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NOTICE OF HEARING AND AGENDA FOR THE ADOPTION OF RULES OF THE NEVADA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

The Nevada State Athletic Commission ("Commission") will hold a public hearing¹ on **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**, commencing at **9:00 a.m.** at:

**Nevada Business Center
3300 W. Sahara Ave., Nevada Room #400
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102**

Teleconferencing will be available for those parties unable to attend the public hearing in person. Teleconference number: **1-775-321-6111** Phone Conference ID: **196 583 951 #**

The Commission is proposing amendments to the rules pertaining to the governing of unarmed combat in the State of Nevada pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 467.075. The Commission will receive testimony from all interested persons and consider and act on the proposed adoption of the rules. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Commission may proceed to immediately act upon any written submissions.

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed rules:

1. Amend NRUC 2.030(1) to clarify that gauze, tape, or the combination of both gauze and tape, may be used as a bandage for the hands.
2. Amend NRUC 2.040(2) to add fenced area to the prohibition against the use of ammonia.
3. Amend NRUC 3.030(5) to clarify that representatives of the media must be admitted to weigh-ins only if the weigh-ins are open to the public and that the Chief Inspector, the

¹ The public hearing has been scheduled as an agenda item on the Commission's regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Executive Director, or the designee of either, may for good cause prohibit the admittance of any person to any weigh-in. Also, to add examples of causes for removal or prohibitions of admittance from or to weigh-ins.

4. Amend NRUC 4.020 to add a section allowing the ringside physician, Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee to prohibit the use of any substance, material, or equipment during a contest or exhibition that would otherwise be permitted by the section, and to add a section to allow the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee to allow the use of any substance, material, or equipment during a contest or exhibition that is otherwise not specifically permitted by the section.
5. To take such additional action as may be necessary and proper to effectuate these stated purposes.

Please submit any written comments no later than October 22, 2024.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed rules may be obtained at the adoption hearing, by visiting Nevada State Athletic Commission's website at www.boxing.nv.gov, or by contacting the Nevada State Athletic Commission at 3300 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 450, Las Vegas Nevada 89102, or at fmason@boxing.nv.gov. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged. Members of the public who would like additional information about a proposed rules may contact Frankie Mason, Management Analyst II, at (702) 486-2575, or via email to fmason@boxing.nv.gov.

Notice of the adoption hearing was provided via U.S. Mail and electronic means to all persons on the agency's e-mail list for noticing of administrative regulations and of other agency actions. This *Notice of Hearing and Agenda for the Adoption of Rules of the Nevada Athletic Commission* was posted to the agency's Internet website at www.boxing.nv.gov, the official website of the State at notice.nv.gov, and at the following location:

Nevada State Athletic Commission
3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 450
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the hearing are requested to give written notice no later than five (5) working days before the hearing to: Nevada State Athletic Commission, 3300 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 450, Las Vegas Nevada 89102, or Frankie Mason at fmason@boxing.nv.gov

DATED this 24th day of September 2024.


JEFF MULLEN, Executive Director



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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

A duly authorized meeting of the Nevada State Athletic Commission ("Commission") will be held on **Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 400 (Nevada Room)** of the **Nevada Business Center, 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102.**

A. CALL TO ORDER.

B. ROLL CALL.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT. Comments from the public are invited at this time prior to the commencement of possible action items. The Chairman of the Commission reserves the right to limit the amount of time that will be allowed for each individual to speak. The Commission is precluded from acting on items raised during Public Comment that are not on the agenda.

D. MINUTES. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2024, *for possible action.*

E. CONSENT AGENDA. [The consent agenda of the monthly Commission meeting will be heard at this time. It will be published no later than three days prior to the meeting.]

F. NEW BUSINESS. [The new business agenda of the monthly Commission meeting will be heard at this time. It will be published no later than three days prior to the meeting.]

G. PUBLIC HEARING. Public hearing to discuss and adopt proposed Nevada Rules of Unarmed Combat, *for possible action.*

H. PUBLIC HEARING. Public hearing to discuss and adopt proposed permanent regulation as identified in **LCB File No. R104-24P**, *for possible action.*

- I. Public Comment.** Comments from the public are invited at this time. The Chairman of the Commission reserves the right to limit the amount of time that will be allowed for each individual to speak.

J. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

K. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

L. ADJOURNMENT. *For possible action.*

The Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please submit your request via email to Frankie Mason (fmason@boxing.nv.gov) or fax 702-486-2577 or call 702-486-2575.

Items may be taken out of order. The Commission may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Commission may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. Support material for this agenda is available at the NSAC office or you may contact Frankie Mason.

**THESE NOTICES AND AGENDA HAVE BEEN POSTED AT THE
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Posted on web site: boxing.nv.gov and notice.nv.gov

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| 2. | Nevada State Athletic Commission | 3300 W. Sahara Avenue,
Suite 450 | Las Vegas, NV
89102 |
| 3. | Department of Business & Industry | 3300 W. Sahara Avenue | Las Vegas, NV
89102 |
| 5. | Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records Administrator | 100 North Stewart Street
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nslaposting@admin.nv.gov | Carson City, NV
89701 |

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE
NEVADA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

Draft Date: March 4, 2024

EXPLANATION – Matter in *blue italics* is new material; and matter between ~~[red brackets with single strikethrough]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY – §§ 1 - 3, NRS 467.075.

A RULE relating to unarmed combat; clarifying permissible procedures for hand wrapping; clarifying a promoter's responsibilities for admission of media at public weigh-ins; providing ringside physician's, the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee authority under certain circumstances to preclude the use of a substance, material, or equipment during a contest or exhibition; providing the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee authority under certain circumstances to allow the use of a substance, material, or equipment during a contest or exhibition that is not otherwise specifically permitted; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. The Nevada Rules of Unarmed Combat 2.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NRUC 2.030 Requirements for bandages for hands of unarmed combatant. (~~NRS 467.030,~~ NRS 467.075)

1. Bandages on each hand of an unarmed combatant are restricted to soft gauze that is not more than 2 inches in width and 30 yards in length, including the knuckle pad, held in place by surgeon's or other cloth tape approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee, that is not more than 2 inches in width and not more than 10 yards in length. The knuckle pad may be folded, but must not be rolled or twisted. The tape must be placed at least three-fourths of an inch away from the knuckles when the hand is clenched into a fist. Gauze, ~~[or]~~ tape, *or both gauze and tape*, that is not more than .5 inches in width may be placed between the fingers to secure the knuckle pad.

2. An unarmed combatant must have his or her hands wrapped and bandages adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of an inspector, the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, and the unarmed combatants or their respective representatives. Either

unarmed combatant may waive his or her privilege of witnessing the bandaging of his or her opponent's hands.

Sec. 2. NRUC 3.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NRUC 2.040 Equipment of chief second; inspection of first-aid kit. (~~NRS 467.030,~~ NRS 467.075)

1. The chief second shall equip himself or herself with:
 - (a) A sealable clear plastic water bottle;
 - (b) Ice in a sealable, plastic package or mesh-style zippered bag;
 - (c) A solution or product of a kind approved by the Commission for stopping hemorrhaging;
 - (d) Surgeon's or other cloth tape approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee;
 - (e) Gauze;
 - (f) Scissors; and
 - (g) One extra mouthpiece.
2. No ammonia may be used in the *ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the fenced area.*
3. The ringside physician or the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee may, at any time, inspect the contents of the chief second's first-aid kit and, for good cause shown, prohibit the presence or use of any substance, material, or instrument that is not otherwise permitted by the NRUC, chapter 467 of NAC, or chapter 467 of NRS.

Sec. 3. NRUC 3.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NRUC 3.030 Procedure for weigh-in. (~~NRS 467.030, NRS 467.155,~~ NRS 467.075)

1. Each unarmed combatant must be weighed in the presence of his or her opponent, a representative of the Commission and a representative of the promoter, at a time and place designated by the Executive Director. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission or the Executive Director, the weigh-in must occur in the presence of the public. When a weigh-in is open to the public, the promoter shall arrange for reasonable space for interested members of the public to attend the weigh-in.
2. The weigh-in must not proceed until the scales are examined and approved by the Executive Director, the Chief Inspector, or a designee of either.
3. The promoter shall arrange for the scales to be used during the weigh-in to be properly calibrated in advance of the weigh-in by a calibrator approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee. The promoter shall provide proof of calibration to the Chief Inspector or the Chief Inspector's designee before the start of the weigh-in.

4. The unarmed combatant must have all weights stripped from his or her body before weighing in, but may wear shorts and, if the unarmed combatant is female, a top.

5. Representatives of the media who properly identify themselves as such must be admitted to each official weigh-in *that is open to the public*. The promoter shall arrange for adequate space for all interested members of the media to attend ~~[the]~~ a weigh-in *that is open to the public. The Chief Inspector, the Executive Director, or the designee of either, may prohibit the admittance of, or order the removal of, any person to any weigh-in. Cause for the removal or prohibited admittance of a person under this section may include, but is not limited to:*

(a) Disruptive behavior;

(b) The promoter of the weigh-in communicates to the Chief Inspector, the Executive Director, or the designee of either, that the representative of the media was mistakenly or improperly admitted to the weigh-in; or

(c) Any other cause caused deemed sufficient in the sole and absolute judgment of the Chief Inspector, the Executive Director, or the designee of either.

6. The promoter of the contest or exhibition for which the weigh-in is being held shall ensure there is adequate security for the unarmed combatant and other persons who are present.

7. The Commission, the Executive Director, or a designee of either, may require unarmed combatants to be weighed more than once for any cause deemed sufficient by the Commission, the Executive Director, or a designee of either.

Sec. 4. NRUC 4.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NRUC 4.020 Proper attire and equipment of unarmed combatants. (~~[NRS 467.030,]~~
NRS 467.075)

1. Each unarmed combatant must provide himself or herself with an outfit, which is subject to the approval of the Commission, the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee.

2. Each unarmed combatant must appear in proper attire. The unarmed combatants may not wear the same colors in the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the fenced area, without the approval of the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee.

3. The belt of the trunks must not extend above the waist line.
4. Each unarmed combatant must wear:
 - (a) A mouthpiece which has been individually fitted.
 - (b) If the unarmed combatant is competing in a contest or exhibition of boxing, an abdominal protector that will protect him or her against injury from a foul blow. The abdominal protector must not cover or extend above the umbilicus.
 - (c) If the unarmed combatant is male and competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts, kickboxing, Muay Thai, or another variation of unarmed combat, groin protection.
 - (d) If the unarmed combatant is female, a top approved by the Commission, the Executive Director, or a designee of either.
 - (e) If the unarmed combatant is female and competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts, a sports bra or a form-fitting rash guard which is either sleeveless or which has sleeves that end above the elbow.
5. An unarmed combatant may not wear contact lenses during the contest or exhibition in which he or she is participating.
6. Each unarmed combatant must have his or her hair secured in a manner that does not interfere with the vision or safety of either unarmed combatant.
7. An unarmed combatant competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts may not wear:
 - (a) Shoes or any padding on his or her feet during the contest; or
 - (b) A loose-fitting top.
8. An unarmed combatant may wear a soft, neoprene-type sleeve with the following restrictions:
 - (a) The soft, neoprene-type sleeve may only be worn to cover one or both knee joints or one or both ankle joints;
 - (b) The soft, neoprene-type sleeve must be approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee prior to any bout in which the unarmed combatant intends to wear it;

(c) The soft, neoprene-type sleeve may not have padding, Velcro™, plastic, metal, ties, or any materials considered to be unsafe or that could create an unfair advantage for the unarmed combatant;

(d) The soft, neoprene-type sleeve may not be grabbed advantageously inside or as an unarmed combatant may grab his or her own clothing; and

(e) Surgeon's or other cloth tape and pre-wrap shall be permitted under the soft, neoprenelike sleeve if approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee.

8. The ringside physician, the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee may, for good cause shown, prohibit the use of any substance, material, or equipment during a contest or exhibition that would otherwise be permitted by this section.

9. The Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee may, for good cause shown, allow the use of any substance, material, or equipment during a contest or exhibition that is otherwise not specifically permitted by this section.