

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama Boxing Athletic Commission
Rule No.: 165-X-21
Rule Title: Officials Responsibilities
 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-21 Officials Responsibilities

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-21 Officials Responsibilities

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1. Referee. No one other than the referee may stop a fight during or between rounds.
2. Pre-Match Instructions. Referees shall meet with the contestants and with each chief second appointed by the contestants prior to the beginning of the match, contest, or exhibition and during that meeting shall inform each party of the rules applicable to each fight as well as the in-ring/in-cage conduct expected from each contestant and second assisting in the corner of each contestant.
3. Pre-Bout Confirmation of Officials, Physician, and Ring/Cage Certification. Prior to calling for the sounding of the bell to begin each bout, the referee in the ring will confirm that the ringside physician as well as each judge assigned to the bout is in place at ringside. Prior to calling for the sounding of the bell to begin each bout, the referee shall also certify the ring or cage is in a safe condition to sustain competition and in compliance with the guideline set forth by the Alabama Athletic Commission.
4. Touching Contestants. The referee shall not touch the competing amateur mixed martial artists except when one or both fails to obey the break command, or at such time as to break one contestants hold on the other upon a physical or verbal tap out submission, or when necessary to protect the safety of one or both competitors.
5. Saved by the Bell due to a Lock or Hold. An amateur mixed martial artist shall be saved by the bell in any round including the final round of any contest, when the contestant is being controlled by a lock or hold intended to force the other contestant to submit.
6. Amateur Mixed Martial Artists Knocked out fo the ring. Any amateur mixed martial artist knocked out of the ring unintentionally by a legal technique shall receive a twenty (20) second count. During the time that any such amateur mixed martial artist is outside the ring, he or she shall not be assisted by any member of their corner and such assistance, if offered, shall end the match, contest, or exhibition with that amateur mixed martial artist losing by a technical knockout.
 - (a) As a general precaution to protect the safety of the amateur mixed martial artists and to prevent any potential injury, an

amateur mixed martial artist knocked out of the ring may have his or her fall stopped or slowed by any person without penalty, provided that such assistance shall only be to prevent injury from the fall and not to assist the boxer in returning to the ring.

7. **Standing Eight Count.** There shall be no standing eight (8) count.
8. **Failure to Answer Bell.** A contestant shall not leave the ring or cage during any 1 minute rest period between rounds. If any contestant fails or refuses to resume competition when the bell sounds signaling the commencement of the next round, the referee shall award a decision of technical knockout to his opponent as of the round which has last been finished.
 - (a) If the circumstances indicate to the referee the need for investigation or punitive action, the referee may withhold giving a decision.
 - (b) The referee shall have the authority to stop a contest at any time if one of the competitors is unable or no longer able to defend himself or herself.

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

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