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**NEVADA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS
EVENTS HELD WITHOUT PRESENCE OF LIVE AUDIENCE**

Executive summary

Sport is an integral part of society, both for entertainment value and as a source of jobs for the State of Nevada, including athletes, promoters, hospitality workers, media and others. In order for combat sports to safely resume competition in Nevada, it is crucial for a robust Covid-19 testing plan to be initiated. An effective program will need to encompass direct viral detection. Introducing a closed system (no-spectators) for any competition will also greatly mitigate widespread transmission to others. As importantly, all individuals involved in an event of unarmed combat, regardless of their function, will need to go through a testing and quarantine program, overseen by Executive Director Bennett. Currently there is no mechanism to ensure competition is 100% free from Covid-19 infection. However, the protocols outlined below will significantly mitigate the chance of Covid-19 infection in combat sports.

Section I: ALL personnel working the event, to include, but not limited to, fighters, corners, managers, promoters, promoters staff, production staff, security, cleaning staff, Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) staff, and all officials, will be mandated to quarantine immediately after their COVID-19 tests. Upon receiving their results, they must stay quarantined (no contact with the public) until the conclusion of their respective event. The Promoter and Promoter's staff will be responsible for knowing the location of all their personnel working the event.

Closed System

In order to minimize the chance of transmission, a closed system must be utilized. This includes:

- securing a facility that is closed to the public for the entirety of the event,
- controlling who enters the facility,

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- known whereabouts of all individuals inside the facility,
- departures of individuals from the facility.

The closed system will need to have a dedicated testing area that is separate from all other areas. The testing area must be cleaned thoroughly between each training session and must not be used for any other purpose during the event.

Individuals and teams will also need to be provided with secure quarantine areas.

Entering Closed System

- Temperature monitoring
- Questionnaire
- Oral fluid collection for PCR testing
- Quarantine until testing results are confirmed

Cleaning of Closed System

Assign dedicated cleaning staff to facilities used throughout the event. Any equipment or facilities that are used, (for example, training facilities, weight rooms, media rooms), must be thoroughly cleaned in between each use. Specific details on cleaning procedures can be found on the CDC link:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fdisinfecting-building-facility.html

Education

- Prior to anyone entering closed system, information must be provided on the importance of safety measures to mitigate spread of virus infection. Utilize recommendations from the CDC found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Information can be disseminated via electronic form including email and webinars. Ensure all participants receive the educational information.

Communication Within Closed System

- Communication procedures for COVID-19 updates during unarmed combat events. Procedures should effectively and timely relay any Covid-19 updates to everyone in the closed system. It is recommended to test the communication system with Covid-19 information to help prevent any potential spread of infection.

Section II COVID-19 Testing: All personnel working the event (100%) must be tested. Personnel will receive a PCR test. It is mandatory that any individual that enters the closed system is tested. Anyone who enters the closed system will need to be screened and remain quarantined until given approval to move within the closed system.

Before Arriving

All individuals preparing to enter the closed system shall submit answers to the following questions below.

- Have you had a fever in the last 72 hours that was at or above 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit?
- Have you come into contact with someone with Covid-19? If so, when?
- In the past 2-weeks, have you travelled to or from an area that is considered high risk, and/or been under a government-mandated quarantine period?
- In the past 72 hours, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?
 - Shortness of Breath
 - Difficulty Breathing
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Headache
 - Chills
 - Sore Throat
 - Loss of Taste or Smell
 - Muscle Pain
 - Nasal Congestion
 - Runny Nose
 - Diarrhea
 - Fatigue

Testing

There is one established method to detect Covid-19. The FDA-approved diagnostic PCR method, which measures the virus in the individual. It is necessary to conduct this test on all individuals entering the closed system. Briefly, the PCR method will be beneficial in detecting recent infections, even if no symptoms were identified.

It is important that a physician oversees the collection process for the PCR program.

All individuals entering closed system will have their temperature checked.

Oral fluid samples shall be collected from a licensed medical practitioner. Only FDA-approved oral fluid kits shall be used. If no oral fluid kits are available, it is acceptable to use FDA-approved nasal swabs, however, the first choice should always be saliva for ease of collection and sensitivity of the assay. After collection, the sample shall be transported to a laboratory to run an FDA-approved PCR assay for Covid-19.

Reporting

All questionnaires will need to be reviewed by a professional medical consultant. All PCR test results will be reported directly to a designated medical representative(s) of the NSAC, compliant with HIPAA.

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If an individual is suspected to have a current Covid-19 infection through the questionnaire, or revealed through the testing program, the individual will remain in quarantine and an infectious disease expert will be consulted.

Section III Nevada Social Distancing Guidelines: All personnel will follow the State of Nevada Social Distancing Guidelines including the wearing of a mask at all times. Gloves are optional but recommended.

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit www.snhd.info/covid19

http://media.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/download/COVID-19/resources/snhd_covid19_socialdistance.pdf

Section IV Contact Tracing Covid-19: Must be provided at the expense of the promoter and in conjunction with the Southern Nevada Health District for any individual whose test results are positive.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html>

Section V Positive Test: All personnel that test positive will be required to seek immediate primary care, self-quarantine in the state of Nevada for 14 days and shall not be allowed to travel by air until cleared. Solo car travel may be permitted by the individual testing positive if they do not live in the state of Nevada but under no circumstance may the positive personnel be allowed to travel by air until cleared by an NSAC physician and have tested negative for the PCR test. Should the person fail to comply with this directive, he or she shall not be permitted to enter a closed system or participate in any future events of unarmed combat in this State until such time as these protocols are no longer in force.

Section VI Health & Safety: Under NO circumstance will any person be allowed in any unarmed combat venue without having complied with section 1 & 2.

Section VII: All promoters will submit their promoter/venue specific plans to the commission's Executive Director for approval and must be in accordance with sections 1-6. Plans will be submitted to the Commission as part of the event permit request application pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 467.080, .105, and Nevada Administrative Code 467.167, and will be deemed confidential pursuant to NRS 467.1005(1)(a).

Section VIII: If any personnel is found to be in violation of Section 1-6, they will be subject to any and all disciplinary actions that can be brought against them by the NSAC.

*****Promoters Operational Plan submitted to Executive Director Bob Bennett should include but is not limited to the following:**

- Essential Plan and Summary
- **Visual method to identify personnel who have been tested and cleared to enter the closed event, such as colored wrist bands**
- Contact names and telephone numbers for key personnel
- Hotel Accommodations for all out of state participants; including officials, fighters, staff, etc.
- Health and Safety Procedures
- Detailed plan for all personnel quarantined after COVID-19 Tests (saliva)
- Athlete/Participants Training/Transportation
- Event Operational Plan for Fight Week including sections 1-8
- Trauma Center One Hospital
- Production Personnel
- Media rooms
- Plan for COVID-19 Testing of Personnel After Event
- Floor Plans/Schematics identifying: training areas; meals; COVID-19 Testing night before or day of weigh-in; quarantine areas for all individuals after testing until results are received; Boxing Ring / Octagon designating all individuals in the event no less than six feet; dressing rooms fighters/team and designated area for Inspectors, media rooms, Emergency Medical Services to include route from closed arena to vehicles, and designated area of security personnel for closed event to the public.