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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE OF HEARING AND AGENDA FOR THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NEVADA RULES OF UNARMED COMBAT OF THE NEVADA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

The Nevada State Athletic Commission ("Commission") will hold a public hearing¹ on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, commencing at **9:00 a.m.** at:

**Nevada Business Center
3300 W. Sahara Ave., Red Rock Room #440
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102**

Teleconferencing will be available for those parties unable to attend the public hearing in person. Please call the Commission at (702) 486-2575 for the teleconference number.

The Commission is proposing the adoption of amendments to rules pertaining to the governing of unarmed combat in the State of Nevada pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 467.075. A Copy of the Proposed Amendment to the Rules of the Nevada State Athletic Commission is attached to this Notice. The Commission will receive testimony from all interested persons and consider and take action on the proposed permanent adoption of amendments, additions, and deletions to the NRUC. 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 hearing is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed rules:

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

- 1) Repealing NRUC 5.060(10), removing a provision of what constitutes a foul in Mixed Martial Arts, specifically, the striking downward with the point of the elbow at a straight up and down, linear angle without an arc;
- 2) Revising the subscript of NRUC 5.060, changing the definition of a “grounded opponent” to state that “... an opponent shall be deemed to be a “grounded opponent” when any part of their body other than their hands or feet is in contact with the floor.”;
- 3) Revising the numbering of the subsections of NRUC 5.060 to conform with the removal of NRUC 5.060(10).

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action of the Commission may appear at the above scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Commission. Please submit any written comments no later than November 15, 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 a Proposed Amendment to The Nevada Rules Of Unarmed Combat* 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 17th day of October, 2024.


JEFF MULLEN
Executive Director

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

Draft Date: September 23, 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; repealing a provision of what constitutes a foul in Mixed Martial Arts; clarifying what constitutes a “grounded opponent” when considering a foul in Mixed Martial Arts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. The Nevada Rules of Unarmed Combat 5.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NRUC 5.060 Acts constituting fouls in contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts.

~~(NRS 467.030,)~~ NRS 467.075)

The following acts constitute fouls in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts:

1. Butting with the head.
2. Eye gouging of any kind.
3. Biting.
4. Hair pulling.
5. Fish hooking.
6. Groin attacks of any kind.
7. Placing a finger into any orifice or into any cut or laceration on an opponent.
8. Small joint manipulation.
9. Striking to the spine or the back of the head.
- ~~[10. Striking downward with the point of the elbow at a straight up and down, linear angle without an arc.]~~
- ~~[11.]~~ *10.* Throat strikes of any kind, including, without limitation, grabbing the trachea.
- ~~[12.]~~ *11.* Clawing, pinching or twisting the flesh.

- ~~[13.]~~ 12. Moving an arm toward an opponent with fingers outstretched toward the opponent's face.
- ~~[14.]~~ 13. Kicking the head of a grounded opponent.
- ~~[15.]~~ 14. Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent.
- ~~[16.]~~ 15. Stomping a grounded opponent.
- ~~[17.]~~ 16. Spiking an opponent to the canvas on the opponent's head or neck.
- ~~[18.]~~ 17. Throwing an opponent out of the ring or fenced area.
- ~~[19.]~~ 18. Holding the shorts or gloves of an opponent.
- ~~[20.]~~ 19. Spitting at an opponent or the referee.
- ~~[21.]~~ 20. Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent.
- ~~[22.]~~ 21. Holding or grabbing the ropes or the fence.
- ~~[23.]~~ 22. Using abusive language in the ring or fenced area.
- ~~[24.]~~ 23. Attacking an opponent on or during the break.
- ~~[25.]~~ 24. Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee.
- ~~[26.]~~ 25. Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed combat.
- ~~[27.]~~ 26. Flagrantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.
- ~~[28.]~~ 27. Timidity, including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece or faking an injury.
- ~~[29.]~~ 28. Interference by the corner.
- ~~[30.]~~ 29. Throwing in the towel during competition.
- ~~[31.]~~ 30. Applying any foreign substance to the hair, body, clothing or gloves immediately prior to or during a contest or exhibition that could result in an unfair advantage.
- ~~[32.]~~ 31. If the referee has signaled that the opponent has been knocked out, striking an opponent who is helpless as a result of previous blows and so supported by the ring or fenced area that he or she does not fall.
- ~~[33.]~~ 32. Intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece.

For the purposes of subsections ~~[14]~~ 13 to ~~[16]~~ 15 , inclusive, an opponent shall be deemed to be a "grounded opponent" ~~{if at least one of the opponent's hands is weight bearing on the floor, including, but not limited to, the palm, fingers, or fist, or if one or more of the opponent's body~~

~~parts, other than a hand or sole of a foot, is touching the floor]~~ *when any part of their body other than their hands or feet is in contact with the floor.*