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MEMORANDUM*

To: ALL NEVADA LICENSEES
From: John R. Bailey, Chairman 
Date: May 24, 2008
Subject: Additional Steroid and Drug Testing

Through all of our collective efforts, we have come a long way in eradicating the use of prohibited substances (*e.g.*, steroids) in unarmed combat in Nevada. There is however much work to be done. While the vast majority of our licensed fighters understand the health risks and unfair competitive advantage associated with the use of prohibited substances, the Commission continues to identify a small number of fighters who refuse to comply with our statutes and regulations. There has been some indication through comments made during the Commission's public meetings that these non-compliant fighters have become very sophisticated in the timing of taking prohibited substances.

Therefore, in addition to the steroid and drug tests performed on contestants on fight night, the Commission will be requiring fighters licensed by the Commission, and applicants for such licensure, to submit to these tests when ordered by the Commission at other times during the year. (The costs of these "pre-fight night" tests will be paid by the Commission if funds are available; otherwise, the costs will be paid by the fighter or the promoter.) The process for selecting which fighters are required to submit to these tests will be based on: (i) a random selection; (ii) some indication that a particular fighter may be using a prohibited substance; (iii) the fact that a fighter has previously tested positive for using a prohibited substance; (iv) a request by a Commissioner; or (iv) any other cause determined by the Commission.

The Commission will contact the fighter directly with the ordering of the test, the testing laboratory to be used by the fighter and the timeframe within which the test must be taken. The test results shall be sent directly to the fighter and the Commission only. If a fighter either fails to take the test within the required timeframe or fails the test, the Commission may refuse to license the fighter, refuse to allow the fighter to compete, and/or discipline the fighter. Such discipline may include, but not be limited to, license revocation or suspension, and a monetary fine.

* This Memorandum amends and supersedes the Memorandum issued on January 7, 2008.

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The Commission and its staff appreciate your efforts to ensure that competition between fighters in Nevada is conducted in a fair manner and that each fighter's health is not compromised by the use of prohibited substances. If you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Keith Kizer at (702) 486-2575. As always, please feel free to contact any Commissioner with any concerns you may have.

Thank you.

cc: Nevada Athletic Commissioners
Keith Kizer, Executive Director