

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama ~~Boxing~~ Athletic Commission
Rule No.: 165-X-19
Rule Title: Types of Bout Results
 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 

Date: April 13, 2012

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Alabama Athletic Commission

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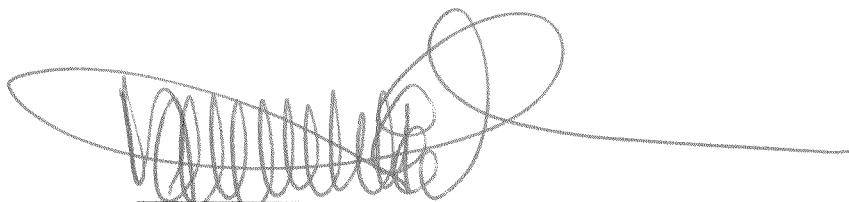
AGENCY NAME: Alabama Athletic Commission
RULE NO. & TITLE: 165-X-19 Types of Bout Results
INTENDED ACTION: New

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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Chapter 165-X-19 Types of Bout Results

165-X-19-.01 Types of Bout Results

165-X-19-.02 After Match, Contest or Exhibition

165-X-19-.01 Types of Bout Results

1. Submission. A referee will award the bout via Submission when one or more of the following occur:

- (a) Tap Out: When a contestant physically uses his hand to indicate that he or she no longer wishes to continue.
- (b) Verbal tap out: When a contestant verbally announces to the referee that he or she does not wish to continue; or makes audible sounds such as screams indicating pain or discomfort.
- (c) Technical Submission: When a submission is executed to its completeness which cause the referee to intervene and stop the contest. Example, a choke causes a fighter to go unconscious, or a joint lock causes a fracture.

2. Technical knockout. A referee will award a Technical Knockout when one or more of the following occur:

- (a) An opponent is clearly overmatched in a way that poses a danger to allow the contest to continue.

3. Knockout. A referee will award the bout via Knockout when an opponent is damaged by a legal technique or techniques and is incapable of intelligently defending themselves.

4. Decision via score cards.

- (a) Unanimous: When all three judges score the bout for the same contestant
- (b) Split Decision: When two judges score the bout for one contestant and one judge scores for the opponent
- (c) Majority Decision: When two judges score the bout for the same contestant and one judge scores a draw

5. Types of Draws.

- (a) Unanimous - When all three judges score the bout a draw;
- (b) Majority - When two judges score the bout a draw; or
- (c) Split - When all three judges score differently and the score total results in a draw

6. Disqualification. A Disqualification will be declared when an injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate the contest.

A Disqualification may be declared for one or more of the following:

- (a) Intentional fouling with or without injury
- (b) Repeated or consistent fouling
- (c) Fighter or Corner misconduct

- 7. Forfeit.** A Forfeit is declared when a contestant fails to begin competition. A "forfeit" does not grant the opponent a "victory."
- 8. Technical Draw.** When an injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul causes the injured contestant to be unable to continue and the injured contestant is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage; or; in Double Knockout Situations, the referee shall stop a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat at any stage if the referee determines that both unarmed combatants are in such a condition that to continue might subject the unarmed combatants to serious injury;
- 9. Technical Decision.** When the bout is prematurely stopped due to injury and a contestant is leading on the score cards.
- 10. No Contest.** When a contest is prematurely stopped due to accidental injury and a sufficient number of rounds have not been completed to render a decision via the score cards.

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

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165-X-19-.02 After the Contest, Match, or Exhibition.

1. **Contestants to Leave Ring.** When the decision of the referee or judges has been announced both contestants and their corners shall at once leave the ring or cage and retire to their dressing rooms.
2. **Decision Announcement.** In all contests decided by the judges' scorecards, the announcer will announce if the decision is "unanimous," "a majority decision," or "a draw," and the total points given to each contestant by the three judges will be announced.
3. **Finality of the Decision.** A decision rendered at the end of any amateur mixed martial arts contest is final and shall not be changed unless the Athletic Commission determines that any of the following occurred:
 - (a) There was collusion or fraud affecting the result of any contest
 - (b) The compilation of the score cards of the referee and judges reveals a clerical or mathematical error which caused the decision to be given to the wrong amateur mixed martial artist.
 - (c) There was a violation of the laws or rules and regulations governing amateur mixed martial arts in this state which affected the results of any contest.
4. **Appeal of Decision.** A competitor may appeal the decision of the contest to the licensed sanctioning organization. A written appeal

must be submitted to the licensed sanctioning organization within five (5) business days of the contest. The appeal shall be addressed according to the rules and regulations of the sanctioning organization.

5. **A petition to change a decision.** A petition shall be in writing and filed by the contestants manager to the licensed sanctioning organization within five (5) business days from the date the decision was rendered. The petition shall be addressed according to the rules and regulations of the sanctioning organization.

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