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Commission Meeting Minutes of 2/21/2023

Board Members Kyle Jared Wills - Chair **Division** Kent Absec, Executive Officer
Present: James W Grow, Jr **Staff:** Lizzie Kukla, Licensing Supervisor
Kaleb Redden Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Kip Dribnak
Absent: Thomas Fleming

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Kyle Jared Wills.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation: Mr. Absec restated the purpose of Zero-Based Regulation. The Board reviewed suggested updates designed to eliminate duplicative or outdated requirements, remove unnecessary barriers, and increase the ease of readability in its administrative rules. Unless otherwise stated, the Board agreed to all suggestions presented.

Rule 200 – Physician Qualifications: The Board discussed adding language stating that preference will be given to non-operative sports medicine fellowship-trained physicians who have added qualifications from the Association of Ringside Physicians, followed by emergency room and family practice trained physicians. After further discussion, the decision was made to add a statement that physicians must be approved by the Commission. Division staff will provide language for this at the next meeting.

Rule 201 – Physician’s Determination of Fitness of Combatants and Referee – Certification – Report: The Commission moved Rule 203 to become a subsection of this rule.

Rule 204 – Preparations to Stop Hemorrhaging: The Commission discussed whether this should be banned, remain in rule as-is, or if it should be left up to a qualified physician. Dr. Redden stated that these decisions are generally made by the corner man during an event. The Commission proposed language that requires Commission approval of anti-hemorrhaging agents before any fight. Division staff will compare other states’ requirements and provide language at the next meeting.

Rule 205 – Prohibited Substances: The Commission replaced the United States Anti-Doping Agency reference with the World Anti-Doping Association.

Rule 205.03 – Procedure for Testing for Prohibited Substance(s): The Commission removed unnecessary language that restated the Commission’s right to administer drug tests to combatants with a recent history of drug abuse. The Commission condensed subsection b to state that the Commission’s approved physician or agent will oversee specimen collection and delivery.

Rule 206 – Rule 216 (Excluding Rule 213): Mr. Loos explained to the Commission that rules 206 through 216 are all concerned with financial agreements between combatants, managers, and promoters. He asked the Commission if it is in favor of combining these rules into a single rule with multiple subsections. The Commission was in favor of this and Division staff will provide language at the next meeting. The Commission requested that language be added addressing payment distribution for fights ending in a draw.

Rule 213 – Failure of Combatant to Appear: The Commission reworded language for conciseness and ease of readability. The Commission added that notice of cancelation must be received before Commission weigh-ins.

Rule 299 – Changes to Main and Semi-Main Events: The Commission combined subsection 03 into subsection 01.

Rule 300 – Program for Charity: The Commission requested that Division staff rewrite this rule to state that charity events are not regulated by the Commission and any charity event agrees to hold the Idaho Athletic Commission harmless.

Rule 400 – Admission Fee at Quarters Where Combatant Trains: The Commission requested that language be added specifying that no admission shall be charged without prior approval from the Commission. The Commission also discussed the possibility of adding language stating that it only regulates events whose ticket proceeds are not going to charity but determined that this was redundant.

Rule 401 – Tickets Limited to Seating Capacity of Arena: The Commission removed the second sentence because the State regulates seating based on fire codes.

Rule 403 – Contents of Tickets: Division staff asked for additional information regarding industry standards. The Commission discussed whether it was necessary to have this in rule, and that it was perhaps grounded in past events when promoters were not honest about the number of tickets sold. The Commission discussed whether this rule is outdated due to digital tickets and will seek feedback from promoters.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM MT.

The next meeting is on 03/08/2023.