

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama Boxing Commission

Rule No.: 165-X-15

Rule Title: Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Competition Rules

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: October 20, 2011

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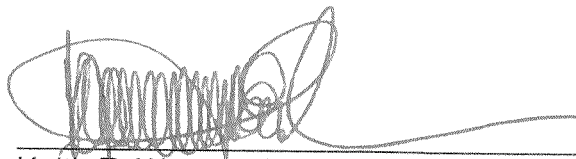
INTENDED ACTION: New

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 Monday, December 5, 2011. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, at 610 S. McDonough Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or via electronic mail at keith@warrenandco.com or via telephone at 334-269-9990.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Monday, December 5, 2011.

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Chapter 165-X-15 Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Competition Rules

<u>165-X-15-.01</u>	<u>Round Length</u>
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165-X-15-.01 Round length

1. Length of Round. All amateur bouts will consist of no more than three, 3-minute rounds with a one minute rest period in between rounds.

Author: Casey C. Sears
Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-1020
History: New Rule:

165-X-15-.02 Maximum number of bouts per card

1. Rounds Per Card. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, licensed sanctioning organizations shall schedule no more than thirty (30) rounds of amateur mixed martial arts on one program.
2. Minimum Fights Per Card. Unless otherwise approved by the commission, licensed sanctioning organizations may have no fewer than (6) contests on an individual card.

Author: Casey C. Sears
Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-1020
History: New Rule:

165-X-15-.03 Stopping a contest

1. Stopping a contest. The referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and is the only individual authorized to enter the fighting area at any time during the competition and authorized to stop a contest.
 - (a) A physician may enter the ring and advise the referee but shall have no authority to stop a fight.

Author: Casey C. Sears
Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-1020
History: New Rule:

165-X-15-.04 Judging

1. Number of Judges. All bouts will be evaluated and scored by three judges.
2. Scoring System. The 10 Point Must system shall be used as the standard scoring of a bout.
3. Judging Criteria. Judges shall evaluate mixed martial-art techniques, such as effective striking, effective grappling, control of the fighting area, effective aggressiveness and defense.
 - (a) Judges shall consider the amount of successful Executions of legal takedowns and reversals in evaluating effective grappling. Examples of factors judges can consider are the takedowns from standing position to mount position, passing the guard to mount position, and bottom position fighter using as active, threatening guard.

Author: Casey C. Sears
Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-1020
History: New Rule:

165-X-15-.05 Scoring the foul to be performed by the Scorekeeper

1. Scoring a foul. Fouls may result in a point being deducted by the official Scorekeeper from the offending mixed martial artist's score. The Scorekeeper, not the judges, will be responsible for calculating the true score after factoring in the point deduction.
 - (a) Only the referee may assess fouls.

Author: Casey C. Sears
Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-1020
History: New Rule: Filed August 7, 2011