

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama ~~Boxing~~ Athletic Commission
Rule No.: 165-X-20
Rule Title: Licensing for Amateur MMA Sanctioning Organizations
 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

(DATE FILED)
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Alabama Athletic Commission

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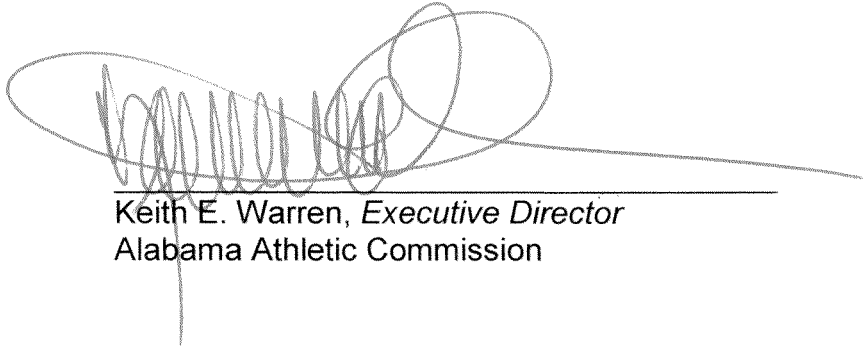
INTENDED ACTION: New

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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Alabama Athletic Commission

Chapter 165-X-20 Licensing for Amateur MMA Sanctioning Organizations

165-X-20-.01 Licensure Application

165-X-20-.02 Certification results

165-X-20-.03 Joint Ventures

165-X-20-.01 Licensure application

Application for licensing. An amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization shall submit an application in writing to the Alabama Athletic Commission no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the organizations first match, contest, or exhibition in the state.

1. Applications. Each application for sanctioning organization license shall be accompanied with a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$1,000.00 and made out to the Alabama Athletic Commission.
2. Security Bond. Each application for sanctioning organization license shall be accompanied with an appropriate security bond to be determined by the commission.
3. Application Signatures. Applications for sanctioning organization license shall be signed in the presence of a Commission representative, or shall be signed in the presence of and verified by a notary public.
4. Annual license. Licenses shall be issued annually beginning January 1 and terminating December 31 of the current calendar year.
5. Video of individual fights. The licensed sanctioning organization shall provide the Commission's executive director a video of all matches, contests, or exhibitions within ten (10) days of any match, contest, or exhibition they host. The video shall be provided in a format acceptable to the Commission or the commission executive director.

(a) The Commission reserves the right to change the requested format of the video at any time. All videos will be accompanied by the official results of the matches, contests, or exhibitions.

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-20-.02 Certification of Results

Certification of results. The Alabama Athletic Commission is the only organization permitted by state regulations to certify the results of individual amateur mixed martial arts contests.

- (a) The commission shall review and certify all individual fight results before they are submitted by the Commission's executive director to the national registry.
- (b) A licensed organization must submit a signed affidavit stating that all amateur contests for each individual event were held according to Athletic commission rules; were strictly followed and enforced.
- (c) Any contest not certified by the Alabama Athletic Commission shall be listed as a non-sanctioned fight in the fighter's official record.
- (d) Non-sanctioned fights will not be applied to the fighter's win/loss record in the national registry.

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165-X-20-.03 Joint Ventures

Joint ventures. Any licensed sanctioning organization who partners or joint-ventures with any other licensed sanctioning organization for the promotion of an amateur mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition in this state, shall disclose to the Commission their intent to do so.

- (a) Denial of joint ventures. The Alabama Athletic Commission reserves the right to deny joint ventures of any kind.
- (b) Spot compliance checks. All sanctioning organizations of amateur mixed martial arts licensed by the Alabama Athletic Commission shall be subject to spot compliance checks by an authorized Commission representative at any of their matches, contests, or exhibitions to ensure that all Alabama Athletic Commission amateur MMA rules are strictly followed and enforced.
- (c) Compliance. Lack of compliance with any statute governing amateur mixed martial arts or these rules results may result in disciplinary action.

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