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Commission Meeting Minutes of 09/12/2024

Commission	Lewis Stoddard - Commissioner	Division	John Price, Executive Officer
Members	James W Grow, Jr	Staff:	Greg Loos, General Counsel
Present:	Ryan Lanham		Allegra Earl, Licensing Unit Manager
			Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

Commission Marvin Crain
Members
Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Lewis Stoddard.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation: The Commission reviewed its proposed rules and made the changes outlined below:

Rule 002.03 – Athlete Guide to the 2024 Prohibited List: The Commission updated the incorporation by reference to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Rule 101.02 – Additional Examination: The language was changed to “Any licensed combatant who participates in an unsanctioned event, as determined by the Commission, will need to submit to a new physical or produce proof of medical clearance acceptable to the commission” to add clarity.

Rule 103 – Suspension: The Commission reorganized the rule structure for clarity and flow into four subsections covering suspension, violation of Laws and Rules, honoring actions of agencies in other jurisdictions, and other. No substantive changes to the content were made to the rule language.

Rule 112.02 – Commission Involvement: The Commission struck “which may be withdrawn at any time” as unnecessary language.

Rule 113.01 – Selection: The Commission struck this rule as unnecessary since promoters choose the referees.

Rule 115.02.g – Suspension and Revocation: The Commission struck the rule as unnecessary and too broad.

Rule 115.04 – Disciplinary Action for Use of Dishonest Methods: The Commission changed the language to read “will not be eligible to be reinstated” to clarify that the process is not automatic.

Rule 115.05 – Temporary Suspension: The Commission changed the language to clarify that this rule only applies during a sanctioned event.

Rule 115.07 – Unsanctioned Events: The Commission struck the rule as redundant to Rule 101.02.

Rule 116 – Amateur Athletic Sanctioning Organizations: The Commission changed the language to give the Commission sole discretion to approve entities to hold sanctioned amateur events that meet the requirements laid out in the subsections in the rule.

Rule 117 – Fees: Mr. Price stated that after researching the projected cash balance based on previous changes to fees, the commission must revert the fees to their original amounts before changes at the last meeting. The fees changed in the proposed rule chapter have been reverted to the original fees as written in the currently effective rule chapter.

Rule 204 – Prohibited Substances: The Commission struck language referencing WADA as redundant to Rule 002.03 and added a reference to Rule 002.03.

Rule 204.03.b – Procedure for Testing for Prohibited Substance(s): The Commission changed the language to give the Commission the authority to conduct and oversee drug testing of combatants, that only water may be consumed by a combatant from the time a drug test is requested to the time of collection.

Rule 204.03.c – Procedure for Testing for Prohibited Substance(s): The Commission will ensure the chain of custody of the sample to the testing laboratory.

Rule 205 – Percentage of Gate Receipts to Combatant: The Commission changed the language from “price” to “value” of complimentary tickets to be deducted for combatant percentage payment.

Rule 207.02 – Combatants: The Commission struck the first two sentences of the rule as an overstep of authority by the Commission on a contract between a promoter and a combatant.

Rule 207.03 – Promoters: The Commission struck “advanced for transportation and maintenance” as an overstep of authority by the Commission on a contract between a promoter and a combatant.

Rule 207.05 – Timing: The Commission deleted the last sentence as unnecessary because a receipt of payment is sufficient proof of payment.

Rule 300 – Program for Charity: The Commission revised the language to state, “A promoter may present an event for charity upon application to the Commission. The Commission will review any application that includes the name of the benefiting charity and EIN establishing 501(c)(3) or (6) status before issuing a sanctioning permit for the contest or exhibition at the Commission's sole discretion. The Commission may waive any rules within this chapter, including fees, for charity events.” This language will allow a path for charity events to be sanctioned by the Commission.

Rule 300.02 – Certified Itemized Statement: The Commission changed the timeframe to submit the itemized statement to the Commission from 72 hours to 5 business days based on stakeholder feedback.

Rule 400.01.e – Tickets: The Commission struck “medical” from emergency medical personnel to allow police and fire personnel to be included in the “emergency personnel” definition.

Rule 400.01.f – Tickets: The Commission moved the language identifying non-medical emergency personnel to 400.01.e. The Commission moved language exempting the press from purchasing tickets from 400.02.b into this rule.

Rule 400.02.a – Complimentary Tickets: The Commission struck the rule as violating Idaho Code § 54-411(2).

Rule 400.02.b – Complimentary Tickets: The Commission struck the rule as redundant of the new language in Rule 400.01.f.

Rule 400.03 – Tickets: The Commission swapped the language in Rule 400.04 and Rule 400.03 to make the structure flow better. The Commission changed “gross revenue” to “all revenue” in the new language for Rule 400.03.

Rule 400.03.a – Tickets: The Commission changed the language to state a licensee cannot resell tickets because prohibiting all reselling of tickets is too broad and unenforceable.

Rule 415 – Tickets – Removal and Retention After Match – Destruction: The Commission moved language about the promoter maintaining records related to tickets and revenues for at least six (6) months to Rule 400.05 and deleted the rest as outdated.

Rule 501 – Medical Preparedness: The Commission changed language to state medical personnel must be present at a sanctioned event to ensure medical personnel is on-site at an event.

Rule 700.02 – Gloves: The Commission struck the first sentence as redundant to the rest of the proposed rule.

Rule 800.06.b – Bandaging of Combatant’s Hand: The Commission reintroduced language that allows a combatant to waive the privilege to witness the bandaging of their opponent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessie Brock, Straight Blast Gym Idaho, commented that no decreases in fees will hurt the growth of the industry in Idaho.

John Holsman, Idaho MMA, stated the fees are too high and are especially detrimental to the amateur program. He stated that the amateur program builds the professional industry and is the main contributing factor to industry growth in Idaho. He stated lower amateur fees would get more athletes into the sport and attract more events to Idaho.

Chris Reyna, Sidekicks MMA, echoed what Mr. Holsman said and stated there is no amateur program to get the professional industry going in Idaho and advocated for lower fees for amateurs.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.