

Promoters,

I am writing to you regarding discussions you or your staff and I have had in regards to the timely receipt of medical documents from unarmed combatants. As you are aware, many of the unarmed combatants in recent months have been submitting their required medical documents in an untimely fashion. Specifically, it has not been uncommon for fighters competing on a Saturday to submit their required medical records (or a portion of their required records) late in the afternoon on a Friday. Furthermore, we have even encountered several fighters who have not submitted required medical records until the day of the fight. Recently this forced members of my staff go to the Athletic Commission office on a Saturday morning in order to retrieve records for a bout later that same night. Staff members then must contact our Doctor on a Saturday in order to review the records before the fight later that evening. The untimely receipt of these records is causing a major disruption in the ability of the Commission Staff to properly perform their duties prior to the bouts. Furthermore, it makes it difficult for our doctor to review the medical records and report on areas of medical concern that may need to be addressed prior to the event. In addition, it has even resulted in the forced cancellation of specific bouts at the last minute without the ability to procure a replacement bout. By submitting the records early, oftentimes an abnormal finding can be more closely examined and, usually, resolved without the combatant losing the chance to compete.

As a result, I do believe a more strict policy for the receipt of medical records would alleviate many of the problems we have recently encountered. Effective immediately the fighters will be required to have all necessary medical records received by the Commission office 2 business days prior to their bout. For example, **for a Friday fight, the medicals should be in the Commission office no later than Wednesday, and for a Saturday fight, no later than Thursday.** Certainly, exceptions could be made for a fighter who is a last minute replacement. However, for those fighters who know weeks or even months in advance of an upcoming bout, there should be no excuse for submitting the required medical records in an untimely fashion. Ultimately, the timely receipt of the medical records will benefit all parties involved from the promoters, matchmakers to the fighters, fans and to the Commission staff. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Respectfully,
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