

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama ~~Boxing~~ Athletic Commission
Rule No.: 165-X-18
Rule Title: Injuries Sustained During Competition
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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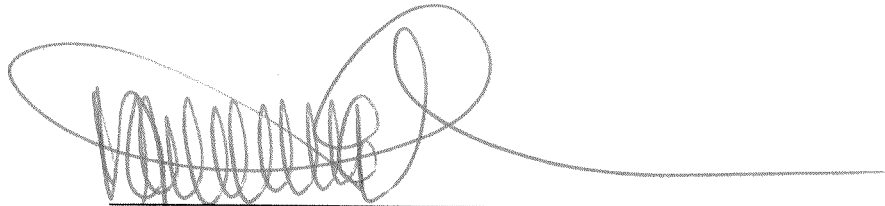
AGENCY NAME: Alabama Athletic Commission
RULE NO. & TITLE: 165-X-18 Injuries Sustained During Competition
INTENDED ACTION: New

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.

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

Chapter 165-X-18 Injuries Sustained During Competition That will Terminate the Bout

1. Injury due to legal maneuver. If an injury sustained during competition as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to terminate a bout, the injured contestant loses by technical knockout.
2. Self-Inflicted Injury. If an injury that is considered self-inflicted occurs, and it is severe enough to terminate the bout, the injured contestant shall lose by technical knockout.
3. Accidental Foul. If an injury sustained during competition as a result of an accidental foul is severe enough to terminate a bout; if it occurs after the horn sounds ending the 2nd round, the partial round is scored and we go to the score cards for the technical decision. If it occurs at any earlier time, the bout will be declared a "no contest."
If the injury from the accidental foul is not severe enough to stop the bout but then later it is further aggravated by legal techniques enough to warrant an end to the match, if it occurs after the horn sounds ending the 2nd round, the partial round is scored and we go to the score cards for the technical decision. If it occurs at any earlier time, the bout will be declared a "no contest."
Only in rare instances, such as subsequent to repeated warnings for the same foul, will the referee take a point or points from a fighter for an accidental foul.
4. Intentional Foul. If an injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate a bout then the injured fighter will win by disqualification. If the injury from the intentional foul is not severe enough to stop the bout but then later is further aggravated by legal techniques enough to warrant an end to the match, the partial round is scored, then we go to the score cards for the technical decision (the bout does not need to have progressed past a minimum number of rounds). If the fouled fighter is ahead on the score cards, the fouled fighter will be declared the winner by technical decision. If the fouling fighter is ahead or tied, the bout will be declared a "no contest."
5. Regarding "Low Blows." A fighter, who chooses not to continue based on receiving a non-called low blow, will have the stoppage treated under typical accidental foul rules unless for some reason the referee sees fit to disqualify the fighter (i.e. repeated excessive accidental low blow fouls).

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

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