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NEVADA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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AUTHORITY: §§1-24 and 45-134, NRS 467.030; §§25, 40 and 41, NRS 467.030 and section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 476, chapter 494, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 2979 (NRS 467.153); §§26-39, NRS 467.030 and 467.158 and section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 476, chapter 494, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 2979 (NRS 467.153); §§42-44, NRS 467.107.

A REGULATION relating to unarmed combat; adopting a drug testing program for unarmed combatants; establishing the acts that constitute anti-doping violations; imposing penalties for anti-doping violations; adopting provisions governing the credit against certain license fees for the costs of administering a drug testing program; amending provisions governing the licensing and registration of certain persons involved in unarmed combat; increasing certain fees for licensing and registration; revising provisions governing contracts for contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat; amending provisions governing the conduct of contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat; amending provisions governing the rules of boxing and mixed martial arts; revising provisions governing disciplinary actions against persons associated with unarmed combat and the proceedings concerning such disciplinary action; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Nevada Athletic Commission to perform drug testing of amateur and professional unarmed combatants. (Section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 476, chapter 494, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 2979 (NRS 467.153)) Existing law also requires the Commission to adopt regulations governing the sanctioning of organizations to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants. (NRS 467.107) Sections 11-13 of this regulation provide that the prohibited substances and prohibited methods in this State are the same as the prohibited substances and prohibited methods in the <u>Prohibited List</u> published by the World Anti-Doping Agency. Sections 25-42 of this regulation adopt provisions governing the drug testing of unarmed combatants. Section 25 requires an unarmed combatant to submit to a drug test upon the request of the Commission or its representative, whether the unarmed combatant is in-competition or out-of-competition. Sections 26-39 of this regulation establish the acts that constitute an anti-doping violation by an unarmed combatant or other person associated with unarmed combat and prescribe the period of ineligibility and fine for each anti-doping violation.

Section 40 of this regulation establishes a procedure by which an unarmed combatant may apply to the Commission for a therapeutic use exemption authorizing the unarmed combatant to use a prohibited substance or prohibited method. Section 41 of this regulation requires a promoter who uses a drug testing organization to administer a drug testing program on the promoter's behalf to apply to the Commission for the sanctioning of that drug testing organization, and section 42 of this regulation requires the promoter to submit to the Commission each contract and amendment to a contract between the promoter and the drug testing organization.

Existing law requires every promoter who produces or stages a professional contest or exhibition of unarmed combat to pay a license fee. Part of that license fee is calculated as 8 percent of the total gross receipts from admission fees to a live contest or exhibition of unarmed combat, exclusive of any tax. Existing law also provides that: (1) a promoter is entitled to receive a credit against this license fee in an amount equal to the amount paid by the promoter to the Commission or to an organization sanctioned by the Commission to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants; and (2) the Commission is required to adopt regulations governing that credit. (NRS 467.107) Sections 43 and 44 of this regulation adopt provisions governing this credit. Under section 43, a promoter must submit a request for the credit to the Commission with certain information detailing the costs paid by the promoter to administer the drug testing program for unarmed combatants. Section 44 provides that a promoter may obtain a credit only for the actual cost of taking a sample or specimen from an unarmed combatant and testing that sample or specimen. Section 44 also specifies the costs for which a promoter may not obtain credit and sets forth other requirements for determining which costs qualify for the credit.

Under existing law, each contestant, promoter, manager, second, trainer and ring official must be licensed by the Commission and the Commission must fix a uniform scale of license fees. (NRS 467.100) Existing law also requires the Commission to require a sanctioning organization to register with the Commission before it participates in any professional contest or exhibition of unarmed combat and to adopt regulations setting for the fees for registration. (NRS 467.136) Sections 19, 21, 22 and 50-61 of this regulation revise the provisions of existing regulations governing the licensing of participants in unarmed combat and the registration of sanctioning organizations. Section 19 prohibits a member or employee of the Commission or any other person involved in administering or enforcing chapter 467 of NRS from having certain financial interests in unarmed combat in this State. Section 21 requires a person licensed by the Commission to update his or her address within a certain period after a change in his or her address, and section 22 requires a promoter to obtain the Commission's approval of certain changes in the promoter's ownership or management. Under section 50, beginning on a date determined by the Commission, applicants for licensure are required to submit a signed copy of the Commission's Code of Ethics and Conduct acknowledging that the applicant has read and understands the Code and to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commission an understanding of the Commission' program of drug testing. Section 50 also increases from \$25 to \$50 the fee for the licensing of a professional unarmed combatant. Sections 51-54 further revise the requirements to obtain a license as an unarmed combatant, including, without limitation, amending the medical requirements for licensure and requiring an applicant to submit a C-3 test assessing the balance and mental acuity of the applicant and the potential for long-term brain damage. Section 55 revises the requirements to obtain a license as a promoter, including, without limitation, increasing the fee for a license from \$500 per year to \$750 per year. Section 56

revises the requirements to obtain a license as a referee, judge or timekeeper, including, without limitation, increasing from \$75 to \$100 the fee for the issuance or renewal of a referee's license and increasing from \$50 to \$100 the fee for the issuance or renewal of a judge's or timekeeper's license. Section 57 revises the requirements for licensure as a ringside physician. Section 58 revises the requirements for registration as a sanctioning organization, including, without limitation, increasing from \$100 to \$1,000 the fee for registration and authorizing the Chair of the Commission to waive any requirements for registration. Sections 60 and 61 revise provisions governing an application for a new license or for reinstatement after a denial, revocation or suspension and the effect of a license expiration on the authority of the Commission to investigate and discipline a licensee.

Sections 63-65 of this regulation revise existing regulations governing contracts and financial arrangements between promoters and unarmed combatants.

Sections 67-119 of this regulation revise existing regulations governing the conduct of contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat in this State, including, without limitation, provisions governing permits for such events, the assignment of officials, the issuance of complimentary tickets, the refunding of tickets and the facilities and equipment required for the event, the drinks which an unarmed combatant may consume on the day of a contest or exhibition and the rules of boxing and mixed marital arts. Section 23 of this regulation requires a promoter to provide a room at the facility for the use of the Commission staff, inspectors, ringside physicians, timekeepers, referees and judges.

Existing law authorizes the Commission to take disciplinary action and impose penalties against persons violating the provisions of chapter 467 of NRS and provides that the Commission's authority to take disciplinary action extends to any person involved in or associated with unarmed combat in this State who violates chapter 467 of NRS, whether or not the person is licensed by the Commission. (NRS 467.110, 467.117, 467.157, 467.158) **Sections 120-133** of this regulation revise provisions governing disciplinary action by the Commission and the procedures for hearings before the Commission. In addition, **section 24** of this regulation requires persons appearing in a proceeding before the Commission to conform to recognized standards of courteous and ethical conduct, and authorizes the Commission to exclude persons who engage in contumacious, unethical or discourteous conduct at a Commission proceeding. **Section 45** of this regulation authorizes the Commission to: (1) suspend or revoke the license of a person who has failed to timely pay a fine imposed by the Commission or comply with the terms of a payment plan; or (2) place on a suspension list circulated to other states a person who is not licensed by the Commission but who has failed to timely pay a fine imposed by the Commission or comply with the terms of a payment plan.

Section 1. Chapter 467 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set

forth as sections 2 to 45, inclusive, of this regulation.

Sec. 2. "Anti-doping violation" means any violation of the provisions of sections 26 to 32,

inclusive, of this regulation.

Sec. 3. "Authenticated copy" means a duplicate or copy of an original record certified by a licensed notary public, or the equivalent of a notary public in a foreign jurisdiction, or such other type of copy of the original record as the Chair of the Commission or his or her designee deems to be an authenticated copy of that record.

Sec. 4. "Doping control" means all steps and processes involved in the drug testing of unarmed combatants, from test distribution planning through the ultimate disposition of any appeal, including, without limitation, the collection and handling of a sample or specimen, laboratory analysis, therapeutic use exemptions, results management functions and hearings.

Sec. 5. "Drug testing credit" means the credit against the license fee to which a promoter is entitled pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 467.107 for the amount paid by the promoter to the Commission or to an organization sanctioned by the Commission to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants.

Sec. 6. "In-competition" means the period commencing 12 hours before a contest or exhibition in which an unarmed combatant is scheduled to participate and ending at the time that the process of collecting samples or specimens from unarmed combatants participating in the contest or exhibition is completed.

Sec. 7. "License fee" means the license fee prescribed in subsection 1 of NRS 467.107.

Sec. 8. "Marker" means a compound, a group of compounds or a biological variable that indicates the use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method.

Sec. 9. "Metabolite" means any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

Sec. 10. *"Out-of-competition" means any period during which an unarmed combatant is not in-competition.*

Sec. 11. "<u>Prohibited List</u>" means the <u>Prohibited List</u> adopted by reference in section 18 of this regulation.

Sec. 12. "Prohibited method" means any method described as prohibited on the <u>Prohibited List.</u>

Sec. 13. "Prohibited substance" means any substance, or class of substances, identified as prohibited on the <u>Prohibited List.</u>

Sec. 14. "Results management function" means any function associated with the prehearing administration of an alleged anti-doping violation, the adjudication of an alleged anti-doping violation, and the determination and application of a penalty for an anti-doping violation.

Sec. 15. "Sample or specimen" means any biological material collected for the purposes of doping control.

Sec. 16. "Sanctioned drug testing organization" means an organization sanctioned by the Commission pursuant to section 41 of this regulation to administer a drug testing program on behalf of a promoter.

Sec. 17. For the purposes of this chapter and chapter 467 of NRS, the Commission will interpret the term:

1. "Contestant," as defined in NRS 467.0103, to include any person who is preparing to engage in, who currently is engaged in or who has formerly engaged in unarmed combat for remuneration.

2. "Promoter," as defined in NRS 467.0104, to include any person who intends or plans to produce, arrange or stage, who is currently producing, arranging or staging, or who has formerly produced, arranged or staged any professional contest or exhibition. 3. "Purse," as defined in NRS 467.0105, to include the financial guarantee or any other remuneration for which contestants are participating in a contest or exhibition, including, without limitation, the contestant's share of any payment received for radio broadcasting, television or motion picture rights and any bonus payment or other payment greater than the amount constituting the financial guarantee.

4. "Unarmed combat," as defined in NRS 467.0107, to include boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts and any other form of competition in which a blow is usually struck, or a maneuver is usually executed, and which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury.

5. "Unarmed combatant," as defined in NRS 467.0108:

(a) To include any person who engages in unarmed combat in a contest or exhibition, whether or not the person receives remuneration, including, without limitation, a contestant.

(b) To not include:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in NAC 467.785, an amateur boxer, amateur kickboxer or amateur mixed martial artist; or

(2) A person who participates in a contest or exhibition that is exempt from the provisions of this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS pursuant to a specific statute or regulation, including, without limitation, NRS 467.170 and 467.173.

Sec. 18. The Commission hereby adopts by reference the most recent version of the <u>Prohibited List</u> published by the World Anti-Doping Agency. A copy of the <u>Prohibited List</u> is available, free of charge, at the Internet address <u>www.wada-ama.org</u>.

Sec. 19. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a member or employee of the Commission, or any person who administers or enforces the provisions of this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS, may not be a member, shareholder, partner, director or officer of,

contract with, receive any compensation from or have a financial interest in any person who sanctions, arranges or promotes a contest or exhibition, or have a financial interest in any unarmed combatant.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not prohibit a member or employee of the Commission or a ring official from entering into a contract or receiving payment for supervising or officiating a contest or exhibition.

3. As used in this section, "compensation" does not include the holding of money in escrow for the payment to another person in connection with a contest or exhibition of professional unarmed combat.

Sec. 20. 1. Upon receipt of a request for a public book or record pursuant to chapter 239 of NRS, the Executive Director or a person designated by the Commission to respond to the request shall request the Office of the Attorney General to conduct a review of the requested books or records to determine whether:

(a) The requested books or records are public books or records for the purposes of chapter 239 of NRS; and

(b) Any confidentiality provisions prevent the release of the requested books or records, in part or in full.

2. Upon completion of the review by the Office of the Attorney General, the requested books or records must be reviewed and approved for dissemination by the Chair of the Commission and the Executive Director.

Sec. 21. Not later than 30 days after a change in the address of a person who is licensed by the Commission, the licensee must provide the new address to the Commission. A licensee who fails to comply with the provisions of this section is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

Sec. 22. Within 30 days after a change in the ownership of a promoter or a change in the officers, managers or directors of a promoter, the promoter must inform the Commission of the proposed change. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Commission may approve or disapprove the change in ownership of a promoter or in the officers, managers or directors of the promoter, as applicable.

Sec. 23. A promoter shall provide at the premises where a contest or exhibition is conducted a private room of such size and accommodation as the Executive Director deems appropriate for the health and safety of the staff of the Commission, inspectors, ringside physicians, timekeepers, referees and judges.

Sec. 24. 1. Any person appearing in a proceeding before the Commission shall conform to recognized standards of ethical and courteous conduct required before the courts of this State. Every party to a hearing, each representative of a party and all spectators shall conduct themselves in a respectful manner.

2. Contumacious, unethical or discourteous conduct by any person at a proceeding before the Commission is a ground for the exclusion of the person from the proceeding and for the summary exclusion of the person from further participating in the proceedings. The Commission will bar any person excluded pursuant to this subsection from attending any further proceedings of the Commission unless the Commission grants a petition by that person pursuant to subsection 3. 3. A person excluded from proceedings by the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 may petition the Commission to rescind the exclusion. The Commission will grant the petition if it finds sufficient evidence that the conduct that led to the exclusion of the party will not reoccur.

Sec. 25. 1. At any time requested by the Commission or its representative, an unarmed combatant, whether in-competition or out-of-competition, shall submit to a drug test.

2. A test of any sample or specimen may be performed by a sanctioned drug testing organization or by a laboratory approved by the Commission or the World-Anti Doping Agency.

Sec. 26. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 40 of this regulation, if a test of a sample or specimen by a sanctioned drug testing organization or by a laboratory approved by the Commission or the World Anti-Doping Agency identifies the presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in the sample or specimen, the unarmed combatant has committed an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission. A violation of this subsection is established by any of the following:

(a) The presence of any quantity of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in the A sample of an unarmed combatant if the unarmed combatant waives analysis of his or her B sample and the B sample is not analyzed.

(b) If the B sample of an unarmed combatant is analyzed, the analysis of the B sample confirms the presence of any quantity of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or makers as found in the A sample of the unarmed combatant.

(c) If the B sample of an unarmed combatant is split into two bottles, the analysis of the second bottle confirms the presence of any quantity of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers as found in the first bottle.

2. It is the duty of each unarmed combatant to ensure that no prohibited substance enters his or her body, and an unarmed combatant is responsible for the presence of any prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in his or her sample or specimen. To establish a violation of this section, it is not necessary to establish that the unarmed combatant intentionally, knowingly or negligently used a prohibited substance or that the unarmed combatant is otherwise at fault for the presence of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in his or her sample or specimen.

3. An unarmed combatant does not violate the provisions of this section if:

(a) The quantity of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in his or her sample or specimen does not exceed the threshold established in the <u>Prohibited List</u> for the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers.

(b) The special criteria in the <u>Prohibited List</u> for the evaluation of a prohibited substance that can be produced endogenously indicate that the presence of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in the sample or specimen of the unarmed combatant is not the result of his or her use of a prohibited substance.

4. Except as otherwise provided in sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation, an unarmed combatant who violates any provision of this section:

(a) Is ineligible to engage in unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 9 months but not more than 24 months, as determined by the Commission.

(b) Will be fined by the Commission in an amount equal to at least 15 percent but not more than 30 percent of his or her purse.

5. As used in this section:

(a) "A sample" means the primary sample or specimen used to test for the presence of a prohibited substance.

(b) "B sample" means the sample or specimen used to confirm or invalidate the presence of a prohibited substance in the A sample.

Sec. 27. 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 40 of this regulation, an unarmed combatant who utilizes, applies, ingests, injects or consumes by any means, or attempts to utilize, apply, ingest, inject or consume by any means, a prohibited substance or prohibited method, whether successful or not, commits an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

2. It is the duty of each unarmed combatant to ensure that no prohibited substance enters his or her body, and that no prohibited method is used. To establish a violation of this section, it is not necessary to establish that the unarmed combatant intentionally, knowingly or negligently used or attempted to use a prohibited substance or prohibited method or that the unarmed combatant is otherwise at fault for the use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method.

3. Except as otherwise provided in sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation, an unarmed combatant who violates any provision of this section:

(a) Is ineligible to engage in unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 9 months but not more than 24 months, as determined by the Commission.

(b) Will be fined by the Commission in an amount equal to at least 15 percent but not more than 30 percent of his or her purse.

Sec. 28. 1. An unarmed combatant who, without compelling justification, refuses or fails to submit to the collection of a sample or specimen upon the request of the Commission

or its representative or who otherwise evades the collection of a sample or specimen commits an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

2. Except as otherwise provided in sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation, an unarmed combatant who violates any provision of this section:

(a) Is ineligible to engage in unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 12 months but not more than 24 months, as determined by the Commission.

(b) Will be fined by the Commission in an amount equal to at least 20 percent but not more than 40 percent of his or her purse.

Sec. 29. 1. An unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State who:

(a) Alters any document or materials for the purpose of subverting a program of doping control;

(b) Influences or intimidates, or attempts to influence or intimidate, any person involved in a drug test, including, without limitation, a witness to an anti-doping violation, for the purpose of subverting a program of doping control;

(c) Obstructs, misleads or engages in any fraudulent conduct for the purpose of altering results or preventing the normal operation of the procedures of a program of doping control;

(d) Engages in any other conduct that subverts a drug test but does not otherwise constitute the use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method by an unarmed combatant; or

(e) Tampers or attempts to tamper with any aspect of a program of doping control,
 i commits an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

2. Except as otherwise provided in sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation, a person who violates any provision of this section:

(a) Is ineligible to engage in, or be associated with, unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 12 months but not more than 24 months, as determined by the Commission.

(b) Will be fined by the Commission:

(1) If the person is an unarmed combatant, in an amount equal to at least 20 percent but not more than 40 percent of his or her purse.

(2) If the person is not an unarmed combatant, in an amount determined pursuant to NRS 467.158.

Sec. 30. 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 40 of this regulation:

(a) An unarmed combatant in-competition who possesses any prohibited substance or prohibited method; or

(b) An unarmed combatant out-of-competition who possesses any prohibited substance or prohibited method which is prohibited out-of-competition,

- commits an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

2. Except as otherwise provided in section 40 of this regulation, an unarmed combat support person who, in connection with an unarmed combatant, a contest or exhibition or the training of an unarmed combatant, possesses:

(a) Any prohibited substance or prohibited method for an unarmed combatant incompetition; or

(b) Any prohibited substance or prohibited method which is prohibited out-of-competition for an unarmed combatant out-of-competition,

commits an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

3. Except as otherwise provided in sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation, an unarmed combatant or unarmed combat support person who violates any provision of this section:

(a) Is ineligible to engage in unarmed combat or be associated with unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 9 months but not more than 24 months, as determined by the Commission.

(b) Will be fined by the Commission:

(1) If the person is an unarmed combatant, in an amount equal to at least 15 percent but not more than 30 percent of his or her purse.

(2) If the person is an unarmed combat support person, in an amount determined pursuant to NRS 467.158.

4. For the purposes of this section, an unarmed combatant or unarmed combat support person possesses a prohibited substance or prohibited method if he or she has actual, physical possession of the prohibited substance or prohibited method or constructive possession of the prohibited substance or prohibited method.

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Constructive possession" means exclusive control or the intent to exercise exclusive control over a prohibited substance or prohibited method or the premises on which a prohibited substance or prohibited method is located.

(b) "Unarmed combat support person" means any coach, trainer, manager, second, agent, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel, parent or any other person working with, treating or assisting an unarmed combatant who is preparing to participate or participating in a contest or exhibition. Sec. 31. 1. An unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State who sells, gives, transports, sends, delivers or distributes, or possesses for the purpose of selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing, a prohibited substance or prohibited method to another person, either physically or by electronic or other means, commits an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

2. The Commission will report any violation of this section which also violates any other law or regulation of this State to the appropriate law enforcement, administrative, professional or judicial authority.

3. Except as otherwise provided in sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation, a person who violates any provision of this section:

(a) Is ineligible to engage in unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 12 months up to lifetime ineligibility, as determined by the Commission.

(b) Will be fined by the Commission:

(1) If the person is an unarmed combatant, in an amount equal to at least 15 percent but not more than 50 percent of his or her purse.

(2) If the person is not an unarmed combatant, in an amount determined pursuant to NRS 467.158.

Sec. 32. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 40 of this regulation, an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State who:

(a) Provides or supplies a prohibited substance or prohibited method to an unarmed combatant in-competition or who provides or supplies to an unarmed combatant out-ofcompetition any prohibited substance or prohibited method that is prohibited out-ofcompetition; or

(b) Supervises, facilitates or otherwise participates in the use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method by an unarmed combatant in-competition or who supervises, facilitates or otherwise participates in the use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method that is prohibited out-of-competition by an unarmed combatant out-of-competition,

commits an anti-doping violation and is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission.

2. A physician or other bona fide medical personnel who provides or supplies a prohibited substance or prohibited method to an unarmed combatant, or who supervises, facilities or otherwise participates in the use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method by an unarmed combatant, for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or any other purposes deemed appropriate by the Commission, is not in violation of this section.

3. The Commission will report any violation of this section which also violates any other law or regulation of this State to the appropriate law enforcement, administrative, professional or judicial authority.

4. Except as otherwise provided in sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation, a person who violates this section:

(a) Is ineligible to engage in unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 12 months up to lifetime ineligibility, as determined by the Commission.

(b) Will be fined by the Commission:

(1) If the person is an unarmed combatant, in an amount equal to at least 15 percent but not more than 50 percent of his or her purse.

(2) If the person is not an unarmed combatant, in an amount determined pursuant to NRS 467.158.

Sec. 33. If an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State admits to an anti-doping violation when the only reliable evidence of the anti-doping violation is his or her admission, the Commission:

1. May reduce by not more than 50 percent the period of ineligibility that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to sections 26 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation for the anti-doping violation; and

2. Will impose a fine:

(a) If the person who admits to the anti-doping violation is an unarmed combatant, in an amount equal to at least 10 percent but not more than 30 percent of his or her purse.

(b) If the person who admits to the anti-doping violation is not an unarmed combatant, in an amount determined pursuant to NRS 467.158.

Sec. 34. If an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State is alleged by the Commission or its representative to have committed an anti-doping violation which subjects him or her to a period of ineligibility of at least 48 months and the unarmed combatant, licensee or other person, as appliable, promptly admits to the alleged anti-doping violation, the Commission: 1. May reduce by not more than 24 months the period of ineligibility that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to sections 26 to 36, inclusive, of this regulation for the anti-doping violation; and

2. Will impose a fine:

(a) If the person who admits to the alleged anti-doping violation is an unarmed combatant, in an amount equal to not more than 30 percent of his or her purse.

(b) If the person who admits to the alleged anti-doping violation is not an unarmed combatant, in an amount determined pursuant to NRS 467.158.

Sec. 35. If an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State commits a second anti-doping violation, the Commission:

1. May impose a period of ineligibility that is double the period set forth in sections 26 to 34, inclusive, of this regulation for the anti-doping violation.

2. Will impose a fine:

(a) If the person who commits the second anti-doping violation is an unarmed combatant, in an amount equal to 40 percent of his or her purse.

(b) If the person who commits the second anti-doping violation is not an unarmed combatant, in an amount determined pursuant to NRS 467.158.

Sec. 36. If an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State commits a third or subsequent anti-doping violation:

1. The unarmed combatant or other person is ineligible to engage in unarmed combat in this State or otherwise be associated with unarmed combat in this State for a period of at least 18 months up to lifetime ineligibility, as determined by the Commission.

2. The Commission will impose a fine:

(a) If the person who commits the third or subsequent anti-doping violation is an unarmed combatant, in an amount equal to at least 40 percent but not more than 60 percent of his or her purse.

(b) If the person who commits the third or subsequent anti-doping violation is not an unarmed combatant, in an amount determined pursuant to NRS 467.158.

Sec. 37. In addition to any disciplinary action, fine or other penalty imposed for an antidoping violation, if an unarmed combatant who won or drew a contest or exhibition is found to have committed an anti-doping violation, the Commission may, in its sole discretion, change the result of that contest or exhibition to a result of no contest. If the Commission changes the result of a contest or exhibition pursuant to this section, the Commission will cause a note to be placed in the record of the unarmed combatant indicating that the change in decision was the result of the commission of an anti-doping violation by the unarmed combatant.

Sec. 38. 1. The Commission may increase by not more than two times a period of ineligibility set forth in sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of this regulation for an anti-doping violation committed by an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State if the Commission finds one or more aggravating circumstances pursuant to this section. 2. An aggravating circumstance exists when the conditions, events or facts accompanying an anti-doping violation increase the culpability of the person who committed the anti-doping violation. Aggravating circumstances include, without limitation:

(a) The person has committed more than one anti-doping violation at or about the same time, including, without limitation, the use or possession of multiple prohibited substances or prohibited methods.

(b) The person who committed the anti-doping violation violated a provision of this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS, other than an anti-doping violation, at or about the same time as he or she committed the anti-doping violation.

(c) The anti-doping violation was part of a plan or scheme, either individually or in a conspiracy or common enterprise with others to commit the anti-doping violation.

(d) The person who committed the anti-doping violation engaged in deceptive or obstructing conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of the anti-doping violation.

(e) The anti-doping violation had a significant potential to enhance the performance of an unarmed combatant.

Sec. 39. 1. The Commission may, in its discretion and based on the full body of evidence presented to the Commission, reduce or eliminate a period of ineligibility set forth in sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of this regulation for an anti-doping violation committed by an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State if the Commission finds one or more mitigating circumstances pursuant to this section. 2. Mitigating circumstances exist when the conditions, events or facts accompanying an anti-doping violation reduce or eliminate the culpability of the person who committed the anti-doping violation. Mitigating circumstances include, without limitation:

(a) The anti-doping violation was the result of the use by an unarmed combatant of a supplement, vitamin or other product that contains a prohibited substance that was not disclosed on the product label or in information available from a reasonable search of the Internet, if the use of the supplement, vitamin or other product was disclosed on the pre-fight questionnaire completed by the unarmed combatant or was otherwise disclosed to a representative of the Commission.

(b) The person who committed the anti-doping violation provides the Commission with substantial assistance in discovering or establishing other anti-doping violations.

(c) The person who committed the anti-doping violation proves to the satisfaction of the Commission that the anti-doping violation was the result of sabotage by a competitor.

(d) The person who committed the anti-doping violation proves to the satisfaction of the Commission that a physician or trainer administered a substance to an unarmed combatant without disclosing the substance that was being administered.

(e) The person who committed the anti-doping violation proves to the satisfaction of the Commission that the use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method by an unarmed combatant was not intended to enhance the unarmed combatant's performance or mask the use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method.

3. As used in this section, "substantial assistance" means that an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or other person associated with unarmed combat in this State provides to the Commission:

(a) Credible information that comprises an important part of a disciplinary action;

(b) A signed, written and notarized statement that includes all information that he or she possesses regarding anti-doping violations; and

(c) Full cooperation with the Commission's investigation or adjudication, or both, of any disciplinary action arising from the information he or she provides regarding anti-doping violations.

Sec. 40. 1. An unarmed combatant who wishes to obtain a therapeutic use exemption must submit to the Commission an application for a therapeutic use exemption and any medical information the Commission deems necessary to determine whether to grant the therapeutic use exemption.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a therapeutic use exemption is not valid unless the Commission grants an application for a therapeutic use exemption not later than 60 days before the first contest or exhibition in which the applicant is scheduled to participate in this State in a calendar year.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if, because of extraordinary circumstances, including, without limitation, the inability of the Commission to conduct a meeting to consider an application for a therapeutic use exemption, the Commission is unable to grant an application for a therapeutic use exemption within the period prescribed by this subsection, the Chair of the Commission or the Executive Director, in consultation with a physician approved by the Commission, may grant the application for a therapeutic use exemption at any time before the contest or exhibition in which the applicant is scheduled to participate.

4. The Commission will not grant:

(a) A therapeutic use exemption that applies to a contest or exhibition in which the applicant has already participated.

(b) A therapeutic use exemption for testosterone replacement therapy or any similar therapy designed to induce or stimulate testosterone replacement.

5. A therapeutic use exemption granted by the Commission pursuant to this section is valid until the end of the calendar year in which it was granted, and may be renewed at the time that an unarmed combatant applies for the issuance or renewal of his or her license or at such time as the Commission determines.

6. If the Commission grants a therapeutic use exemption to an unarmed combatant, the unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission and any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State who acts consistently with the therapeutic use exemption does not commit an anti-doping violation set forth in sections 26, 27, 30 and 32 of this regulation.

Sec. 41. *1. To become a sanctioned drug testing organization for a promoter, an organization that administers a drug testing program must submit to the Commission an application for sanctioning on a form and in the manner prescribed by the Commission.*

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 must be accompanied by each contract entered into by the applicant and the promoter on whose behalf the applicant administers a drug testing program and evidence satisfactory to the Commission that:

(a) The applicant's testing standards conform or are comparable to the most recent version of the <u>International Standard for Testing and Investigations</u> published by the World AntiDoping Agency, a copy of which may be obtained free of charge from the World Anti-Doping Agency at its Internet website at <u>https://www.wada-ama.org.</u>

(b) A laboratory that demonstrates proficiency in the detection and confirmation of prohibited substances and prohibited methods and is approved by the Commission or the World Anti-Doping Agency analyzes all samples or specimens collected by the applicant.

(c) The applicant:

(1) Conducts stringent, secure, athlete-targeted testing that incorporates the latest technologies and uses independent drug testing program protocols; and

(2) Contracts with laboratories that demonstrate proficiency in the detection and confirmation of prohibited substances and prohibited methods and that are approved by the Commission.

3. An applicant is not required to submit to Commission the information required by subsection 2 if the Commission, in its discretion, authorizes the applicant to arrange for a representative of the Commission to review that information and report to the Commission whether the applicant is in compliance the provisions of subsection 2.

4. After receiving a complete application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 and the accompanying information required by subsection 2 or the report authorized by subsection 3, the Commission will:

(a) Determine whether the applicant is qualified to be a sanctioned drug testing organization; and

(b) Issue a written statement of its determination to the applicant.

5. An organization that administers a drug testing program must be sanctioned pursuant to this section for each promoter for which it administers a drug testing program. 6. The sanctioning of a sanctioned drug testing organization expires on a date specified by the Commission, which must be either 1 calendar year after the date on which the Commission approved or renewed the certification or 2 calendar years after that date. The certification may be renewed in the manner prescribed by the Commission.

7. The Commission may revoke the sanctioning of a sanctioned drug testing organization if the Commission determines after notice and an opportunity for a hearing that the organization is not in compliance with the requirements set forth in subsection 2 or any other provision of this chapter.

8. The Commission will maintain and publish on its Internet website a list containing the name of each sanctioned drug testing organization.

9. A sanctioned drug testing organization shall submit to the Commission the results of each drug test performed on an unarmed combatant by the sanctioned drug testing organization.

Sec. 42. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, upon the request of the Commission, a promoter shall submit to the Commission a copy of any contract entered into by the promoter and an organization that administers a drug testing program on behalf of the promoter. The Commission may reject the contract or amendment if the Commission determines that:

(a) The promoter has not entered into a contract with a sanctioned drug testing organization;

(b) The contract does not contain sufficient terms to ensure protection of this State, the Commission or unarmed combat by providing full insight into the drug testing program of the promoter and the sanctioned drug testing organization; or (c) The contract violates federal law or the laws of this State.

2. A promoter is not required to submit to the Commission a copy of a contract pursuant to subsection 1 if the Commission, in its discretion, authorizes the promoter to arrange for a representative of the Commission to review the information and report to the Commission whether the contract complies with the provisions of subsection 1.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any proprietary information containing a trade secret that is submitted to the Commission pursuant to this section is confidential, and the Commission and any of its members, representatives or employees shall not disclose such information. The Commission or any of its members, representatives or employees may disclose information made confidential pursuant to this subsection to any governmental agency for the purpose of a civil, administrative or criminal investigation or proceeding.

4. As used in this section, "trade secret" means any information, including, without limitation, a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, product, system, process, design, prototype, procedure, computer programming instruction or code that:

(a) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and readily ascertainable through proper means by, the public or any person who may obtain commercial or economic value from its disclosure or use; and

(b) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

Sec. 43. 1. To obtain a drug testing credit, a promoter must submit a written request for a drug testing credit on a form prescribed by the Commission and signed by the promoter

under penalty of perjury. The request must contain such information as requested by the Commission and be accompanied by:

(a) An itemized statement of the costs for which the promoter is requesting the drug testing credit;

(b) Evidence satisfactory to the Commission that the promoter has paid or will pay in a timely manner the costs for which the drug testing credit is sought;

(c) If the promoter is requesting the drug testing credit for costs paid to a sanctioned drug testing organization, evidence satisfactory to the Commission that the collection of each sample or specimen and the testing of each sample or specimen was performed by the sanctioned drug testing organization for that promoter; and

(d) Any other information requested by the Commission.

2. Not later than 60 days after the receipt of a complete request for the drug testing credit submitted pursuant to subsection 1 and the information required by subsection 2, the Commission will notify the promoter of the amount of the drug testing credit to which the promoter is entitled, as calculated pursuant to section 44 of this regulation.

3. The Commission, in its discretion, may compare the amount of the costs for which a promoter is requesting a drug testing credit to the ordinary amount of those costs in the market for drug testing and disapprove the drug testing credit for costs that exceed by more than a de minimis amount the ordinary costs of drug testing in the market for drug testing.

4. A promoter may take a drug testing credit against the license fee for a contest or exhibition only in an amount approved by the Commission pursuant to this section.

Sec. 44. 1. For the purpose of determining the amount of the drug testing credit to which a promoter is entitled, the amount paid by the promoter to administer a drug testing program for unarmed combatants:

(a) Includes the following costs, whether paid to the Commission or to a sanctioned drug testing organization:

(1) The actual cost to collect a sample or specimen.

(2) The actual cost to test the sample or specimen.

(3) Any other costs deemed by the Commission to be reasonably necessary to administer an effective drug testing program.

(b) Does not include the following costs:

(1) Any costs paid by the promoter to adjudicate the results of a drug test, including, without limitation, the costs to adjudicate the determination of any penalty or sanction imposed on an unarmed combatant pursuant to an agreement between the unarmed combatant and the promoter. This subparagraph does not prohibit any contract or agreement between a promoter and an unarmed combatant from containing provisions to govern results management functions, including, without limitation, the adjudication of the results of a drug test.

- (2) Any costs paid by the promoter for educational materials or programs.
- (3) Any costs paid to a person that is not a sanctioned drug testing organization.
- (4) Any costs not listed in paragraph (a).

2. To qualify for the drug testing credit:

- (a) A cost described in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be paid by the promoter:
 - (1) To the Commission or to a sanctioned drug testing organization;

(2) To perform a drug test on an unarmed combatant in relation to a contest or exhibition that was held, or scheduled to be held, in this State; and

(3) To perform a drug test on a sample or specimen taken not earlier than 90 days before the applicable contest or exhibition and not later than 6 hours after the conclusion of the program of unarmed combat in which the unarmed combatant competed.

(b) The number of sample or specimen collection events and the number and type of tests for each unarmed combatant must be deemed reasonable by Chair of the Commission or the Executive Director. Upon the request of the Chair of the Commission or the Executive Director, a promoter shall provide such information as the Chair or Executive Director deems necessary to establish that the number of sample or specimen collection events and the number and type of tests for each unarmed combatant are reasonable.

(c) The results of each drug test on an unarmed combatant must be sent directly to the Commission by the laboratory that performed the test on the sample or specimen.

3. If the amount paid by a promoter to administer a drug testing program relates to more than one contest or exhibition, the promoter may apply a drug testing credit against the license fee for only one such contest or exhibition.

4. Upon the approval of the Commission, a promoter may calculate the amount the drug testing credit to which the promoter is entitled by aggregating the amount paid by the promoter to administer a drug testing program for multiple contests or exhibitions.

5. The amount of the drug testing credit to which a promoter is entitled for a contest or exhibition must not exceed the amount of the license fee for that contest or exhibition. Any amount of the drug testing credit for a contest or exhibition that exceeds the amount of the license fee for that contest or exhibition is forfeited and may not be applied to the license fee for another contest or exhibition, unless the Commission authorizes a promoter to apply the excess amount of the drug testing credit to the license fee for another contest or exhibition.

Sec. 45. The Commission may:

1. Suspend or revoke the license of a person licensed by the Commission who has not paid a fine or other monetary penalty imposed by the Commission in full by the date prescribed by the Commission or who has failed to comply with the terms of a payment plan approved by the Commission.

2. Place on the list of suspensions circulated by the Commission to other jurisdictions a person who is associated with unarmed combat in this State and who has not paid a fine or other monetary penalty in full by the date prescribed by the Commission or who has failed to comply with the terms of a payment plan approved by the Commission.

Sec. 46. NAC 467.002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.002 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 467.0021 to [467.0039,] 467.0035, inclusive, and sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of *this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 47. NAC 467.0027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.0027 "Exhibition" means an [exhibition of] engagement in which the participants

show or display their skills in unarmed combat.

Sec. 48. NAC 467.004 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.004 1. The jurisdiction, duties and responsibilities of every representative and employee of the Commission must be established by the Executive Director with the approval of the Commission.

2. Every employee is under the general supervision of the Executive Director.

3. The Executive Director may investigate the conduct of, and issue complaints against, an unarmed combatant, a person who is licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State.

4. The Executive Director, with the approval of the Chair of the Commission, may request an investigation of any alleged violation of this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS by the Office of the Attorney General or any other agency or political subdivision of this State. Any contract for payment or memorandum of understanding to effectuate such an investigation must be approved by the Commission before the investigation commences.

Sec. 49. NAC 467.006 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.006 *1*. The Commission may refuse to contract for the services of a person as an independent contractor for any reason that does not violate federal or state law.

2. The Commission will not delegate any results management function.

Sec. 50. NAC 467.012 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.012 1. An application for a license as a:

- (a) Professional boxer;
- (b) [Mixed] Professional mixed martial artist;
- (c) [Kickboxer;] Professional kickboxer;
- (d) Any other *professional* unarmed combatant;
- (e) Promoter;
- (f) Matchmaker;
- (g) Manager;
- (h) Second, including a trainer;
- (i) Referee;

(j) Judge;

- (k) Timekeeper;
- (1) Announcer; or
- (m) Physician,

 \rightarrow must be made in writing on a form supplied by the Commission and signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury. The Commission, in its discretion, may act on an applicant's request for a license before the form is submitted, but a license must not be issued to the applicant until the applicant complies with the requirements of this subsection.

2. Beginning on the date established by the Commission pursuant to this subsection, an applicant for a license must submit to the Commission a signed copy of the Commission's Code of Ethics and Conduct for the type of license being sought, acknowledging that the applicant has read and understands the Code, and agrees to comply with its terms. Upon a determination by the Commission that a Code of Ethics and Conduct has been established for each licensing category, the Commission will issue a directive setting forth the date on which the requirement set forth in this subsection becomes effective for that type of license.

3. Each license issued is subject to the conditions and agreements set forth in the application.

[3.] 4. Any false statement of a material matter in such an application is a ground:

(a) For denial of the application; or

(b) If the license has already been issued, for revocation of the license.

[4.] 5. Before issuing a license, the Commission or its staff may, when deemed appropriate, require an applicant to provide independent proof of his or her identity such as a photographic identification provided by a governmental authority.

[5.] 6. Beginning on the date determined by the Commission pursuant to this subsection, before issuing a license, the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commission an understanding of the Commission's drug testing program, including, without limitation, an understanding of anti-doping violations and the penalties for those violations set forth in sections 25 to 40, inclusive, of this regulation. Upon the determination by the Commission that all educational materials, examinations, forms and other materials necessary for successful implementation of the requirement set forth in this subsection have been developed, the Commission will issue a directive setting forth the date on which the requirement set forth in this subsection becomes effective.

7. The Commission may require an applicant to appear before the Commission to answer questions or provide documents in conjunction with an application for a license.

[6.] 8. The fee for issuance or renewal of a license:

- (a) For a *professional* boxer is [\$25.] \$50.
- (b) For a *professional* mixed martial artist is [\$25.] \$50.
- (c) For a *professional* kickboxer is [\$25.] \$50.
- (d) For any other *professional* unarmed combatant is [\$25.] \$50.
- (e) For a matchmaker is \$100.
- (f) For a manager is \$100.
- (g) For a second is \$50.
- (h) For an announcer is \$100.

[7.] 9. Unless the Commission limits the license to a shorter period, a license is valid for the remainder of the calendar year for which it is granted.

[8.] 10. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a licensee must pay the full renewal fee for a license, regardless of whether the license is limited or conditioned by the Commission. If the Commission later removes the limitation or grants the licensee the same type of license for another period in the same calendar year, the licensee is not required to pay an additional renewal fee for a license within that same calendar year.

Sec. 51. NAC 467.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.017 1. If an applicant for a license to engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant has:

(a) Not reached 18 years of age;

(b) Reached [36] 38 years of age or will reach [36] 38 years of age during the current calendar year;

(c) Competed in more than 425 rounds of unarmed combat in contests or exhibitions sanctioned by the Commission or any other agency that regulates unarmed combat in another jurisdiction; or

(d) Not competed in unarmed combat for at least 36 consecutive months,

→ the applicant or unarmed combatant must have his or her application for a license or for renewal of a license reviewed by the Commission or, if time does not permit and no concerns about the application have been raised by the Executive Director or any Commissioner, reviewed by the Chair of the Commission or the Chair's designee, so that his or her {experience and fitness} qualifications may be considered before the license is issued or renewed.

2. In addition to the grounds set forth in subsection 1, as deemed necessary by the Commission for any reason, an applicant or unarmed combatant must have his or her application for a license or for renewal of a license reviewed by the Commission or, if time does not permit and no concerns about the application have been raised by the Executive Director or any Commissioner, reviewed by the Chair of the Commission or the Chair's designee, so that the qualifications of the applicant or unarmed combatant may be considered before the license is issued or renewed.

3. The Commission will not issue or renew a license to engage in unarmed combat to an applicant or unarmed combatant who is found to be blind in one eye or whose vision in one eye is so poor that a physician recommends that the license not be granted or renewed. This rule is effective regardless of how good the vision of the applicant or unarmed combatant may be in the other eye.

[3.] 4. If an applicant for a license to engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant has suffered a serious head injury, including, but not limited to, a cerebral hemorrhage, the applicant or unarmed combatant must have his or her application for a license or for renewal of a license reviewed by the Commission before a license is issued or renewed.

Sec. 52. NAC 467.022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.022 Before a license to engage in unarmed combat is issued or renewed by the Commission, the applicant or unarmed combatant must satisfy the Commission that he or she has the ability to compete. If the ability of the applicant or the unarmed combatant to compete is questioned for any reason, the Commission may hold a hearing to determine whether the license should be *denied*, granted or renewed [-], *or granted or renewed on a conditional basis*.

Sec. 53. NAC 467.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.027 1. [An] *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an* applicant who has applied for a license to engage in unarmed combat or an unarmed combatant who has applied for renewal of his or her license must:

(a) Be examined by a physician *at least 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the applicant or unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid* to establish the physical and mental fitness of the applicant or unarmed combatant for competition [;] and provide a report of that examination to the Commission not earlier than 7 days before that bout;

(b) Provide the Commission with an original or certified copy, *or other authenticated copy*, of the result of a dilated ophthalmologic eye examination that must have been performed:

(1) By an ophthalmologist who holds an M.D. or D.O.; and

(2) At least [1 day] 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid; and

(c) If the applicant or unarmed combatant has had a brain magnetic resonance imaging scan performed within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the application for a license or for renewal of the license is submitted, provide the Commission with an original or certified copy , *or other authenticated copy*, of the result of the brain magnetic resonance imaging scan, unless the applicant or unarmed combatant has previously provided an original or certified copy , *or other authenticated copy*, of the result to the Commission. If the applicant or unarmed combatant has not had a brain magnetic resonance imaging scan performed within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the application for a license or for renewal of the license is submitted, the applicant or unarmed combatant must:

(1) Have a brain magnetic resonance imaging scan and a cerebral magnetic resonance angiography performed; and

(2) Provide the Commission with original or certified copies, *or other authenticated copies*, of the results of the brain magnetic resonance imaging scan and the cerebral magnetic

resonance angiography [-] not earlier than 7 days before the date of the first bout in which the applicant or unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid.

2. The information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to subsection 1 may be faxed to the Commission or scanned and sent to the Commission by electronic means.

3. An applicant or an unarmed combatant *[licensed by the Commission]* may be required to submit to any examination or testing ordered by the Commission.

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4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, not earlier than 7 days before the date of the first bout in which an applicant or unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid, the applicant or [an] unarmed combatant must provide with the application for a license or for renewal of the license an original or certified copy, or other authenticated copy, of a complete blood count and the results of medical tests which:

(a) Were performed by a laboratory [during the calendar year for which the license is being issued or no] *not* earlier than 30 days before the date on which the application is submitted;

(b) Show that the applicant or unarmed combatant is not infected with the human

immunodeficiency virus; and

(c) Show that the applicant or unarmed combatant is not infected with the hepatitis virus.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an applicant or an unarmed combatant must provide with the application for a license or for renewal of the license an original or certified copy, or other authenticated copy, of the results of a C-3 test or other neurological test required by the Commission. A test required by this subsection must have been performed not earlier than 30 days before the date on which the application is submitted and must be provided to the Commission not earlier than 7 days before the first bout in which the applicant or unarmed combatant plans to compete in the calendar year for which the license is valid.

6. The Executive Director may waive any deadline set forth in this section for good cause shown.

7. As used in this section, "C-3 test" means an assessment which involves a series of tests to assess the balance and mental acuity of an applicant or unarmed combatant and to track the potential characteristics of long-term brain damage.

Sec. 54. NAC 467.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.045 A person who engages in unarmed combat as an amateur may apply to become a professional unarmed combatant in Nevada by serving notice of his or her intention in writing at the office of the Commission. [The] *In addition to any other information required to be*

furnished to the Commission pursuant to this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS to apply to

become a professional unarmed combatant in Nevada, the person must furnish the Commission with:

1. Proof of the person's age;

2. [The results of the person's physical examination and any medical tests required by the Commission;

-3. A written statement as to the person's personal fitness from a physician; and

—4.] The person's record as an amateur in contests or exhibitions or proof of his or her ability to compete.

Sec. 55. NAC 467.052 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.052 1. A person applying for a license as a promoter may be required to appear before the Commission and be prepared to prove his or her:

(a) Integrity;

(b) Financial *ability to perform the responsibilities involved in the promotion of contests or exhibitions;*

(c) Financial stability; and

[(c)] (*d*) Knowledge of the responsibilities involved in the promotion of contests or exhibitions.

2. The applicant, or a person he or she has designated if approved by the Commission, must provide all waivers necessary to the conduct of the Commission's investigation of the applicant's suitability, including, but not limited to, providing consent to investigate the background of the applicant.

3. The Commission will require the applicant to pay any costs related to an investigation conducted pursuant to this section and may, when deemed appropriate by the Commission, require a deposit of money by the applicant in advance against those costs.

4. The fee for a promoter's license is [\$500] \$750 per year.

5. The fee for an amateur boxing promoter's license is \$25 per year.

Sec. 56. NAC 467.062 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.062 1. To qualify for a license as a referee, judge or timekeeper of contests or exhibitions, an applicant must:

(a) Be at least 21 years of age; [and]

(b) Not have been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude $\frac{1}{1}$; and

(c) Possess such qualification as the Commission deems necessary.

2. The Commission will determine when additional ring officials are needed and when licensing examinations for ring officials will be conducted.

3. Each license issued pursuant to this section is valid until December 31 of each year. An application for renewal must be submitted to the Commission by December 1 of each year accompanied by the appropriate renewal fee. The renewal of a license is not automatic. The Commission will consider the applicant's past performance and abilities in evaluating the application for renewal.

4. A ring official may be a member or an associate of a sanctioning organization that does not in any way prohibit or discourage the ring official from being a member or an associate of any other sanctioning organization.

5. The fee for issuance or renewal of a license:

- (a) As a judge is [\$50.] \$100.
- (b) As a timekeeper is [\$50.] \$100.
- (c) As a referee is [\$75.] \$100.

Sec. 57. NAC 467.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.071 1. Ringside physicians must be licensed annually. *The Commission may issue such licenses* as *the* need for [their] *the* services *of ringside physicians* is determined by the Commission.

2. [The] To apply for the issuance or renewal of a license as a ringside physician, an applicant must:

(a) Submit an application to the Commission which includes a disclosure of any resolved or pending medical malpractice claims against the applicant and any civil or criminal actions filed against the applicant.

(b) Hold an active license to practice medicine in this State issued by the Board of Medical *Examiners*.

(c) Pay a fee [for issuance or renewal] of [a license as a ringside physician is] \$100.

3. [The renewal of a license as a ringside physician is not automatic. The] In determining whether to issue or renew a license as a ringside physician, the Commission will consider [the]
:

(a) The applicant's past performance [and abilities in evaluating the application for renewal.]
 as a ringside physician;

(b) The applicant's capabilities as a physician;

(c) The status of the applicant's license with the Board of Medical Examiners or the medical licensing authority of any other state, including, without limitation, any resolved or pending malpractice claims and any civil or criminal actions filed against the applicant; and

(d) The general and professional reputation of the applicant.

4. A ringside physician must maintain *an active license to practice medicine in this State*

issued by the Board of Medical Examiners and certification to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation or an equivalent or more advanced certification in advanced life-saving procedures.

5. A ringside physician licensed pursuant to this section must immediately notify the Executive Director if the ringside physician treats or examines an unarmed combatant or an applicant for a license as an unarmed combatant unless the treatment is:

(a) Provided in furtherance of the duties of the ringside physician described in NAC 467.642;

(b) Provided in a medical emergency; or

(c) Otherwise allowed by the Commission.

Sec. 58. NAC 467.073 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.073 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [6,] 7, the Commission may require the registration of a sanctioning organization.

2. [A] *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a* sanctioning organization required to be registered must submit to the Commission, within 30 days after receipt of notice of the decision of the Commission that the sanctioning organization must be registered:

(a) A completed application for registration on a form provided by the Commission; and

(b) An application fee of [\$100.] \$1,000.

3. A sanctioning organization required to be registered may have its registration revoked, suspended or conditioned by the Commission for:

(a) Failing to provide information as requested by the Commission, the Chair of the Commission or the Executive Director; or

(b) Any other cause for the revocation, suspension or conditioning of a license set forth in this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS.

4. **[A]** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a* sanctioning organization required to be registered which fails or refuses to file an application for registration as required pursuant to subsection 2 or whose registration has been revoked or suspended by the Commission may not participate, directly or indirectly, in any professional contest or exhibition of unarmed combat.

5. [A] *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a* sanctioning organization that is registered pursuant to this section must submit to the Commission an annual fee of [\$100] *\$1,000* for renewal of its registration.

6. The Chair of the Commission or his or her designee may waive the requirements of subsections 2, 4 and 5.

7. The provisions of this section do not apply to a sanctioning organization that holds a license as a promoter which is issued by the Commission and which is in good standing.

[7. As used in this section, "sanctioning organization" means an organization that sanctions professional contests of unarmed combat in this State.]

Sec. 59. NAC 467.077 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.077 Any ring official, any person licensed by the Commission and any applicant for a license must submit to the Commission any forms, records and statements at the times and manner as directed by the Commission [] or the Executive Director.

Sec. 60. NAC 467.087 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.087 1. [Any] Unless the Commission specifies otherwise, any applicant who has been denied a license by the Commission may not file a similar application until 1 year after denial by the Commission [, unless the Commission specifies otherwise at the time of denial.] and the applicant has paid in full all fees and fines imposed on the applicant by the Commission.

2. A person who has had his or her license revoked may not petition for reinstatement or apply for a new license until 1 year after the revocation [-] and the petitioner has paid in full all *fees and fines imposed on the petitioner by the Commission*. If the petitioner files a petition for reinstatement after the 1-year period required pursuant to this subsection, and the Commission denies the request, the petitioner may not petition again for reinstatement until 1 year after the denial.

3. A person who has had his or her license suspended for a period of 1 year or less may not file a petition for reinstatement or an application for a new license until the period of the suspension has expired [.] and the petitioner or applicant has paid in full all fees and fines imposed on him or her by the Commission.

4. A person who has had his or her license suspended for a period of more than 1 year may not file a petition for reinstatement or an application for a new license until 1 year after the suspension **[is]** was ordered **[.]** and the petitioner or applicant has paid in full all fees and fines imposed on him or her by the Commission. If the petitioner or applicant files a petition for reinstatement or an application for a new license after the 1-year period required pursuant to this subsection, and the Commission denies the request, the petitioner may not petition again for reinstatement or apply again for a new license until 1 year after the denial or until the suspension has expired, whichever is less.

5. A person who has had his or her license suspended for any period because of an antidoping violation may not file a petition for reinstatement or an application for a new license unless the petitioner or applicant has:

(a) Submitted to the Commission documentation from a laboratory approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency or the Commission indicating that a test performed on a sample or specimen obtained from the petitioner or applicant did not indicate the presence of a prohibited substance or the use of a prohibited method; and

(b) Paid all fees and fines imposed on him or her by the Commission.

6. The Commission may deny a petition or application that is not filed in accordance with this section without a hearing.

Sec. 61. NAC 467.089 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.089 The expiration of a license , *approval, registration or sanctioning granted by the Commission* does not deprive the Commission of jurisdiction to:

1. Proceed with an investigation of [the licensee;] any person associated with unarmed combat in this State;

2. Proceed with an action or disciplinary proceeding against [the licensee;] any person associated with unarmed combat in this State;

3. Render a decision to suspend or revoke the license [;], *approval, registration or sanctioning, as applicable;* or

4. Otherwise discipline [the] any licensee [.], person approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission, or any person otherwise associated with unarmed combat in this State, including, without limitation, banning such a person from participation in unarmed combat in this State for any period of time, including, without limitation, a lifetime ban from participation in unarmed combat in this State.

Sec. 62. NAC 467.093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.093 1. The Commission will issue an identification card for the purpose of registration [pursuant to the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6301 et seq.,] of all unarmed combatants.

2. The Commission will issue an identification card to each [boxer] unarmed combatant who [so] applies [.] for such a card. The [boxer] unarmed combatant shall provide a recent photograph for the identification card and any other information that is requested by the Commission. After an identification card is issued, the [boxer] unarmed combatant shall provide any information for the identification card that is requested by the Commission, including, but not limited to, a new or more recent photograph.

[2.] 3. An identification card may not be substituted for the license to engage in [boxing] *unarmed combat* held by the [boxer.

3. A boxer] unarmed combatant.

4. An unarmed combatant shall present his or her identification card to the Commission's representative at weigh-in for a contest or exhibition and at any other time ordered by the Commission or its representative.

[4. A person licensed]

5. An unarmed combatant may be subject to disciplinary action by the Commission [is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission] if the [person knowingly:] unarmed combatant:

(a) Provides false information for an identification card or falsifies or attempts to falsify an identification card, or aids in such acts;

(b) Uses or attempts to use an identification card in an unlawful manner or in a manner that is not in the best interests of unarmed combat, or aids in such use; or

(c) Otherwise violates the provisions of this section.

Sec. 63. NAC 467.102 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.102 1. The Commission may refuse to honor a contract between a manager and an unarmed combatant unless it is filed with the Commission at least 72 hours before a scheduled contest or exhibition and it complies with the requirements of this section. The Commission will not honor a contract between a manager and an unarmed combatant if the term of the contract is for a period of more than 4 years.

2. A manager may not contract to receive the services of an unarmed combatant under his or her management for a contest or exhibition which is scheduled to take place after the expiration of the contract.

3. A contract between an unarmed combatant and a manager that is executed and notarized on a form provided by the Commission may provide for voluntary binding arbitration of disputes by the Commission. The arbitration must be conducted by a representative of the Commission appointed by the Chair. The arbitration must be conducted pursuant to the Uniform Arbitration Act of 2000, NRS 38.206 to 38.248, inclusive.

4. The Commission may honor a contract that is not executed and notarized on a form provided by the Commission if the terms of the contract comply with the requirements of this section. If the terms of the contract exceed the limitations contained in this section, the Commission may honor the contract to the extent of those limitations.

5. A manager may not negotiate or sign for contests or exhibitions for an unarmed combatant who is not under contract to the manager. An unarmed combatant who does not have a contract with a licensed manager must sign for his or her own contest or exhibition and sign the receipt for his or her own purse.

6. A manager or managers may not participate separately or collectively in more than 33 1/3 percent of the earnings of the unarmed combatant in the ring.

7. An interest, other than a monetary interest, which an unarmed combatant or a manager has in a contract may not be assigned unless:

(a) A written assignment, signed by the unarmed combatant and the manager, is submitted to the Commission; and

(b) The Commission approves the assignment.

8. At the discretion of the Commission, any contract or agreement required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to this section may be submitted to the Commission by electronic means.

Sec. 64. NAC 467.117 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.117 1. A bout agreement between a promoter and an unarmed combatant for the main event of a program of unarmed combat must be placed on file with the Commission at least [3] 7 working days before the program unless the [Commission gives special approval for filing the bout agreement closer to the time of weighing in.] *Executive Director waives the deadline for good cause shown*.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, bout agreements [for all] between
 promoters and unarmed combatants who will be contending in a contest or exhibition must be
 filed before the scheduled time for weighing in.

3. A promoter or matchmaker who fails to file a bout agreement for an unarmed combatant whose name is released to the news media *in relation to a potential bout requiring the filing of a bout agreement* is subject to disciplinary action.

4. Any [contract by the promoter for the sale, lease or other use of rights to broadcast, televise or take motion pictures of a contest or exhibition, including, but not limited to, a contract for the rights to make a closed circuit telecast of a contest or exhibition, must be placed on file with the Commission at least 10 working days after the contest or exhibition.] agreement between contestants for a contest or exhibition must be placed on file with the Commission at least or exhibition must be placed on file with the Commission at least or exhibition must be placed on file with the Commission at least or exhibition must be placed on file with the Commission at least or exhibition must be placed on file with the Commission at least or exhibition must be placed on file with the Commission at least or exhibition must be placed on file with the Commission at least 10 working days after the contest the placed on file with the Commission at least 10 working days after the contest or exhibition.]

5. At the discretion of the Commission, any agreement required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to this section may be filed with the Commission by electronic means.

Sec. 65. NAC 467.142 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.142 1. All payment of purses must be made:

(a) Immediately after the contest or exhibition; or

(b) If the unarmed combatant is to receive a percentage of the net receipts, immediately after that percentage is determined by a person designated by the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. [Before] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, before the start of a contest or exhibition, the promoter shall deliver to the Commission, checks, letters of credit or another method of payment that is approved by the Commission for distribution to the entitled persons. [All] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, all methods of payment other than checks must be [submitted] described to the Commission not later than 10 days before the date of the contest or exhibition.

3. [Immediately] *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, immediately* after the contest or exhibition, the person designated by the Commission will release the payments to the entitled persons and will obtain their signatures on a list in which they acknowledge the payment.

4. The promoter may withhold an amount of not more than 10 percent of the purse for payment of expenses incurred by the unarmed combatant. A reconciliation of those expenses and payment of the undistributed portion of the purse must be made to the Commission [on the Commission's form] within 5 working days after the contest or exhibition. The reconciliation must bear written approval of the unarmed combatant before it is submitted [-] or include a sufficiently detailed explanation of the payment to establish to the satisfaction of the Commission a reconciliation of expenses and payments. If good cause is shown, the Chair of the Commission or his or her designee may grant an extension of the date for reconciliation for a period not to exceed 30 days after the contest or exhibition.

5. At the discretion of the Commission, the Commission may authorize a promoter to pay a purse by electronic means, including, without limitation, wire transfer. If a purse is paid by electronic means, the promoter must provide the Commission with proof that the purse was paid to an unarmed combatant by electronic means.

Sec. 66. NAC 467.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.151 1. Not later than 20 *calendar* days after the completion of a live professional contest, match or exhibition is held in this State, the promoter shall pay the fees required by subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 467.108 to the Commission by check or money order.

2. To apply for a grant from money collected pursuant to NRS 467.108, an organization that promotes amateur contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat in this State must submit an application to the Executive Director on a form prescribed by the Executive Director.

3. After considering an application for a grant, the Commission may:

(a) Award the grant, in whole or in part;

(b) Refuse to award the grant; or

(c) Require the Executive Director or the organization applying for the grant to submit supplemental information.

4. When determining whether to award a grant, the Commission will consider:

(a) The need for, and the propriety of, the grant requested;

(b) The recommendation of the Executive Director;

(c) Previous grants to, and the accounting procedures of, the requesting organization;

(d) The benefits to amateur unarmed combat in this State to be derived from a requested

grant; and

(e) The current and prospective balance of the total amount of money collected pursuant to NRS 467.108.

Sec. 67. NAC 467.167 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.167 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 467.169, a promoter shall not hold a program of unarmed combat unless, before the program is held:

(a) The promoter submits to the Commission a written request for a permit, as required by NRS 467.105, and for approval of the date for the program; and

(b) The Commission approves the permit and the date for the program.

2. A written request for a permit must include, without limitation:

(a) The proposed site for the event;

(b) A listing of all title fights to be held on the program; and

(c) If the program will be televised, each date and network on which the program will be televised.

3. The permit fee required by NRS 467.105 must be paid:

(a) Within 10 days after the date for the program; or

(b) If the program is cancelled and the permit fee is forfeited pursuant to subsection 4, when ordered by the Commission.

4. In determining whether to approve a permit for a program of unarmed combat, the Commission may consider the best interest of the State including, without limitation:

- (a) The financial effect of the program on the Commission;
- (b) The well-being of the staff of the Commission; and
- (c) The effect of the program on the reputation of unarmed combat.

5. The Commission is not required to approve a program of unarmed combat on the sole basis that the Commission has not approved a program of unarmed combat for the date for which the permit is requested. 6. The failure of the promoter to notify the Commission of a cancellation at least [5] working] 30 calendar days before the date for the program [may] shall result in the forfeiture of the permit fee and may subject the promoter to disciplinary action.

Sec. 68. NAC 467.169 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.169 1. If, based upon the seating capacity of the venue and the proposed scale for prices of tickets, the total gross receipts from admission fees for a program of unarmed combat may reasonably exceed \$2,000,000, the Commission will consider a request for a permit and for approval of a date for the program submitted pursuant to NAC 467.167 only if the request includes:

(a) A bout agreement or letter of intent signed by each unarmed combatant who is participating in the contest or exhibition that is designated as the main event of the program;

(b) A contract or letter of intent signed by each promoter and by the authorized representative of the venue in which the program is to be held;

(c) A statement that describes the seating capacity of the venue in which the program is to be held; and

(d) The proposed scale for prices of tickets for the program.

2. If the Commission receives more than one request for the approval of a date submitted pursuant to NAC 467.167 for the same date, the Commission [will:] *may*:

(a) Approve only one request and grant a permit pursuant to NRS 467.105 only to the applicant who submitted the request that was approved, if the Commission determines that approving the request of and granting the permit to only that applicant is in the best interests of the State of Nevada and the sport of unarmed combat;

(b) Approve only one request and grant a permit pursuant to NRS 467.105 only to the first applicant who submits a completed request for approval to hold a program of unarmed combat on that date;

(c) Approve two or more requests and grant permits pursuant to NRS 467.105 to each applicant who submitted a request so approved, if the Commission determines that granting the permits is in the best interests of the State of Nevada and the sport of unarmed combat; or

(d) Take such other action as is deemed appropriate by the Commission.

Sec. 69. NAC 467.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.177 1. A person who wishes to present a program of unarmed combat for charitable purposes must file with the Commission an application for a permit to present the program. The application must contain the name of the charity, charitable fund or organization which is to benefit from the program , *evidence satisfactory to the Commission that the organization which is to benefit from the program is recognized as exempt from federal income tax pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), and the amount or percentage of the receipts of the program which is to be paid to the charity.*

2. Within 10 days after such a program is held, the promoter shall furnish to the Commission a certified itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the program and the net amount paid to the charitable fund or organization. If the promoter fails to file the statement within the prescribed time, the Commission:

(a) May suspend or revoke the promoter's license.

(b) [Will not] *May* thereafter *refuse to* issue a permit to the promoter for the holding of any program of unarmed combat for charitable purposes.

Sec. 70. NAC 467.182 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.182 A contest or exhibition may not be arranged on behalf of any promoter except by a licensed matchmaker or the promoter . [personally.]

Sec. 71. NAC 467.214 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.214 1. The ring officials of contests or exhibitions are the *inspectors*, referee, judges, timekeeper, *ringside* physician and Commission's representative. The Commission *or the Executive Director* will select and approve all ring officials.

2. The promoter may select the announcer for a contest or exhibition, subject to the Commission's approval.

Sec. 72. NAC 467.219 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.219 1. A majority of the Commission will select the referee for the main event in **[boxing]** *a* championship **[contests]** *contest or exhibition* and for any other **[boxing contests]** *contest* or **[exhibitions]** *exhibition* which the Commission considers to be *a* special **[events.]** *event*.

2. The Commission will set the fee which the referee is entitled to receive for a contest or exhibition.

3. If any licensee of the Commission protests the assignment of a referee, the protesting licensee will be given [a hearing by] an opportunity to voice a protest to the Commission if time permits. If time does not permit, the [matter] protest will be heard by two Commissioners or a Commissioner and the Chief Inspector or Executive Director in order to make such disposition of the protest as the facts may justify. Protests not made in a timely manner may be summarily rejected.

4. Each referee licensed by the Commission must annually undergo a complete physical examination, including an eye examination conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. The licensee must produce all records of the examination at the request of the Commission.

Sec. 73. NAC 467.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.225 1. A majority of the Commission will select the judges for the main event in **[boxing]** *a* championship **[contests]** *contest* and for any other **[boxing contests]** *contest* or **[exhibitions]** *exhibition* which the Commission considers to be *a* special **[events.]** *event*.

2. If any licensee of the Commission protests the assignment of a judge, the protesting licensee will be given [a hearing by] an opportunity to voice the protest to the Commission if time permits. If time does not permit, the [matter] protest will be heard by two Commissioners or a Commissioner and the Chief Inspector or Executive Director in order to make such disposition of the protest as the facts may justify. Protests not made in a timely manner may be summarily rejected.

3. The Commission will set the fee which the judges are entitled to receive for a contest or exhibition.

4. The judges must be stationed ringside at places designated by the Commission's representative.

5. Each judge licensed by the Commission:

(a) May be required to submit to or provide proof of a complete physical examination; and

(b) Must annually undergo an eye examination conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist and produce all records of the examination at the request of the Commission.

Sec. 74. NAC 467.238 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.238 1. For purposes of this chapter, inspectors, referees, judges, timekeepers and ringside physicians shall be deemed to be independent contractors of the Commission.

2. A promoter shall pay to the Commission the total fees set by the Commission for all *officials described in subsection 1 and any other* persons whom the Commission *or the Executive Director* directs to officiate in a contest or exhibition promoted by that promoter.

3. The Commission will pay the money collected pursuant to this section to the officials *or persons* described in subsection [1.] 2.

Sec. 75. NAC 467.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.255 1. The promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall, if possible:

(a) Notify the Commission and the news media of any change or substitution involving a contest or exhibition that was announced or advertised as the main event of the program; and

(b) Provide such notice at least 24 hours before the first contest or exhibition of the program.
→ The promoter shall also conspicuously post the change or substitution at the box office of the premises where the program is to be held and cause the change or substitution to be announced from the ring or, if the program is being held in a fenced area, from the fenced area, before the first contest or exhibition of the program.

2. If such a change or substitution occurs and any patron desires to have the price of [his or her] *the patron's* ticket refunded, the promoter must refund the patron's money if the patron [presents the ticket or the ticket stub at the box office before the opening contest or exhibition of the program is scheduled to begin. The box office must remain open a reasonable length of time to redeem such tickets.] *requests a refund from the promoter within such a period after the promoter publicly announced the change or substitution as the Executive Director deems reasonable.*

3. An unarmed combatant may not substitute for another unarmed combatant in a contest or exhibition that is the main event of a program of unarmed combat unless:

(a) The promoter notifies the Commission before the unarmed combatant weighs in for the contest or exhibition; and

(b) The Commission or the Commission's representative approves the substitution.

Sec. 76. NAC 467.259 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.259 If a promoter enters into a bout agreement with an unarmed combatant for a contest or exhibition in a program of unarmed combat, but the promoter, without reasonable cause, does not use the unarmed combatant in that program, the unarmed combatant must be used in [the next] *a* program staged by [the] *that* promoter *within a period deemed reasonable by the Executive Director* or be reimbursed pursuant to the bout agreement.

Sec. 77. NAC 467.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.272 1. All drinks at a program of unarmed combat must be dispensed in paper or plastic cups [-] *or any other container approved by the Commission*.

2. [Ashtrays and plates] *Plates and any other materials for serving food that are* provided for patrons at a program of unarmed combat must be made from lightweight, nonflammable and nontoxic materials.

Sec. 78. NAC 467.315 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.315 1. The right of admission to a program of unarmed combat must not be sold to a person unless that person is provided with a ticket.

2. The promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall:

(a) Prepare an inventory which identifies all tickets that were **[printed]** *issued* for the program and which accounts for any tickets that are overprints, changes or extras;

(b) Sign the inventory under **[oath,]** *penalty of perjury*, acknowledging that the inventory is true and correct **[:]** *to the best of the promoter's knowledge;* and

(c) Send the inventory to the Commission.

Sec. 79. NAC 467.326 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.326 1. Every ticket must have the price, name of the promoter and date of the program of unarmed combat plainly on it and must adequately indicate that the promoter is complying with NRS 467.108.

2. [Requests for changes in ticket prices or dates of programs of unarmed combat must be made in writing to the Commission for approval.] Every complimentary ticket must be visibly marked as a complimentary ticket and must contain a statement that the ticket cannot be sold or bartered.

Sec. 80. NAC 467.332 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.332 1. A promoter may not issue complimentary tickets for more than [4] *8* percent of the seats in the house, equally distributed between or among the price categories for which complimentary tickets are issued, without the Commission's written authorization. The Commission does not consider complimentary tickets which it authorizes under this section or NAC 467.337 to constitute part of the total gross receipts from admission fees for the purposes of calculating the license fee . [prescribed in subsection 1 of NRS 467.107.]

2. Each unarmed combatant who is working on a percentage must be paid his or her percentage of the normal price of all complimentary tickets unless the contract between him or her and the promoter provides otherwise and stipulates the number of complimentary tickets which will be issued.

3. If a service charge is made for complimentary tickets, the unarmed combatant is entitled to be paid his or her percentage of that service charge, less any deduction for federal taxes and the fees prescribed in NRS 467.104 and 467.107, unless the contract between him or her and the promoter provides otherwise.

Sec. 81. NAC 467.337 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.337 1. Each promoter of a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat has charge of all seating arrangements but shall furnish to the Commission a limited number of tickets as determined by the Commission. The Commission may use the tickets at its discretion, which may include use for the promotion of unarmed combat in this State or other use to assist the Commission, but the tickets must not be sold *, bartered* or otherwise exchanged for any [monetary] *thing of* value [-] *by any recipient of the ticket.* Persons who receive tickets pursuant to this subsection are not liable for the payment of any fees for those tickets.

2. Each promoter may provide tickets without charge or at a reduced rate to:

(a) Any of his or her employees and, if the promoter is a corporation, to a director or officer who is regularly employed or engaged in promoting programs of unarmed combat, whether or not his or her duties require him or her to be admitted to the particular program and whether or not he or she is on duty at the time of that program;

(b) Principals and seconds who are engaged in a contest or exhibition that is part of the program of unarmed combat;

(c) A journalist who is performing his or her duties as such; and

(d) A firefighter or police officer who is performing his or her duties as such.

 \vdash Any person other than a journalist, police officer or firefighter who pays a reduced rate for admission is liable for payment of applicable fees on the amount paid.] 3. Each promoter shall perform the following duties in relation to the issuance of complimentary tickets or those issued at a reduced price:

(a) Each ticket issued to a journalist must be clearly marked "PRESS." No more tickets may be issued to journalists than will permit comfortable seating in the press area.

(b) Seating at the press tables or in the press area must be limited to journalists who are actually covering the contest or exhibition and to other persons designated by the Commission.

(c) A list of passes issued to journalists must be submitted to the Commission.

(d) Only one ticket may be sold at a reduced price to any one manager, second, unarmed combatant or other person licensed by the Commission.

(e) Any credential issued by the promoter which allows an admission to the program without a ticket must be approved in advance *in writing* by [a member] *the Chair* of the Commission or [the Executive Director.] *his or her designee.* Requests for the issuance of such credentials must be made at least [5] 24 hours before the first contest or exhibition of the program.

4. Admission of any person who does not hold a ticket or who is not specifically exempted pursuant to this section is a ground for suspension or revocation of the promoter's license or the assessment of a penalty.

5. The [Commission's] Executive Director shall collect all fees and taxes due on any ticket which is not specifically exempt pursuant to this section, and for any person who is admitted without a ticket in violation of this section.

Sec. 82. NAC 467.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.340 1. The promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall admit to such program any referee, judge, ringside physician, inspector or timekeeper who: [is]

(a) Is an independent contractor of the Commission [and who presents];

(b) Is specifically assigned by the Commission, the Chair of the Commission or the Executive Director to work at the program; and

- (c) **Presents** his or her card, **or** commission badge or credential evidencing such status.
- 2. The promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall admit to such program any member of the Commission who:
- (a) Is specifically assigned by the Commission, the Chair of the Commission or the Executive Director to work at the program; and
 - (b) Presents his or her card, commission badge or credential evidencing such status.
 - 3. A commission badge *or credential* may only be used by:
 - (a) Commissioners;
 - (b) Commission staff;
 - (c) Commission legal counsel;
 - (d) Inspectors; and
 - (e) Ringside physicians.

[3.] 4. The promoter of a program and officials of the venue shall allow a person listed in subsection [2] 3 full access to the site of the program and dressing rooms upon the showing of his or her commission badge [.] or credential.

Sec. 83. NAC 467.342 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.342 The promoter may allocate seats for the media, subject to [the Commission's] final approval of the allocation [.] by the Executive Director.

Sec. 84. NAC 467.344 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.344 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 [;] or 3, for every program of unarmed combat, the promoter of the program shall reserve an area consisting of at least one

whole side of the ring, from the ring apron to 15 feet back from the ring apron, for use by the Commission during the program.

2. [If] *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3*, a program of unarmed combat consists of contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts held in a fenced area, the promoter shall reserve an area equivalent to the area described in subsection 1 for use by the Commission during the program.

3. The Executive Director may waive a requirement of this section for good cause shown.

Sec. 85. NAC 467.376 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.376 [1.] An usher shall see that:

[(a)] 1. Patrons get the seats corresponding with their ticket stubs; and

[(b)] 2. Anyone who occupies a seat for which he or she does not have the ticket stub is asked to vacate or, if necessary, is ejected.

[2. The promoter is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission if:

(a) Any usher allows an unsold seat to be occupied by a patron not holding a stub for the seat.

(b) Any door attendant admits any person without a ticket to the program.]

Sec. 86. NAC 467.414 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.414 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a program of unarmed combat must not be held unless [an ambulance] *two ambulances* and [two] *four* persons certified by this State as advanced emergency medical technicians are present at the site of the program and able and available to transport an unarmed combatant to a medical facility. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, if at least one ambulance and two persons certified by this State as advanced emergency medical technicians are not present at the site of a program of unarmed combat, the program must not continue until:*

(a) One ambulance and two advanced emergency medical technicians are present and available and the Chair of the Commission or his or her designee has authorized the program to continue pursuant to subsection 2; or

(b) Two ambulances and four advanced emergency medical technicians are present and available.

2. If **[the]** one ambulance or *two* advanced emergency medical technicians leave the site of the program to transport an unarmed combatant to a medical facility, *for good cause shown*, the *Chair of the Commission or his or her designee may authorize the* program of unarmed combat **[must not]** *to* continue until another ambulance or replacements for the advanced emergency medical technicians are present and available.

3. If an ambulance is not available because of the location of the site, the highest level of medical transport in that locale must be present and able and available to transport an unarmed combatant to a medical facility. If the advanced emergency medical technicians are not available because of the location of the site, two persons with the highest level of training as emergency medical technicians in that locale must be present and able and available to treat an unarmed combatant.

4. The medical personnel described in this section:

(a) Must be designated to render service only to the unarmed combatants in the program.

(b) Shall position themselves and their equipment in a location at or near the ring or, if the program is being held in a fenced area, at or near the fenced area, that they and the ringside physician deem appropriate.

5. Each promoter of such a program shall, without regard to the size of the anticipated attendance:

(a) Give notice of the time, date and site of the program to the ambulance service or emergency medical service which is located nearest to the site of the program and ascertain from the service the length of time required for one of its ambulances to reach the site.

(b) Give such a notice to the nearest hospital and the persons in charge of its emergency room.

6. For purposes of this section, a program of unarmed combat begins with the

commencement of the first bout and ends when the last unarmed combatant leaves the site of the program.

Sec. 87. NAC 467.417 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.417 1. Each promoter of a program of unarmed combat shall arrange to have emergency equipment on the premises where the program is to be held. The emergency equipment must include [, but is not limited to:

(a) Blankets;

(b) A stretcher;

(c) A bottle of smelling salts;

-(d) Bandages;

(e) Surgical tape;

(f) Splints;

(g) A pair of scissors;

(h) A soft collar and a hard collar;

(i) An airway; and

(j) Sterile surgical gloves.] all equipment reasonably necessary to address the potential injuries of the unarmed combatants.

2. The promoter shall also provide at ringside during each contest or exhibition two small oxygen tanks, properly charged, with suitable masks.

Sec. 88. NAC 467.422 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.422 1. On the day of a contest or exhibition, only the following people are allowed in the dressing room of an unarmed combatant:

(a) The manager of the unarmed combatant;

- (b) The seconds of the unarmed combatant;
- (c) Any representative of the promoter; and
- (d) Any representative of the Commission [] who is assigned by the Commission, the Chair

of the Commission or the Executive Director to work at the contest or exhibition.

2. The promoter shall furnish security at the entrance to the dressing rooms to enforce this section.

Sec. 89. NAC 467.427 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.427 Any written contract or agreement between unarmed combatants setting forth the acceptable gloves for a contest or exhibition must be furnished to the Commission not less than 7 calendar days before the scheduled contest or exhibition unless the Executive Director waives the deadline for good cause shown. The gloves used in a contest or exhibition must meet the following requirements:

1. The gloves must be examined by the representative of the Commission and the *chief* referee [-] or his or her designated referee. If padding in any glove is found to be misplaced or lumpy or if any glove is found to be imperfect [-] or not in compliance with any contract or agreement between the unarmed combatants, the glove must be changed before the contest or exhibition starts. No breaking [-] down, roughing or twisting of gloves is permitted.

2. The gloves *furnished by the promoter to the Commission* for every contest or exhibition that is designated as a *12-round* main event *or championship fight* must be new, [furnished by the promoter] must be provided to the Commission by the promoter not later than 7 calendar days before the scheduled contest or exhibition unless the Executive Director waives the deadline for good cause shown and [made to] must properly fit the hands of the unarmed combatant.

3. If the gloves to be used in preliminary contests or exhibitions have been used before, they must be whole, clean and in sanitary condition. The gloves are subject to inspection by the referee or representative of the Commission. If a glove is found to be unfit, it must be replaced with a glove that meets the requirements of this section.

4. Each promoter must have an extra set of gloves of the appropriate weight available to be used in case a glove is broken or otherwise damaged during the course of a contest or exhibition.

5. [For] *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for* contests or exhibitions of boxing and kickboxing, each unarmed combatant *weighing in:*

(a) At 135 pounds or less must wear gloves which weigh [not less than] 8 ounces [and not more than] during the contest or exhibition.

(b) At more than 135 pounds must wear gloves which weigh 10 ounces [,] during the contest or exhibition, except that [the] an unarmed combatant weighing in at more than 135 pounds but not more than 147 pounds may wear gloves which weigh 8 ounces during the contest or exhibition if both unarmed combatants agrees to wear gloves of that weight.

→ *The* Commission will set the weight of the gloves to be used in a championship contest. All gloves must have the distal portion of the thumb attached to the body of the glove so as to minimize the possibility of injury to an opponent's eye.

6. For contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts, each unarmed combatant must wear gloves that weigh not less than 4 ounces and not more than 8 ounces.

7. **[Unarmed combatants]** *An unarmed combatant* shall use only those brands and models of gloves that have been approved by the **[Commission]** *Executive Director* for **[their]** *the* contest or exhibition **[.]** *in which the unarmed combatant is participating.*

Sec. 90. NAC 467.432 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.432 1. Bandages on the hand of an unarmed combatant may not exceed one winding of surgeon's adhesive tape, not over 2 inches wide, placed directly on the hand to protect the part of the hand near the wrist. The tape may cross the back of the hand twice, but may not extend within three-fourths of an inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist.

2. Each unarmed combatant shall use soft surgical bandage not over 2 inches wide, held in place by not more than [10] *12* feet of surgeon's adhesive tape for each hand. Up to one 20-yard roll of bandage may be used to complete the wrappings for each hand. [Strips] *Flat strips* of tape may be used between the fingers to hold down the bandages.

3. Bandages must be adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of a representative of the Commission and both unarmed combatants. Either unarmed combatant may waive his or her privilege of witnessing the bandaging of his or her opponent's hands.

Sec. 91. NAC 467.437 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.437 1. The chief second shall equip himself or herself with:

(a) A clear plastic water bottle;

(b) [A bucket containing ice;] Ice in a sealable, plastic package or mesh-style zippered bag;

(c) A solution or product of a kind approved by the Commission for stopping hemorrhaging;

(d) Adhesive tape;

(e) Gauze;

(f) Scissors; and

(g) One extra mouthpiece.

2. No ammonia may be used in the ring.

3. The ringside physician or Commission's representative may, at any time, inspect the contents of the chief second's first-aid kit.

Sec. 92. NAC 467.447 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.447 There must be a bell , **[or]** gong *or other auditory device* at the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is held in a fenced area, at the fenced area, no higher than the floor level of the ring or fenced area. The bell , **[or]** gong *or other device* must produce a clear tone easily heard by the unarmed combatants **[-]** *and referee*.

Sec. 93. NAC 467.472 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.472 1. With respect to contests or exhibitions of boxing or kickboxing, without the special permission of the Commission, an unarmed combatant may not compete in this State unless:

(a) Four days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted not more than 4 rounds.

(b) Seven days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted 5 or 6 rounds.

(c) Fourteen days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted 7 or 8 rounds.

(d) Twenty-one days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted 9 or 10 rounds.

(e) Thirty days have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition if the contest or exhibition lasted 11 or 12 rounds.

2. With respect to contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts, without the special permission of the Commission, an unarmed combatant may not compete in this State unless 4 days for each round that his or her last contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts lasted have elapsed since his or her last contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts.

3. For the purposes of this section, a contest or exhibition is deemed to have lasted the number of rounds that were officially begun.

Sec. 94. NAC 467.514 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.514 1. Each unarmed combatant must be weighed in the presence of the public, his or her opponent, a representative of the Commission and an official representing the promoter, on scales approved by the Commission at any place designated by the Commission.

2. The unarmed combatant must have all weights stripped from his or her body before weighing in, but may wear shorts [.] *and, if the unarmed combatant is female, a top.*

3. Representatives of newspapers and the electronic news media who properly identify themselves as such must be admitted to each official weighing in of an unarmed combatant.

4. The owner or operator of the premises in which the weighing in is held shall provide adequate security for the unarmed combatant and other persons who are present.

5. The Commission may require unarmed combatants to be weighed more than once for any cause deemed sufficient by the Commission.

Sec. 95. NAC 467.522 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.522 1. An unarmed combatant who fails to make the weight agreed upon in his or her bout agreement forfeits:

(a) Twenty-five percent of his or her purse if no lesser amount is set by the Commission's representative; or

(b) A lesser amount set by the Executive Director and approved by the Commission,

 \rightarrow unless the weight difference is 1 pound or less.

2. [A forfeit] *The amount of a purse forfeited pursuant to this section* must be [divided equally between the other] paid to the opponent of the unarmed combatant [and the Commission.] who failed to make the weight agreed upon in his or her bout agreement.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NAC 467.476 and subsection $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 3 of NAC 467.7956, if, during the 1 hour following the time of weighing in, an unarmed combatant is able to make the weight or weighs 1 pound or less outside the agreed limits, no forfeit may be imposed or fine assessed upon him or her.

Sec. 96. NAC 467.528 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.528 **1.** A physician designated by the Commission shall give each unarmed combatant a thorough physical examination at the time of his or her weighing in before a contest or exhibition. *As part of the examination, each unarmed combatant shall complete a pre-fight medical questionnaire and attest under penalty of perjury to the accuracy of the information provided by him or her on the questionnaire.*

2. An unarmed combatant shall report to the Commission or the Executive Director any infusions, medical treatment, outpatient treatment or hospital admission received by the unarmed combatant after the weigh-in and before the contest or exhibition.

Sec. 97. NAC 467.568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.568 1. A female unarmed combatant shall not engage in a contest or exhibition with a male unarmed combatant.

2. [In addition to meeting such requirements of this chapter as are applicable to unarmed combatants generally, a female unarmed combatant shall:

(a) Use a mouthpiece that has been fitted for her mouth;

(b) Wear a breast protector as a binder;

 (c) Have her hair secured in a manner that does not interfere with the vision or safety of either unarmed combatant;

(d) Use a minimum of cosmetics; and

(e) For each contest or exhibition in which she competes, have two uniforms in contrasting colors, with each uniform consisting of a body shirt, blouse and shorts.

<u>3.</u>] Before each bout in which a female unarmed combatant is scheduled to compete, the female unarmed combatant shall provide to the Commission an original or certified copy, *or other authenticated copy*, of the result of a medical test taken not later than [1 week] 10 days before the day of the bout which shows that the combatant is not pregnant. The Commission will not permit a female unarmed combatant to compete if she:

(a) Is determined to be pregnant; or

(b) Fails to comply with this subsection.

[4.] 3. The promoters of a contest or exhibition between female unarmed combatants shall provide them with adequate separate dressing rooms.

[5. The annual physical examination of a female unarmed combatant must include an examination of the pelvis, the abdomen and the breasts, and the notation of any masses.]

Sec. 98. NAC 467.586 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.586 *1*. Each unarmed combatant must report to the representative of the Commission in charge of dressing rooms before the scheduled time of the first contest or exhibition of a

program of unarmed combat or, if a later report time is set by the Commission or its representative, then by that report time.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an unarmed combatant shall not consume stimulant drinks or drinks which contain caffeine, including, without limitation, Red Bull, Rock Star and Monster, on the day of or during a bout. An unarmed combatant may consume electrolyte drinks, including, without limitation, Gatorade, PowerAde, smartWater and Propel, coffee, tea or soft drinks on the day of or during a bout. All drinks brought to the site of a contest or exhibition must be in sealed containers and approved by an inspector who has signed off on the container of the drink. An unarmed combatant may not bring an unsealed drink onto the site of a contest or exhibition.

Sec. 99. NAC 467.592 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.592 1. Each unarmed combatant must provide himself or herself with a costume, which is subject to the approval of the Commission or its representative.

2. Each unarmed combatant must appear in proper attire. The unarmed combatants may not wear the same colors in the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the fenced area, without the approval of the Commission's representative.

3. The belt of the trunks must not extend above the waist line.

- 4. Each unarmed combatant must wear:
- (a) A mouthpiece which has been individually fitted. [; and]

(b) An abdominal protector which will protect him or her against injury from a foul blow. The abdominal protector must not cover or extend above the umbilicus.

(c) If the unarmed combatant is female, a top approved by the Commission or its representative.

5. An unarmed combatant may not wear contact lenses during the contest or exhibition in which he or she is participating.

6. Each unarmed combatant must have his or her hair secured in a manner that does not interfere with the vision or safety of either unarmed combatant.

Sec. 100. NAC 467.598 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.598 1. Each unarmed combatant must be clean and present a tidy appearance.

2. The excessive use of grease or any other foreign substance may not be used on the face or body of an unarmed combatant. The referees or the Commission's representative in charge shall cause any excessive grease or foreign substance to be removed.

3. The Commission's representative shall determine whether head or facial hair [presents], *fingernails or toenails present* any hazard to the safety of the unarmed combatant or his or her opponent or will interfere with the supervision and conduct of the contest or exhibition. If the head or facial hair, *fingernails or toenails* of an unarmed combatant [presents] present such a hazard or will interfere with the supervision and conduct of the contest or exhibition, the unarmed combatant may not compete in the contest or exhibition unless the circumstances creating the hazard or potential interference are corrected to the satisfaction of the Commission's representative.

4. An unarmed combatant may not wear any jewelry or other piercing accessories while competing in the contest or exhibition.

Sec. 101. NAC 467.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.605 1. The Commission's representative in charge at a contest or exhibition shall, before the start of the contest or exhibition, give scorecards to each judge if the contest or exhibition is being judged.

2. The judges shall score each round of the contest or exhibition on an individual scorecard and sign it. The referee shall pick up the scorecard from each judge and turn in the scorecards at the Commission's desk before the start of each round.

3. The Commission's representative may show the scorecards to accredited representatives of the press after the completion of the contest or exhibition.

4. The Commission's representative shall mail or deliver the scorecards with the rest of his or her reports regarding the contest or exhibition to the office of the Commission.

5. Reports of each contest or exhibition will be kept on file in the office of the Commission.

6. Electronic scorecards may be used to score a contest or exhibition if the use of electronic scorecards is approved by the Commission before the contest or exhibition.

Sec. 102. NAC 467.612 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.612 1. Each judge of a boxing *or kickboxing* contest or exhibition that is being judged shall score the contest or exhibition and determine the winner through the use of the following system:

(a) The better boxer *or kickboxer* of a round receives 10 points and his or her opponent proportionately less.

(b) If the round is even, each boxer or kickboxer receives 10 points.

(c) No fraction of points may be given.

(d) Points for each round must be awarded immediately after the end of the period of unarmed combat in the round.

2. After the end of the boxing *or kickboxing* contest or exhibition, the announcer shall pick up the scores of the judges from the Commission's desk. The majority opinion is conclusive and, if there is no majority, the decision is a draw.

3. When the representative of the Commission has checked the scores, he or she shall inform the announcer of the decision and the announcer shall inform the audience of the decision over the speaker system. *The decision of a majority of the judges is the decision except that, if there is no majority, the decision is a draw.*

Sec. 103. NAC 467.628 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.628 The referee shall, before starting a contest or exhibition, ascertain from each unarmed combatant the name of his or her chief second, and shall hold the chief second responsible for the conduct of the assistant seconds during the progress of the contest or exhibition. The referee shall **[call]** give final instruction by either giving final instructions to each unarmed combatant in the dressing area or calling the unarmed combatants together before each contest or exhibition for final instructions . **[, at which time]** When the referee is giving final instructions to the unarmed combatants, each unarmed combatant must be accompanied by his or her chief second.

Sec. 104. NAC 467.635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.635 1. No unarmed combatant may have more than three seconds except that in a contest for a *main event or* world title or in a special event the Commission may authorize four seconds.

2. [Only one of the seconds] *For a boxing contest, only a cutman* may be inside the ring ropes during a period of rest [-] *and each second must remain outside the ring.*

3. For a mixed martial arts contest, one second and a cutman may be inside the fenced area in which the contest is occurring during a period of rest.

4. A second may not coach loudly or excessively from the corners during a period of unarmed combat.

[4.] 5. Any excessive or undue spraying or throwing of water on an unarmed combatant by a second during a period of rest is prohibited.

Sec. 105. NAC 467.642 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.642 1. The ringside [physician] physicians designated by the Commission shall sit at the immediate ringside at every contest or exhibition. A contest or exhibition may not proceed unless [the] at least one ringside physician is in his or her seat at ringside. [The] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a ringside physician shall not leave until after the decision in the final contest or exhibition. [He or she] The lead ringside physician shall not leave until the locker rooms are cleared of all unarmed combatants unless expressly permitted to leave by the Executive Director.

2. *A ringside physician* shall be prepared to assist if any serious emergency arises and shall render temporary or emergency treatments for cuts and minor injuries sustained by the unarmed combatants.

[2.] 3. If an unarmed combatant appears to have been injured during a period of unarmed combat, his or her manager or second shall not attempt to render aid before [the] a ringside physician has had an opportunity to examine him or her.

Sec. 106. NAC 467.649 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.649 Ten seconds before the beginning of each round the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of the unarmed combatants by blowing a whistle [] or giving any other audible

signal.

Sec. 107. NAC 467.662 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.662 1. No persons other than the unarmed combatants and the referee may be in the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the fenced area, during the progress of a period of unarmed combat.

2. The referee may, in his or her discretion, stop a contest or exhibition if an unauthorized person enters the ring or fenced area during a round.

3. During the periods preceding and following a period of unarmed combat, no persons may be in the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the fenced area, except that not more than 40 persons may be in the ring or fenced area as follows:

(a) An entertainer authorized to provide entertainment at the contest or exhibition, including, without limitation, a person performing the national anthem, may be in the ring or fenced area during his or her performance, but the entertainer must leave the ring or fenced area immediately after the performance.

(b) During the period preceding a period of unarmed combat:

(1) A representative of the Commission, a referee, two unarmed combatants and their lead seconds, four inspectors, two representatives of each promoter, two promotional personnel, two sponsorship personnel, an announcer, a camera crew and one representative of the sanctioning organization for the contest or exhibition may be in the ring or fenced area.

(2) Security personnel must be on the ring apron or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the equivalent area around the fenced area, and security personnel may only enter the ring or fenced area if necessary.

(c) During the period following a period of unarmed combat:

(1) A representative of the Commission, two ringside physicians, a referee, two unarmed combatants and their lead seconds, four inspectors, two representatives of each promoter, two

promotional personnel, two sponsorship personnel, an announcer, a camera crew and one representative of the sanctioning organization for the contest or exhibition may be in the ring or fenced area.

(2) Security personnel must be on the ring apron or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the equivalent area around the fenced area, and security personnel may only enter the ring or fenced area if necessary.

4. No person under the age of 18 years may be in the ring or, if the contest or exhibition is being held in a fenced area, in the fenced area at any time.

5. The Executive Director may waive any requirement of this section for good cause shown.

Sec. 108. NAC 467.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.675 The following acts constitute fouls in boxing:

1. Hitting *an opponent* below the **[belt.]** *navel or behind the ear.*

2. Hitting an opponent who is *knocked* down or is getting up after being *knocked* down.

3. Holding an opponent with one hand and hitting with the other.

4. Holding or deliberately maintaining a clinch.

5. Wrestling, [or] kicking [.] or roughing.

6. 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 ropes that he or she does not fall.

7. Butting with the head, **[or]** shoulder, **[or using the]** knee **[.]** *or elbow*.

8. Hitting with the open glove, the butt , *inside or back* of the hand, *or* the wrist or the elbow . [, and all backhand blows.]

9. Purposely going down *onto the canvas of the ring* without being hit [] or for the

purpose of avoiding a blow.

- 10. Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
- 11. [Deliberately using the] Using the pivot blow or otherwise striking an opponent while

completing a turn or pivot.

12. Using a rabbit punch [.

<u>12.</u>] or otherwise striking an opponent on the back of the head, the base of the skull or the

back of the neck.

- *13.* Jabbing the opponent's eyes with the thumb of the glove.
- [13.] 14. Using abusive language in the ring.

[14.] *15.* Engaging in any unsportsmanlike **[trick or action]** *conduct* which causes injury to an opponent.

- [15.] 16. Hitting on the break.
- [16.] 17. Hitting after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed combat.
- [17.] 18. Hitting an opponent whose head is between and outside of the ropes.
- [18.] 19. Pushing an opponent about the ring or into the ropes.
- 20. Intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece.
- 21. Holding the ropes while hitting an opponent.
- 22. Biting or spitting at an opponent.
- 23. Failing to follow the instructions of the referee.
- 24. Stepping on an opponent.
- 25. Crouching below an opponent's belt.
- 26. Leaving a neutral corner.

27. Interference by the corner.

28. Hair pulling.

29. Groin attacks of any kind.

30. Timidity, including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, faking an injury or intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece.

31. Throwing in the towel during competition.

32. Applying any foreign substance to the hair, body, clothing or gloves immediately before or during a contest or exhibition that could result in an unfair advantage.

Sec. 109. NAC 467.688 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.688 1. If an unarmed combatant fouls his or her opponent during a contest or exhibition or commits any other infraction, the referee may penalize the unarmed combatant by deducting points from his or her score . [, whether or not the foul or infraction was intentional.] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 467.698, the referee may determine the number of points to be deducted in each instance and shall base the determination on the severity of the foul or infraction and its effect upon the opponent.

2. [When the referee determines that it is necessary to deduct a point or points because of a foul or infraction, he or she shall warn the offender of the penalty to be assessed.

<u>3.</u>] The referee shall, as soon as is practical after the foul, notify *a representative of the Commission*, the judges and both unarmed combatants of the number of points, if any, to be deducted from the score of the offender.

[4.] 3. Any point or points to be deducted for any foul or infraction must be deducted in the round in which the foul or infraction occurred, and may not be deducted from the score of any subsequent round.

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4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an unarmed combatant may not be declared the winner of a contest or exhibition on the basis of a claim that his or her opponent committed a foul by hitting him or her below the belt. If an unarmed combatant falls to the floor of the ring or otherwise indicates that he or she is unwilling to continue because of a claim of a low blow, the contest or exhibition must be declared to be a technical knockout in favor of the unarmed combatant who is willing to continue.

—<u>6.</u>] The provisions of this [section] *subsection* do not apply to a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts.

Sec. 110. NAC 467.698 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.698 1. If the referee determines that a contest or exhibition may not continue because of an injury caused by an intentional foul, the unarmed combatant who committed the intentional foul loses by disqualification.

2. If the referee determines that a contest or exhibition may continue despite an injury caused by an intentional foul, the referee shall immediately inform the Commission's representative and the judges and shall deduct two points from the score of the unarmed combatant who committed the intentional foul.

3. If an injury caused by an intentional foul results in the contest or exhibition being stopped in a later round:

(a) The injured unarmed combatant wins by technical decision, if he or she is ahead on the scorecards; or

(b) The contest or exhibition must be declared a technical draw, if the injured unarmed combatant is behind or even on the scorecards.

4. If an unarmed combatant injures himself or herself while attempting to foul his or her opponent, the referee shall not take any action in his or her favor and the injury must be treated the same as an injury produced by a fair blow.

5. If an unarmed combatant sustains a head cut from a headbutt or an intentional foul, the referee has the discretion to suspend the round to allow the injury to be addressed by the ringside physician and resume the round after the injury has been addressed.

Sec. 111. NAC 467.713 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.713 The referee shall determine whether a contest or exhibition should be stopped because of an injury to an unarmed combatant. *In making such a determination, the referee may consult with a ringside physician.*

Sec. 112. NAC 467.770 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.770 Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 6 of NAC 467.850,] section 37 of this *regulation*, the Commission will not change a decision rendered at the end of any contest or exhibition unless:

1. The Commission determines that there was collusion affecting the result of the contest or exhibition;

2. The compilation of the scorecards of the judges discloses an error which shows that the decision was given to the wrong unarmed combatant; or

3. As the result of an error in interpreting a provision of this chapter, the referee has rendered an incorrect decision.

Sec. 113. NAC 467.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.785 1. The Commission will recognize an amateur boxing contest or exhibition only if it is registered and sanctioned by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., as an amateur boxing contest or exhibition.

2. An amateur boxer may not take part in an amateur boxing contest or exhibition unless he or she is registered with United States Amateur Boxing, Inc., or some other amateur organization recognized by the Commission.

3. An amateur boxer may be required to take an annual physical examination. Such a physical examination must include an evaluation of the amateur boxer's physical and mental fitness to engage in a boxing contest or exhibition. In addition, the amateur boxer must be examined before each contest or exhibition by a physician who is certified by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.

4. The United States Amateur Boxing Federation of Nevada shall maintain a permanent record of all cards showing registrations of amateur boxers by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.

5. The boxing committee of each association of the United States Amateur Boxing Federation of Nevada shall, in conjunction with and subject to the approval of the Commission's representative, prepare an official list of competent boxing officials to serve as judges at amateur boxing contests or exhibitions.

6. A notice of a program of amateur boxing contests or exhibitions must be filed in the office of the Commission at least 5 days before the date of the program. Approval of a date for a program of amateur boxing contests or exhibitions may be given by the Executive Director.

7. The Commission will recognize an amateur contest or exhibition of unarmed combat that is not amateur boxing only if the amateur contest or exhibition is promoted by the holder of a

promoter's license, and the contest or exhibition is registered and sanctioned as an amateur contest or exhibition by an organization recognized by the Commission for that purpose.

8. The Commission may approve one sanctioning organization each for amateur mixed martial arts, amateur kickboxing and amateur Muay Thai. A sanctioning organization approved by the Commission pursuant to this subsection shall report to the Commission the results of all contests or exhibitions sanctioned by the sanctioning organization.

9. A person under the age of 18 years may not participate in amateur mixed martial arts without the approval of the Commission.

Sec. 114. NAC 467.792 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.792 1. All full-contact martial arts are forms of unarmed combat.

2. **[The]** *Except as otherwise provided by specific statute or regulation, the* provisions [pertaining to licenses, fees, dates of programs and disciplinary action in the laws and regulations on unarmed combat] of this chapter and chapter 467 of NRS apply to contests or exhibitions of such martial arts.

3. A contest or exhibition of a martial art must be conducted pursuant to the official rules for the particular art. The sponsoring organization or promoter must file a copy of the official rules with the Commission before it will approve the holding of the contest or exhibition.

Sec. 115. NAC 467.7956 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.7956 1. Except with the approval of the Commission or its Executive Director, the classes for unarmed combatants competing in contests or exhibitions of mixed martial arts and the weights for each class are shown in the following schedule:

Atomweight.....up to 105 lbs.

Strawweight	over 105 up to 115 lbs.
Flyweight	<i>over 115</i> up to 125 lbs.
Bantamweight	over 125 to 135 lbs.
Featherweight	over 135 to 145 lbs.
Lightweight	over 145 to 155 lbs.
Welterweight	over 155 to 170 lbs.
Middleweight	over 170 to 185 lbs.
Light Heavyweight	over 185 to 205 lbs.
Heavyweight	over 205 to 265 lbs.
Super Heavyweight	all over 265 lbs.

2. Except for championship contests or other contests of mixed martial arts that the Commission considers to be special events, or unless a weight is specified by contract for an unarmed combatant, the Commission or its Executive Director will not approve an unarmed combatant to compete in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts in a weight class if the unarmed combatant weighs more than 1 pound over the maximum weight set forth in subsection 1 for that weight class.

3. After the weigh-in of an unarmed combatant competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts, weight loss in excess of 2 pounds is not permitted.

[3.] 4. The weight loss described in subsection [2] 3 must not occur later than 1 hour after the initial weigh-in.

Sec. 116. NAC 467.7958 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.7958 An unarmed combatant competing in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts

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<u>1. Must wear shorts approved by the Commission or the Commission's representative.</u>

- 2. May may not wear shoes or any padding on his or her feet during the contest.
- Sec. 117. NAC 467.7962 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 467.7962 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. Fishhooking.
- 6. Groin attacks of any kind.
- 7. [Putting] *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 using the point of the elbow.
- 11. Throat strikes of any kind, including, without limitation, grabbing the trachea.
- 12. Clawing, pinching or twisting the flesh.
- 13. Grabbing the clavicle.
- 14. Kicking the head of a grounded opponent.
- 15. Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent.
- 16. Stomping a grounded opponent.
- 17. Kicking to the kidney with the heel.

- 18. Spiking an opponent to the canvas on the opponent's head or neck.
- 19. Throwing an opponent out of the ring or fenced area.
- 20. Holding the shorts or gloves of an opponent.
- 21. Spitting at an opponent.

22. Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent.

- 23. Holding *or grabbing* the ropes or the fence.
- 24. Using abusive language in the ring or fenced area.
- 25. Attacking an opponent on or during the break.
- 26. Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee.

27. Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed combat.

28. Flagrantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.

29. Timidity, including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece or faking an injury.

- 30. Interference by the corner.
- 31. Throwing in the towel during competition.

32. 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.

33. 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.

- 34. Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
- 35. Intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece.

Sec. 118. NAC 467.7964 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.7964 1. If an unarmed combatant fouls his or her opponent during a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts, the referee may penalize him or her by deducting points from his or her score . [, whether or not the foul was intentional.] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 467.698, the referee may determine the number of points to be deducted in each instance and shall base the determination on the severity of the foul and its effect upon the opponent.

2. [When the referee determines that it is necessary to deduct a point or points because of a foul, he or she shall warn the offender of the penalty to be assessed.

<u>3.</u> The referee shall, as soon as is practical after the foul, notify *a representative of the Commission*, the judges and both unarmed combatants of the number of points, if any, to be deducted from the score of the offender.

[4.] 3. Any point or points to be deducted for any foul must be deducted in the round in which the foul occurred and may not be deducted from the score of any subsequent round.

Sec. 119. NAC 467.7968 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.7968 A contest of mixed martial arts may end under the following results:

- 1. Submission by:
- (a) Physical tap out.
- (b) Verbal tap out.
- 2. Technical knockout by the referee stopping the contest.
- 3. Decision via the scorecards, including:
- (a) Unanimous decision.
- (b) Split decision.

- (c) Majority decision.
- (d) Draw, including:
 - (1) Unanimous draw.
 - (2) Majority draw.
 - (3) Split draw.
- 4. Technical decision.
- 5. Technical draw.
- 6. Disqualification.
- 7. [Forfeit.

-8.] No [decision.] contest.

Sec. 120. NAC 467.875 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.875 When any person who is licensed , *approved*, *registered or sanctioned* by the Commission *or otherwise associated with unarmed combat in this State* is approached with a request or suggestion that a contest or exhibition not be conducted honestly, that person must immediately report the matter to the Commission. Failure to do so is a ground for disciplinary action.

Sec. 121. NAC 467.885 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.885 The Commission may suspend or revoke the license, *approval, registration or sanctioning* of, *impose a ban on participation in unarmed combat in this State for a certain period against*, otherwise discipline, or take any combination of such actions against, a [licensee] person licensed, approved, registered or sanctioned by the Commission or otherwise associated with unarmed combat in this State who has, in the judgment of the Commission:

1. Violated the laws of Nevada, except for minor traffic violations;

2. Violated any provision of this chapter;

3. Provided false or misleading information to the Commission or a representative of the Commission;

4. Failed or refused to comply with a valid **[order]** *request* of a representative of the Commission;

5. [Conducted himself or herself] *Engaged in conduct* at any time or place [in a manner] which is deemed by the Commission to reflect discredit to unarmed combat;

6. Knowingly dealt or consorted with any person who:

(a) Has been convicted of a felony;

(b) Engages *or has engaged* in illegal bookmaking;

(c) Engages *or has engaged* in any illegal gambling activity;

(d) Is *or has been* a reputed underworld character;

(e) Is or has been under suspension from any other Commission; or

(f) Is engaged *or has engaged* in any activity or practice that is detrimental to the best interests of *this State, the Commission or* unarmed combat; or

7. Had [personal] knowledge, *or in the judgment of the Commission, should have had knowledge* that an unarmed combatant suffered a serious injury during training for a contest or exhibition and failed or refused to inform the Commission about that serious injury.

Sec. 122. NAC 467.887 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.887 A license, *approval, registration or sanctioning* issued by the Commission may be suspended if the holder is [arrested or] convicted [on] *of* a [charge] *crime* involving moral turpitude.

Sec. 123. NAC 467.888 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.888 The Commission may honor the suspension of a **[licensee]** *person licensed*, *approved*, *registered or sanctioned* by an agency that regulates unarmed combat in another jurisdiction *or any other entity recognized by the Commission*, if the suspension is ordered for:

1. Medical safety;

 A violation of a law or regulation governing unarmed combat which also exists in this State; or

3. Any other conduct which [discredits] tends to reflect negatively on the reputation of this *State, the Commission or* unarmed combat, as determined by the Commission.

Sec. 124. NAC 467.890 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.890 A person who is licensed , *approved*, *registered or sanctioned* by the Commission shall not have any dealings related to unarmed combat with any person whose license , *approval*, *registration or sanctioning* has been suspended or revoked by the Commission.

Sec. 125. NAC 467.895 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.895 1. Every promoter and matchmaker shall take notice of the *[bulletins of*

suspension sent out by the Commission] suspensions listed on registries recognized by the

Commission and shall not permit any person under suspension to take any part as a participant or in arranging or conducting contests or exhibitions during the period of suspension.

2. A person whose license, *approval, registration or sanctioning* has been suspended or revoked by the Commission [shall refrain] *is prohibited* from participating in or matchmaking or holding contests or exhibitions during the period of suspension or after the revocation.

3. A person whose license, *approval, registration or sanctioning* has been suspended or revoked is barred from:

(a) The dressing rooms at the premises where any program of unarmed combat is being held;

(b) Occupying any seat within six rows of the ring platform or, if the program is being held in a fenced area, within six rows of the platform of the fenced area;

(c) Approaching within six rows of seats from the ring platform or, if the program is being held in a fenced area, within six rows of seats of the platform of the fenced area; and

(d) Communicating in the arena or near the dressing rooms with any of the principals in the contests or exhibitions, their managers, their seconds or the referee, whether directly or by a messenger, during any program of unarmed combat.

 \rightarrow A person who violates a provision of this subsection may be ejected from the arena or building where the program is being held, and the price paid for his or her ticket refunded to him or her upon presentation of the ticket stub at the box office. Thereafter, the person is barred entirely from all premises used for contests or exhibitions while the programs are being held.

4. If a license, *approval, registration or sanctioning* issued by the Commission has been suspended because the holder [used] *employed* dishonest methods to affect the outcome of any contest or exhibition or because of any conduct reflecting [serious] discredit upon *this State, the Commission or* unarmed combat, the Commission will not [reinstate] *consider reinstatement of* the license , *approval, registration or sanctioning* for at least [6] *12* months . [in the case of a first offense. In the case of a second offense, the holder's license will be revoked.]

5. A manager who is under temporary suspension is considered to have forfeited all rights in this State under the terms of any contract with an unarmed combatant licensed by the Commission. Any attempt by a suspended manager to exercise those contract rights will result in a permanent suspension of his or her license. The license of any unarmed combatant, matchmaker or promoter who continues to engage in any contractual relations with a manager whose license has been suspended by the Commission may be indefinitely suspended. 6. An unarmed combatant whose manager has been suspended may continue competing independently during the term of that suspension, signing his or her own contracts for contests or exhibitions. Payment of the earnings of an unarmed combatant may not be made by any promoter to a manager who is under suspension, or to his or her agent, but the purse must be paid in full to the unarmed combatant.

7. Revocation of a manager's license automatically cancels all his or her contract rights in this State under any contracts with unarmed combatants made under the authority of the Commission. If such a revocation occurs, an unarmed combatant may operate independently and enter into contracts for his or her own contests or exhibitions, or may enter into contracts with other managers licensed by the Commission.

Sec. 126. NAC 467.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.900 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a Commissioner or the Commission's representative may charge *any person associated with unarmed combat in this State* a penalty not to exceed \$250,000 from a schedule of penalties approved by the Commission for:

(a) Any violation of the provisions of NAC 467.093, 467.592, 467.598 or 467.635; or

(b) Being *excessively or repeatedly* late for a weigh-in or for a contest or exhibition.

2. Any disciplinary action taken pursuant to subsection 1 will be reviewed at a later date by the Commission.

Sec. 127. NAC 467.905 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.905 The Commission may fine [a licensee] any person associated with unarmed combat or deny, suspend or revoke a license, approval, registration or sanctioning if the licensee, registrant, sanctioned organization or person associated with unarmed combat

delivers a check to the Commission that is not honored by the financial institution upon which it is drawn.

Sec. 128. NAC 467.922 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.922 1. The Executive Director or a Commissioner may institute disciplinary proceedings described in NRS 467.110 to 467.117, inclusive, or 467.157 or 467.158 against a person who is licensed , *approved*, *registered or sanctioned* pursuant to this chapter *or chapter 467 of NRS, or any other person associated with unarmed combat in this State* by filing a complaint with the Commission. If a Commissioner institutes disciplinary proceedings pursuant to this subsection, the Commissioner shall not take any part in the adjudication of the matter.

2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Commission will serve a copy of the complaint upon the respondent personally or by registered or certified mail at his or her address on file with the Commission.

Sec. 129. NAC 467.924 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.924 1. The respondent shall file **[an]** *a written* answer with the Commission not later than 20 days after the date the complaint is served on the respondent. In the answer, the respondent shall:

(a) State in short and plain terms [his or her] the respondent's defenses to each claim asserted;

(b) Admit or deny the facts alleged in the complaint;

(c) State which allegations [he or she] *the respondent* is without knowledge or information to form a belief as to their truth; and

(d) Set forth any avoidance or affirmative defense that the respondent desires to assert.

2. If a respondent answers allegations by stating that [he or she] *the respondent* is without knowledge or information to form a belief as to their truth, such allegations shall be deemed to be denied.

3. Unless the Chair of the Commission has waived the requirement of personal attendance, a respondent shall personally attend a hearing on the merits.

4. If a respondent fails to file [an] *written* answer to the complaint or to appear personally at a hearing on the merits without having obtained a waiver of appearance pursuant to subsection 3, such failure shall be deemed to be:

(a) An admission of all matters and facts contained in the complaint with respect to such respondent; and

(b) A waiver of the right to an evidentiary hearing.

Sec. 130. NAC 467.932 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.932 1. The Commission [will only], *or a quorum of three members thereof, may* issue a subpoena to compel a person to:

(a) Appear at the hearing on the merits of the case;

- (b) Give oral testimony; or
- (c) Produce documents or other tangible items.

2. In addition to submitting a subpoena to the Chair of the Commission, the party requesting the subpoena shall:

(a) Serve a copy of the subpoena on all other parties to the proceeding; and

(b) File proof of such service with the Commission.

3. The Commission , *or a quorum of three members thereof*, will not issue a blank subpoena. A subpoena submitted by a party for issuance must contain:

(a) The title of the case;

(b) The name of the person to whom it will be directed;

(c) The date, time and place of the hearing;

(d) The name and signature of the requesting party or his or her attorney; and

(e) If the subpoena is a subpoena duces tecum, a complete description of specific documents or other tangible items that the witness will have to produce at the hearing.

4. Unless the witness agrees otherwise, the requesting party shall serve a subpoena on the witness:

(a) At least 10 calendar days before the hearing; or

(b) During the hearing or upon less than 10 days' notice by order of the Commission for reasonable cause shown by the requesting party.

Sec. 131. NAC 467.936 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.936 *Hearings before the Commission are civil proceedings.* At a hearing before the Commission:

1. Oral evidence may be taken only upon oath or affirmation administered by the Commission.

2. Each party has the right to:

(a) Call and examine witnesses;

(b) Introduce exhibits relevant to the issues of the case, including the transcript of testimony at an investigative hearing conducted by or on behalf of the Commission;

(c) Cross-examine opposing witnesses on matters relevant to the issues of the case, even though the matter was not covered in a direct examination;

(d) Impeach a witness regardless of which party first called him or her to testify; and

(e) Offer rebuttal evidence.

3. If the respondent does not testify on his or her own behalf, a party may call the respondent and examine him or her as if under cross-examination.

4. The Commission need not follow the rules of evidence that a court must follow. All evidence that the Commission determines to be relevant and submitted in accordance with the requirements of this chapter is admissible. If the Commission determines that the evidence is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, the Commission may use that evidence alone to support a finding of fact.

Sec. 132. NAC 467.940 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.940 The proponent of documentary and other physical evidence must authenticate such evidence. A party may authenticate evidence through any means which tends to show that the matter in question is what the proponent claims it to be and which the Commission determines to be **[reasonable,]** *relevant*, including, without limitation, presenting evidence that proves the authenticity of the document. Any evidence the Commission determines would be authentic in a court shall be deemed authentic by the Commission.

Sec. 133. NAC 467.946 is hereby amended to read as follows:

467.946 1. All motions must be in writing, unless made *verbally* during a hearing.

2. A motion must:

(a) State with particularity the grounds for the motion;

(b) Include a memorandum of points and authorities in support of the motion; and

(c) Set forth the relief or order sought.

3. For every written motion other than one considered by the Commission to be ex parte, the moving party shall:

- (a) File the motion with the Commission; and
- (b) Serve the motion upon the adverse party or as the Chair of the Commission directs.

4. A party who desires to object to a motion must file with the Commission and serve on all parties a memorandum of points and authorities in opposition to the motion not later than 10 calendar days after being served with the motion.

5. The moving party must file with the Commission and serve on all parties a reply memorandum of points and authorities not later than 5 calendar days after being served with the opposing memorandum.

6. A moving party shall be deemed to consent to the denial of the motion if he or she fails to file a memorandum of points and authorities in support of a motion. A nonmoving party shall be deemed to consent to the granting of the motion if he or she fails to file a memorandum of points and authorities in opposition to a motion.

Sec. 134. NAC 467.0025, 467.0031, 467.0033, 467.0037, 467.0039, 467.104, 467.348, 467.354, 467.365, 467.370, 467.381, 467.850 and 467.886 are hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

467.0025 "Contestant" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Contestant" means any person who engages in unarmed combat for remuneration.

467.0031 "Promoter" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Promoter" means any person who produces or stages any professional contest or exhibition.

467.0033 "Purse" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other remuneration for which contestants are participating in a contest or exhibition and includes the contestant's share of any payment received for radio broadcasting, television or motion picture rights.

467.0037 "Unarmed combat" defined. (NRS 467.030) "Unarmed combat" means boxing or any form of competition in which a blow is usually struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury.

467.0039 "Unarmed combatant" defined. (NRS 467.030)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, "unarmed combatant" means any person who engages in unarmed combat in a contest or exhibition, whether or not the person receives remuneration.

- 2. The term includes, but is not limited to, a contestant.
- 3. The term does not include:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in NAC 467.785, an amateur boxer; or

(b) A person who participates in a contest or exhibition that is exempt from the provisions of this chapter or chapter 467 of NRS pursuant to a specific statute or regulation, including, but not limited to, NRS 467.170 and 467.173.

467.104 Promoter and certain others prohibited from acting as manager of unarmed combatant and from holding certain financial interests. (NRS 467.030) An unarmed combatant may not have a promoter or any of its members, stockholders, officials, matchmakers or assistant matchmakers:

1. Act directly or indirectly as his or her manager; or

2. Hold any financial interest in the unarmed combatant's management or earnings from contests or exhibitions.

467.348 Speculation in tickets prohibited; restrictions on changes in ticket prices. (NRS 467.030)

1. A promoter who holds a program of unarmed combat shall exercise extraordinary caution to prevent speculation in tickets.

2. The promoter may not sell any tickets for a price other than the price printed on the ticket.

3. The promoter may not, without the Commission's permission, change the price of tickets at any time after they have been placed on sale or sell them at any time during the program of unarmed combat for less than tickets for the same seats were offered or sold before the program commenced.

467.354 Tickets sold at reduced rate: Actual price charged must be stamped on ticket and stub. (NRS 467.030) Any ticket for a program of unarmed combat sold for less than the price printed on the ticket must be overstamped with the actual price charged. The overstamp must be placed on the printed face of the ticket as well as the stub retained by the holder of the ticket.

467.365 Exchange or redemption of tickets; retention and destruction of unsold tickets. (NRS 467.030)

1. A person may only exchange tickets at the box office. A ticket must not be redeemed after the program of unarmed combat has taken place.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the promoter shall retain all unsold tickets for a program of unarmed combat. Not less than 6 months after the program, the promoter may request in writing that the Commission or its representative grant permission to destroy the

unsold tickets. If the Commission or its representative grants permission in writing to destroy the unsold tickets, the promoter may destroy the unsold tickets.

467.370 Tickets: Removal and possession of stub. (NRS 467.030)

1. A holder of a ticket for a program of unarmed combat must not be allowed:

(a) To pass through the gate of the premises where the program is being held unless his or her ticket is separated from the stub; or

(b) To occupy a seat unless he or she is in possession of the stub.

2. For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Stub" means that part of the ticket retained by a person entering the arena after the ticket has been collected.

(b) "Ticket" means that part of the ticket retained by the promoter upon a person's entrance to the arena.

467.381 Readmission prohibited; exceptions. (NRS 467.030) A promoter may not issue a ticket to a person for the purpose of readmitting him or her if the person leaves the arena and then wishes to reenter the arena, unless the promoter has obtained the Commission's written permission for such an issuance.

467.850 Administration or use of alcohol, stimulants, drugs or injections; urinalysis or chemical tests; disciplinary action. (NRS 467.030)

1. The administration of or use of any:

(a) Alcohol;

(b) Stimulant; or

(c) Drug or injection that has not been approved by the Commission, including, but not limited to, the drugs or injections listed in subsection 2,

 \rightarrow in any part of the body, either before or during a contest or exhibition, to or by any unarmed combatant, is prohibited.

2. The following types of drugs, injections or stimulants are prohibited pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Afrinol or any other product that is pharmaceutically similar to Afrinol.

(b) Co-Tylenol or any other product that is pharmaceutically similar to Co-Tylenol.

(c) A product containing an antihistamine and a decongestant.

(d) A decongestant other than a decongestant listed in subsection 4.

(e) Any over-the-counter drug for colds, coughs or sinuses other than those drugs listed in subsection 4. This paragraph includes, but is not limited to, Ephedrine, Phenylpropanolamine, and Mahuang and derivatives of Mahuang.

(f) Any drug identified on the most current edition of the Prohibited List published by the World Anti-Doping Agency, which is hereby adopted by reference. The most current edition of the Prohibited List may be obtained, free of charge, at the Internet address www.wada-ama.org.

3. The following types of drugs or injections are not prohibited pursuant to subsection 1, but their use is discouraged by the Commission:

(a) Aspirin and products containing aspirin.

(b) Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories.

4. The following types of drugs or injections are approved by the Commission:

(a) Antacids, such as Maalox.

(b) Antibiotics, antifungals or antivirals that have been prescribed by a physician.

(c) Antidiarrheals, such as Imodium, Kaopectate or Pepto-Bismol.

(d) Antihistamines for colds or allergies, such as Bromphen, Brompheniramine,

Chlorpheniramine Maleate, Chlor-Trimeton, Dimetane, Hismal, PBZ, Seldane, Tavist-1 or Teldrin.

- (e) Antinauseants, such as Dramamine or Tigan.
- (f) Antipyretics, such as Tylenol.
- (g) Antitussives, such as Robitussin, if the antitussive does not contain codeine.
- (h) Antiulcer products, such as Carafate, Pepcid, Reglan, Tagamet or Zantac.
- (i) Asthma products in aerosol form, such as Brethine, Metaproterenol (Alupent) or

Salbutamol (Albuterol, Proventil or Ventolin).

- (j) Asthma products in oral form, such as Aminophylline, Cromolyn, Nasalide or Vanceril.
- (k) Ear products, such as Auralgan, Cerumenex, Cortisporin, Debrox or Vosol.
- (1) Hemorrhoid products, such as Anusol-HC, Preparation H or Nupercainal.
- (m) Laxatives, such as Correctol, Doxidan, Dulcolax, Efferyllium, Ex-Lax, Metamucil,

Modane or Milk of Magnesia.

- (n) Nasal products, such as AYR Saline, HuMist Saline, Ocean or Salinex.
- (o) The following decongestants:
 - (1) Afrin;
 - (2) Oxymetazoline HCL Nasal Spray; or

(3) Any other decongestant that is pharmaceutically similar to a decongestant listed in subparagraph (1) or (2).

5. An unarmed combatant shall submit to a urinalysis or chemical test if the Commission or a representative of the Commission directs him or her to do so.

6. A licensee who violates any provision of this section is subject to disciplinary action by the Commission. In addition to any other disciplinary action by the Commission, if an unarmed combatant who won or drew a contest or exhibition is found to have violated the provisions of this section, the Commission may, in its sole discretion, change the result of that contest or exhibition to a no decision.

467.886 Licensees prohibited from engaging in activities that bring disrepute to unarmed combat. (NRS 467.030) A person licensed by the Commission shall not engage in any activity that will bring disrepute to unarmed combat, including, but not limited to, associating with any person or entity if such an association brings disrepute to unarmed combat.