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MEMORANDUM

To: ALL LICENSED PROMOTERS AND MATCHMAKERS

From: Dr. Luther Mack, Chairman

Date: June 16, 2003

Subject: MRI/MRA Testing Requirement

Effective June 15, 2003, every professional boxer, mixed martial artist, elimination boxer and kickboxer must furnish the Nevada Athletic Commission (Commission) with the written results of both a brain MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) and cerebral MRA (magnetic resonance angiography) as a requirement of licensure by the Commission. Such testing is not an annual requirement.

The MRI/MRA may be performed by any medical provider. However, the MRI is to be performed on a 1.5 Tesla MR machine with capabilities including fast spin echo and FLAIR imaging, and image sequences should include axial T1, T2, and FLAIR images; coronal images should be performed as a T2 coronal; and a single sagittal T1 sequence. The MRA is to include left and right internal carotids, vertebral and basilar arteries as well as the Circle of Willis.

Fighters who have had a brain MRI within five years of the date they next apply for licensure or the date of their next proposed contest in Nevada are exempt from this new requirement. If such an MRI has been performed, the written results must be submitted to the Commission office with the fighter's application, or by the weigh-in for his or her next proposed contest in Nevada. The above-referenced results will be maintained in the Commission office.

Moreover, any fighter who became licensed for this year on or before June 14, 2003, may compete in one more contest in 2003 before he or she is subject to this requirement. However, we strongly recommend that even these fighters get a brain MRI and cerebral MRA before their next contest of unarmed combat.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a copy of the Commission's medical requirements as they now stand. The Commission and its Medical Advisory Board maintain the right to require that a follow-up scan, or any other medical test, be completed prior to any contest in Nevada.

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The Commission will assist you in obtaining a referral for the testing if you need such help. You or the fighter may contact Commission Medical Advisory Board Chairman Dr. Margaret Goodman at (702) 255-8785 for a referral.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me, any other Commissioner, Dr. Margaret Goodman, or Executive Director Marc Ratner.

Enclosure

cc: Nevada Athletic Commissioners
Marc Ratner, Executive Director
Dr. Margaret Goodman, Medical Advisory Board Chairman
Keith E. Kizer, Chief Deputy Attorney General

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REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A LICENSED UNARMED COMBATANT IN NEVADA

For a professional boxer, kick boxer, or mixed martial artist between the ages of **18 - 35**, who has fought a professional fight in the last 36 months, has not fought over 350 professional rounds and is not under suspension in another state, the applicant will need the following basic requirements to get a license.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application (both sides)
2. Two passport size photographs
3. $25 license fee
4. Dilated ophthalmologic examination by an Ophthalmologist only - This must be done more than 24 hours before the fight.
5. Report of physical examination including an original laboratory report with the boxers name and the date the HIV and Hepatitis B & C tests were taken. The HIV test must be done within 30 days of submitting all requirements to become licensed. The Hepatitis B & C tests can be done within the calendar year.
6. MRI of brain without contrast/MRA cerebral circulation (unless brain MRI completed within last five years - If done, forward results for review). This is a one time requirement, unless otherwise ordered.
7. Federal ID Card - If a professional boxer.

For an AMATEUR boxer, kick boxer, or mixed martial artist who is going to make his professional debut the following requirements are needed in addition to the basic requirements.

1. Electrocardiogram (EKG)
2. Urinalysis
3. Additional blood tests: CBC, Electrolytes, VDRL/RPR
4. Certified copy of birth certificate
5. Copy of amateur record

For a professional boxer, kick boxer, or mixed martial artist who has reached 36 years of age or will reach 36 years of age during the calendar year; or has fought in excess of 350 rounds since being licensed as a professional boxer; or has not fought in the last 36 months, the following requirements are needed in addition to the basic requirements. THIS LICENSE REQUIRES COMMISSION APPROVAL PER NAC 467.017, SUBMIT ALL TESTS RESULTS AS SOON AS COMPLETED:

1. In conjunction with the report of physical examination, a documented neurological examination.
2. Additional blood tests: CBC, chemistry panel including electrolytes, creatinine, and liver function.
3. Electrocardiogram (EKG)
4. Chest x-ray - valid for 6 years
5. Urinalysis
6. **LINE BY LINE TOTAL FIGHT RECORD**

If any of the testing is abnormal or questionable the appropriate specialist will be consulted. Any and all additional testing and referrals deemed necessary by the original examining physician should be obtained. The tests will be valid for a two-year period unless extenuating circumstances occur. Once the Medical Advisory Board has reviewed the medical data, and your record and ability to box has been determined, the commission will vote at a public meeting on whether or not to issue a license.

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