

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama ~~Boxing~~ Athletic Commission
Rule No.: 165-X-17
Rule Title: Foul Procedures
 X New _____ Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly Harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's Police power and the protection of the public health, Safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation Available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or Indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services Involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public Than the harm that might result from the absence of The proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely For the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary Effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer [Handwritten Signature]

Date: April 13, 2012

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Alabama Athletic Commission

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Athletic Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE: 165-X-17 Foul Procedures

INTENDED ACTION: New

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Board proposes to promulgate rules for mixed martial arts additional requirements.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2012. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or via electronic mail at keith@warrenandco.com or via telephone at 334-420-7238.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Monday, June 4, 2012.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Keith E. Warren
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith E. Warren', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Keith E. Warren, *Executive Director*
Alabama Athletic Commission

Chapter 165-X-17 Foul Procedures

165-X-17-.01 Foul Procedures

165-X-17-.02 Time Consideration for Fouls

165-X-17-.03 Fouls other than low blow

165-X-17-.01 Foul Procedures

Foul Procedures. If a foul is committed, the referee shall:

1. Call time;
 2. Check the fouled mixed martial artist's condition and safety; and
 3. Assess the foul to the offending contestant, deduct points, and notify each corner's Second's, judges and the official scorekeeper.
- If a bottom contestant commits a foul, unless the top contestant is injured, the fight will Continue, so to not jeopardize the top contestant's superior positioning at the time.

- (a) The referee shall verbally notify the bottom contestant of the foul.
- (b) When the round is over, the referee shall assess the foul and notify both corners' seconds, the judges and the official scorekeeper.
- (c) The referee may terminate a bout based on the severity of a foul. For such a flagrant foul, a contestant shall lose by disqualification.

Author: Casey C. Sears

Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-1020

History: New Rule: Filed: March 20, 2012; Effective: April 24, 2012.

165-X-17-.02 Time Considerations for Fouls

1.Low Blow Foul. A fighter who has been struck with a low blow is allowed up to five minutes to recover from the foul as long as in the ringside doctor's opinion the fighter may possibly continue on in the contest. If the fighter states that they can continue on before the five minutes of time have expired; the referee shall as soon as practical restart the fight. If the fighter goes over the five minute time allotment the fight cannot be restarted and the contest must come to an end with the outcome determined by the round and time in which the fight was stopped.

Author: Casey C. Sears

Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-1020

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165-X-17-.03 Fighter who is not fouled by low blow but another foul

1. **Accidental Foul.** If a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts is stopped because of an accidental foul, the referee shall determine whether the unarmed combatant who has been fouled can continue or not. If the unarmed combatant's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of the foul and if the foul did not involve a concussive impact to the head of the unarmed combatant who has been fouled, the Referee may order the contest or exhibition continued after a recuperative interval of not more than 5 minutes. Unlike the low blow foul rule, the fighter does not have up to 5 minutes of time to use at their discretion. Immediately after separating the unarmed combatants, the Referee shall call in the ringside doctor if necessary and inform the scorekeeper of his determination that the foul was accidental.
2. **Illegal Foul.** If a fighter is fouled in a way that the referee deems is not an accident, the referee should stop the action and call for time. The referee may take the injured fighter to the ringside doctor and have the ringside doctor examine the fighter as to their ability to continue on in the contest. The ringside doctor has up to 5 minutes to make their evaluation. If the ringside doctor determines that the fighter can continue in the contest, the referee shall, as soon as practical, restart the fight. Unlike the low blow foul rule, the fighter does not have up to 5 minutes of time to use at their discretion. **Foul not subject to five minute rule.** For a foul other than a low blow, the fouled fighter is not guaranteed 5 minutes of recovery time. If deemed not fit to continue by the referee or ringside physician, the referee must immediately call a halt to the bout. If the fighter is deemed not fit to continue by the referee or ringside physician but some of the five minute foul time is still remaining, the fighter cannot avail himself of the remaining time. If the referee stops the contest and employs the use of the ringside doctor, the ringside physician's examinations shall not exceed five minutes. If five minutes is exceeded, the fight cannot be re-started and the contest must end.

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