

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control No. 165 Department or Agency Alabama Athletic Commission  
Rule No. 165-X-15  
Rule Title: Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Competition Rules  
         New          Amend                   X          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?          N/A         

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.

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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          9/19/2013

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ALABAMA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Athletic Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE:

165-X-1	Professional Boxing	Repealed & New
165-X-2	Professional Mixed Martial Arts	Repealed & New
165-X-3	Amateur Mixed Martial Arts	Repealed & New
165-X-4	Medical Requirements	Repealed
165-X-5	Conduct of Promotion	Repealed
165-X-6	Ring and Equipment	Repealed
165-X-7	Officials: Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges and Timekeepers	Repealed
165-X-8	Officials: Conduct of Contest, Match, or Exhibition	Repealed
165-X-9	Forms	Repealed
165-X-10	Functions of Commission	Repealed
165-X-11	Martial Arts Definition	Repealed
165-X-12	Bout Results	Repealed
165-X-13	Mixed Martial Arts Ring and Equipment	Repealed
165-X-14	Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Standards	Repealed
165-X-15	Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Competition Rules	Repealed
165-X-16	Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Additional Competition Guidelines	Repealed
165-X-17	Foul Procedures	Repealed
165-X-18	Injuries Sustained During Competition That will Terminate the Bout	Repealed
165-X-19	Types of Bout Results	Repealed
165-X-20	Licensing for Amateur MMA Sanctioning Organizations	Repealed
165-X-21	Officials Responsibilities	Repealed
165-X-22	Medical Requirements	Repealed
165-X-23	Match Permits	Repealed
165-X-24	Additional Requirements	Repealed
165-X-25	Mixed Martial Arts Licensing Procedures	Repealed
Appendices		Repealed

INTENDED ACTION: Repealed and New

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Commission will repeal rules that are redundant and condense these rules into 3 chapters.

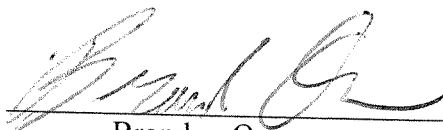
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Oral or written comments should be addressed to the Alabama Athletic Commission at the address or phone number below and must be received no later than *November 7, 2013*.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 7, 2013

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REPEAL

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
ALABAMA ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 165-X-15  
AMATEUR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITION RULES

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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

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

**History: New Rule:** Filed July 17, 2012; effective August 21, 2012.

165-X-15-.02 Maximum Number Of Bouts Per Card.

(1) Rounds Per Card. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, promoters may have no fewer than (6) contests on an individual card.

**Author:** Casey C. Sears

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

**History: New Rule:** Filed July 17, 2012; effective August 21, 2012.

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

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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

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

**History: New Rule:** Filed July 17, 2012; effective August 21, 2012.

**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

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

**History: New Rule:** Filed July 17, 2012; effective August 21, 2012.

**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.

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