

## **TIMEKEEPER**

### **THE POSITION**

A timekeeper is responsible to regulate the number and duration of the rounds designated for each boxing, MMA and kick boxing (“unarmed combat”) event. A timekeeper must assure that each round and the interval between rounds is correctly and uniformly timed. The use of a distinctive bell, horn, whistle and “clapper” will be used to designate specific timing intervals during the contest. A timekeeper is responsible to adjust time for temporary stoppages or when instructed to do so by the referee. A timekeeper is responsible to start, stop and record the exact times of knockouts, technical knockouts and to time the injury rehabilitation periods. A timekeeper additionally assists the referee in counting for knockdowns to assure the fighter has the correct amount of time to return to the contest. A timekeeper may also manage the bell for ceremonial purposes, such as “ten counts” for distinguished honorees.

A timekeeper usually works in tandem with a partner so that there is consistent observation of the contest. One partner is responsible for reading the various clocks and the other observes the contest and verbally calls out time intervals to his or her partner. Working together, the timekeeper provides the officials with all information related to timekeeping and must be able to react to unique and unexpected events that take place during a contest. A timekeeper is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the members of the Nevada State Athletic Commission (“NSAC”) as a licensee.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. A timekeeper licensed through the NSAC must exercise professionalism at all times.
2. The timekeeper’s duties include the responsibility to attend professional unarmed combat events in Nevada or in other jurisdictions as a representative of the NSAC.
3. A timekeeper is responsible to use his or her experience, training and knowledge of the rules to observe, analyze, and effectively time a boxing, MMA or kick boxing contest.
4. A timekeeper is bound by and must follow the Nevada State Athletic Commission Ring Officials Code of Ethics and Conduct.
5. A timekeeper is required to communicate effectively on all levels and maintain effective relationships with NSAC as well as all other officials. The timekeeper reports directly to the Executive Director and/or the NSAC and must be prepared to discuss any contest where they keep time.
6. A timekeeper must attend required training sessions and must exhibit knowledge of the rules for boxing, MMA and kick boxing as well as the governing statute and regulations for unarmed combat found in Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) and Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) Chapter 467.
7. A timekeeper may be expected to perform additional job related duties and may be required to have or develop additional specific job related knowledge and skills.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. An applicant must pass a background check.
2. An applicant must be at least 21 years of age.
3. An applicant must not have been convicted of a felony or other crime of moral turpitude.
4. An applicant may be required to pass a physical examination.
5. An applicant must have the ability to concentrate and focus on the bout without being distracted by the surroundings.

6. An applicant is required to arrive one (1) hour prior to the event, stay until the event is completed, and attend a debriefing meeting held at the conclusion of every event.
7. An applicant cannot have any direct affiliation with any unarmed combatant, manager, matchmaker, promoter or television network.
8. An applicant is under a continuing duty to maintain suitability to be licensed as a timekeeper and must update the Commission of any changes to personal information including arrests, charges or indictments. Failure to report any arrest, detention, charge, indictment, or conviction that has not been expunged or sealed by a court, whether a misdemeanor or felony, is cause for denial of licensure, revocation of the license or disciplinary action against the applicant.
9. The Commission and the Executive Director reserve the right to add additional criteria as the need arises.

### **COMPENSATION**

1. The position does not pay a salary or provide any benefits.
2. A timekeeper is compensated at the conclusion of each event. The range of compensation varies with the event.
3. There is no guaranty of a certain number of assignments or a specific amount of compensation in each fiscal year. Assignments to specific contests are at the discretion of the Executive Director and NSAC and are based on experience, recent performance, reliability, professionalism, and difficulty of assignment.

### **APPLICATION**

1. The position is open to all qualified applicants.
2. The position requires annual licensing.
3. Candidates will be selected through an interview process based on the following criteria; prior experience and successfully exhibiting knowledge of timekeeping duties for unarmed combat.
4. Once selected, the candidate must participate in a mentoring program with an NSAC Senior Timekeeper for six (6) months to one (1) year based on performance and prior experience.
5. Please submit a resume and 3 letters of reference by mail, fax or email to:

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