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Re: *New Requirement for Unarmed Combatant's License – Effective Date August 1, 2016*

Dear Promoters:

This letter is sent to inform you of a new requirement for licensing of all unarmed combatants adopted by the Nevada Athletic Commission (NAC) at its February 17, 2016 meeting. A copy of the policy and procedure adopted at that meeting is attached to this letter. **The effective date of this policy and procedure is August 1, 2016.**

After August 1, 2016, no fighter will be allowed to compete in Nevada without first submitting their C-3 Test results to the NAC. **If a fighter is already licensed for calendar year 2016 by August 1, 2016, they will not need to submit the results of C-3 testing until re-application in 2017.**

As you well know, protecting the health and safety of all contestants is the most important goal of the NAC. To effectuate that goal, across the last four years the NAC has been encouraging various fighters licensed by the NAC to participate in the Professional Fighter Brain Health Study being conducted by the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health at the Cleveland Clinic. The researchers conducting that study have recommended, and the NAC has adopted as its policy, the development of a database containing neurological function assessment results on all fighters licensed in Nevada. The information in that database will be gathered through implementation of a test called a C-3 Test, which makes various neurological assessments.

In sum, in addition to the specific requirements described in NAC 467.027 which sets forth the minimum requirements for determining an applicants' physical and mental fitness to engage in unarmed combat in the State of Nevada, the applicant must also take a C-3 Test to be administered by a representative of the Cleveland Clinic and submit the results of that test to the NAC. The results of the C-3 Test must be submitted along with an unarmed combatant's application for license similar to the presently required physician's report, ophthalmologic eye examination, MRI/MRA, CBC, HIV and hepatitis test results. This new testing is required every time that a fighter submits an application for a license.

The C-3 Test is a neurological function assessment designed to gather information about a fighter's balance, reaction times, hand-eye coordination and dynamic visual acuity. The total time to take the C-3 Test is between 15-30 minutes. Each applicant must present themselves to the Cleveland Clinic for testing prior to submitting their application for a license. During calendar years 2016 and 2017, if a fighter has not submitted themselves for a C-3 Test

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the week prior to their event then representatives from the Cleveland Clinic will be available at the weigh-in to administer the test.

Testing times are available at the Cleveland Clinic on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 1pm – 4pm, on a walk-in basis or by appointment. For more details or to schedule an appointment, please call the clinic at (702) 675-5237. There is no cost to the fighter for taking of the C-3 Test.

Should you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please feel free to call Bob Bennett, our Executive Director, or contact me. In the meantime, I thank you in advance for your expected compliance and cooperation with this new policy and procedure.

Sincerely,



Anthony A. Marnell III, Chairman
Nevada State Athletic Commission