

## **RINGSIDE PHYSICIAN**

### **THE POSITION**

A ringside physician, through pre-fight physicals, determines the medical suitability of participants. During contests, physicians monitor and evaluate participants and confer with the referee when necessary. Ringside physicians conduct post-fight physicals and administer emergency assistance to participants until emergency medical personnel assume responsibility. They complete all medical documents required by Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") and the Nevada State Athletic Commission ("NSAC"). A ringside physician is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the NSAC as a licensee.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. A ringside physician licensed through the NSAC must exercise professionalism at all times.
2. A ringside physician duties include the responsibility to medically supervise, oversee and medically monitor unarmed combatants of a during an event.
3. A ringside physician is responsible to use his or her knowledge to medically supervise, oversee and levy appropriate suspensions on unarmed combatants following each contest.
4. A ringside physician must not treat any unarmed combatant except as specifically detailed in NAC 467.071 (5).
5. A ringside physician is bound by and must follow the Nevada State Athletic Commission Ring Officials Code of Ethics and Conduct.
6. A ringside physician is required to communicate effectively on all levels and maintain effective relationships with NSAC as well as all other officials. The ringside physician reports directly to the Executive Director and/or the NSAC and must be prepared to discuss the outcome of any contest they medically oversee.
7. A ringside physician must attend required training sessions and must be able to exhibit knowledge of the required medical statutes and regulations governing unarmed combat found in NRS and NAC Chapter 467.
8. A ringside physician may be expected to perform additional job related duties and may be required to have or develop additional specific job related knowledge and skills.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. An applicant must pass a background check.
2. An applicant must not have been convicted of a felony or other crime of moral turpitude.
3. An applicant must have the ability to concentrate and focus on the bout without being distracted by the surroundings.
4. An applicant is required to arrive one (1) hour prior to the event, stay until the event is completed, all unarmed combatants have left the dressing rooms, and attend a debriefing meeting held at the conclusion of every event.
5. An applicant cannot have any direct affiliation with any unarmed combatant, manager, matchmaker, promoter or television network.
6. An applicant must be licensed to practice medicine in the State of Nevada for a minimum of five (5) years.

7. An applicant must be annually certified in Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and/or advanced life-saving procedures.
8. An applicant must be Board Certified in his/her own specialty.
9. An applicant must have an interest and knowledge of unarmed combat sports (boxing, mixed martial arts, and martial arts), and a concern for the health and safety of the fighters.
10. An applicant must have an understanding of the importance of preventing the use of performance enhancing drugs.
11. An applicant must have the ability to modify their professional and personal schedule.
12. An applicant's medical license must be in good standing, including up to date completion of all CME's required by his/her licensing body authority.
13. An applicant must possess either a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) degree.
14. An applicant is to provide his/her own medical malpractice coverage.
15. An applicant is under a continuing duty to maintain suitability to be licensed as a physician and must update the Commission of any changes to personal information including arrests, charges or indictments. Failure to report any arrest, detainment, charge, indictment, or conviction that has not been expunged or sealed by a court, whether a misdemeanor or felony, is cause for denial of licensure, revocation of the license or disciplinary action against the applicant.
16. The Commission and the Executive Director reserve the right to add additional criteria as the need arises.

### **COMPENSATION**

1. A ringside physician is not paid a salary or provided any benefits.
2. A professional ringside physician is compensated at the conclusion of each event. The range of compensation varies depending on the particular contest.
3. There is no guaranty of a certain number of assignments or a specific amount of compensation in each fiscal year. Assignments to specific contests are at the discretion of the Executive Director and NSAC and are based on experience, recent performance, reliability, professionalism, and difficulty of assignment.

### **APPLICATION**

1. The position is open to all qualified applicants.
2. The position requires annual licensing.
3. A ringside physician must have provided evidence / documentation of ringside coverage for a minimum of 30 professional fights or 45 amateur fights, or comparable combination of professional and amateur fights.
4. A ringside physician must provide three letters of recommendation from someone related to or associated with the industry of unarmed combat.
5. A physician applying for the position of ringside physician will be subject to a probationary period where the physician is monitored/evaluated for four months by two or three of our ringside physicians. Thereafter, our ringside physicians will make a recommendation as to licensing the physician in writing to the commissioners.
6. Please submit a resume and 3 letters of reference by mail, fax or email to:

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Las Vegas, NV 89101

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