rule 802.06 Combatants Down Referee Counting as it conflicts with the National Boxing rules.

Rule 117 – Discipline – The Commission added subsection ‘k’ stating that any combatant who participates in an event not sanctioned by the American Boxing Commission is suspended for sixty (60) days and is required to submit to a new blood panel.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.