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CHOCTAW BOXING COMMISSION

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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL RULES FOR BOXING

§27-1-1 Purpose, Applicability and Scope of Rules

- (1) These rules are promulgated pursuant to Choctaw Tribal law and custom in order to implement the provisions of the Professional Boxing Safety Act (P.L. 104-272), and the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act (P.L. 106-210), codified at 15 U.S.C. §6301 et seq., pertaining to the establishment of regulations for professional boxing matches held on the lands and Reservation of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. These rules purposely correspond and may refer to relevant provisions of 75-75-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 Ann., and implementing rules, and establish the regulations and standards set forth by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians which are intended to be at least as restrictive as those promulgated and enforced by the Mississippi Athletic Commission relative to the conduct of professional boxing. The rules contained herein apply to all professional boxing matches held on the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation under the jurisdiction of the Choctaw Boxing Commission.
- (2) Nothing herein, including references to any state agency, statute or regulation, is intended, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver of any of the sovereign powers, rights, privileges or immunities of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, or any of its agencies, enterprises or divisions, or of any officers, agents or other representatives thereof, and nothing herein shall be construed to confer or grant any jurisdiction or authority to any state agency or other division or entity over professional boxing matches to which these regulations apply. All references herein to any state agency, division or other entity, statute or regulation, or to any forms, decisions or authority thereof, is intended solely for reference or example and for the purpose of complying with the provisions of 15 U.S.C. §6312.
- (3) The Choctaw Boxing Commission is authorized and empowered with the sole and exclusive discretion to interpret, supplement, amend and apply these regulations consistent with their intent subject to approval by the Tribal Council.
- (4) All forms referenced in these rules may be obtained by contacting the Choctaw Boxing Commission, and shall be filed with:

Choctaw Boxing Commission
P.O. Box 6385
Choctaw, MS 39350

§27-1-2 Definitions

As used in this Chapter the term:

- (1) “Amateur” means a person who has never received nor competed for any purse or other article of value, either for the expenses of training or for participating in a match, other than a prize of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less;
- (2) “Boxer Registry” means any entity, certified by the Association of Boxing Commissions, for the purposes of maintaining records and identification of any boxer or kickboxer;
- (3) “Boxing” means to compete with the fists;

- (4) "Broadcast" means any audio or visual image transmitted by cable, radio, television, or other electronic means;
- (5) "Commission" means the Choctaw Boxing Commission;
- (6) "Contest" means a boxing or kickboxing engagement in which the participants strive earnestly to win;
- (7) "Counted Out" means that a participant has been knocked down and the referee and knockdown timekeeper have performed the appropriate count as set forth in these rules, and the completion of such count signifies that the participant has been knocked out;
- (8) "Employee of the Commission" means the Executive Director, Commission representative, chief inspector, inspectors and timekeepers;
- (9) "Face Value" means the dollar value of a ticket which value shall reflect the dollar amount that the customer is required to pay or, for complimentary tickets, would have been required to pay to purchase a ticket with equivalent seating priority, in order to view the match or program of matches. It shall include any charges or fees, such as dinner, gratuity, parking, surcharges or any other charges or fees which must be incurred in order to be allowed to view the match. However, if the ticket specifies the amount of admission charges attributable to Tribal or federal taxes, such taxes shall not be included in face value;
- (10) "Fight Card" means a program of matches;
- (11) "Foreign Copromoter" means a promoter who has no place of business within Mississippi;
- (12) "Gross Receipts" means the gross price charged for the sale or lease of broadcast, television and motion picture rights without any deductions for commissions, brokerage fees, distribution fees, advertising, or other expenses or charges; the portion of the receipts from the sale of souvenirs, programs and other concessions received by the promoter; and the face value of all tickets sold and complimentary tickets issued together with any site fees or other consideration received by the promoter for staging matches at a site on the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation under the jurisdiction of the Commission;
- (13) "He" or "His" shall also mean she or her;
- (14) "Judge" means a person who has a vote in determining the winner of any contest;
- (15) "Kickboxing" means to compete with the fists, feet, legs or any combination thereof;
- (16) "Licensee" means a person who is licensed by the Commission;
- (17) "Main Event" means the principal match or matches within a program of matches;
- (18) "Manager" means any person who receives any compensation for service as an agent or representative of a boxer or kickboxer or who directly or indirectly, controls or administers the boxing, or kickboxing affairs of any participant;
- (19) "Match" means any contest;

- (20) “Matchmaker” means a person that proposes, selects and arranges the professional boxers or kickboxers to participate in a professional boxing or kickboxing match;
- (21) “Participant” means a professional competing in a boxing or kickboxing match;
- (22) “Person” shall mean an individual, group of individuals, business, corporation, partnership or any other individual or collective entity;
- (23) “Physician” means a doctor of medicine legally authorized to practice medicine and surgery under §73-25-3, Mississippi Code of 1972 Ann., in which the physician performs such function or action, and who has been licensed to provide medical services to participants and other persons under the jurisdiction of the Commission before, during and after matches;
- (24) “Professional” means a person who has received or competed for any purse or other article of a value greater than fifty dollars (\$50.00), either for the expenses of training or for participating in any match;
- (25) “Professional Boxing Match” means a boxing event held between individuals for financial compensation, and does not include a boxing contest that is regulated by an amateur sports organization;
- (26) “Program of Matches” means collectively, all of the matches that are scheduled or proposed to be scheduled under the same permit;
- (27) “Promoter” means any person, and includes any officer, director, employee or stockholder of a corporate promoter, who organizes, promotes, produces, arranges, or stages any boxing match involving a professional; however, it does not include any wholly owned or operated business or commercial entity of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians;
- (28) “Purse” means the financial guarantee or other remuneration for which a professional is participating in a match and includes the professional’s share of any payment received for radio broadcast, television and motion picture rights;
- (29) “Second” or “Corner Man” means a person who assists the match participant between rounds and maintains the corner of the participant during the match.

§27-1-3 Commission, Commission Employees, Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) The Choctaw Boxing Commission is created under the authority and control of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.
- (2) The Commission shall be comprised of five (5) members. The Tribal Chief shall be the Chairman of the Choctaw Boxing Commission and his term shall be the term of the Office of Tribal Chief. The Secretary/Treasurer of the Tribal Council shall automatically be Secretary/Treasurer of the Commission and his term shall be the term of Office of the Tribal Council Secretary/Treasurer. The other three (3) members shall be appointed by the Tribal Chief and confirmed by the Tribal Council. The initial terms of these three (3) Commissioners shall be as follows:

TERM

Commissioner #1	3 years from appointment
Commissioner #2	3 years from appointment
Commissioner #3	2 years from appointment

All appointments after the initial terms listed herein shall be for three (3) year terms.

- (3) Three members shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of at least three (3) members is necessary for official Commission action.
- (4) A meeting of the Commission shall be convened, upon the call of the Chairman or at least four (4) members for the Commission. The location of the meeting shall be determined by the Chairman of the Commission.
- (5) No commissioner shall represent to another person or organization that he is acting for or representing the Commission unless he has first obtained the authority of the Commission to so act or represent.
- (6) Each member of the Commission who is not an elected official or employee of the Tribe shall be compensated. Each commissioner shall be reimbursed for this travel, food and lodging expenses in accordance with Tribal law and financial policies.
- (7) The Commission or the Executive Director may appoint a Commission representative to represent the Commission at matches and to assist the Executive Director in his duties.
- (8) No member or employee of the Commission shall have any direct or indirect financial or pecuniary interest in any person under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- (9) No member or employee of the Commission shall be a member of, belong to, contract with or receive any compensation from, any person or entity who sanctions, arranges or promotes professional boxing or who otherwise has a financial interest in an active boxer currently registered with a boxing registry.
- (10) If any member of the Commission holds a personal membership or holds an office in a boxing organization or such similar organization, that commissioner so affiliated shall recuse himself from any vote regarding matters associated with or pertaining to the organization to which he is affiliated when acting in his capacity as commissioner of the Commission.
- (11) The Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over any match held within the lands and Reservation of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; has the power to issue, withhold, revoke or suspend any licenses or permits provided for in these rules; has the power to levy such fines and take such other disciplinary action as it may deem appropriate in its sole discretion with respect to conduct which is found to be detrimental to the activities regulated hereunder; and has the power to consider appeals of any such actions taken under these regulations.
- (12) The Commission shall promulgate operating By-Laws for the conduct of Commission business.

- (13) The Commission shall be responsible for appointing and licensing physicians who shall be currently licensed under applicable law.
- (14) The Commission shall employ an Executive Director on such terms as it finds to be in the best interest of the Commission.
- (15) The Commission may require background investigations or disclosures including, but not limited to, criminal and financial history, for all applicants for licensure. A list of all applicants for Licensure and the Commission action taken thereon shall be kept in the Commission Office and shall not be considered confidential information. All applications shall be treated as confidential information by the Commission. Each application shall contain privacy and false information statements. Each applicant for Licensure shall pay the Commission for all costs associated with the background investigation for that applicant's License.

§27-1-4 Executive Director, Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) The Executive Director shall:
 - (a) perform all administrative functions to ensure that the Commission operates and carries on its business in a lawful manner;
 - (b) be the custodian of the records of the Commission;
 - (c) ensure that proper notice and recording is made of all meetings of the Commission and medical council;
 - (d) attend all meetings of the Commission;
 - (e) tentatively approve, issue, withhold or deny licenses and permits according to the provisions hereof;
 - (f) be present at all matches and act as the Commission representative in charge or, in his absence, appoint another Commission representative to be the Commission representative in charge;
 - (g) ensure that all matches are conducted in accordance with the provisions hereof. This shall include appointing or causing to be appointed licensed match officials, in accordance with the criteria established within these rules, and reviewing and approving or disapproving a match or fight card based on weights, abilities, records or physical condition of the prospective participants. The Executive Director shall not approve a match where it is reasonable to assume, based on weights, abilities, records or physical condition of the prospective participants, that the match would not be competitive, would be physically unsafe for one or both participants, would be in conflict with the suspension requirements imposed by any other jurisdiction's boxing commission against one or both participants, except as provided for under 15 U.S.C. §6306(b), or would not be in the best interest of the sport or the welfare of the public;

- (h) issue, or cause to be issued, administrative complaints as set forth herein after notice to and authorization from the Commission;
 - (i) have the authority to affix his signature to documents which attest to or represent official Commission action; and
 - (j) report the results of a professional boxing match and any related suspensions to the applicable boxer registry, not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of such boxing match.
- (2) The Executive Director shall be responsible for notifying the Commission of any violation which would be grounds for suspension or revocation of any person's license, of violations that could cause the cancellation of a match or any matter which could reasonably be anticipated to negatively affect the health of a participant, the safety or welfare of the public or result in legal action.
 - (3) The Executive Director and employees and representatives of the Commission, while acting in their official capacity, shall be reimbursed for travel, food and lodging expenses in accordance with Tribal financial policies.
 - (4) The term and compensation of an Executive Director shall be determined by the Commission.

§27-1-5 Commission Representatives, Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) A Commission representative may be appointed by the Commission or the Executive Director for the purpose of supervising or assisting in the supervision of a match regulated hereunder, and such other duties as described herein. The following process and criteria will be used to select a Commission representative:
 - (a) commission representatives will be appointed to perform a variety of functions such as supervising at weigh-ins and boxing events in the absence of the Executive Director, coordinate events at weigh-ins and boxing events, attend meetings when requested by the Commission or Executive Director, and such other duties as described herein.
 - (b) recognizing that Commission representatives require expertise in a variety of disciplines, each will be appointed to serve in positions in accordance with the particular expertise each Commission representative possesses.
- (2) The Commission representative shall be responsible for immediately notifying the Executive Director of any violation of any person under the jurisdiction of the Commission or of problems that, if unresolved, could cause the cancellation of a match or any matter which could reasonably be anticipated to negatively affect the health of a participant or the safety or welfare of the public.
- (3) A Commission representative, in his capacity of supervisor of the match or the Commission representative in charge of the match shall be responsible for:

- (a) ensuring that all the requirements indicated herein to be the responsibility of the Commission representative are properly and timely carried out as set forth herein;
- (b) appointing the referee, timekeeper, knockdown timekeeper, judges and inspectors for each match for which he is responsible. There shall be a minimum of two (2) referees present at each program of matches. There shall be a minimum of three (3) judges present at each program of matches. There shall be a minimum of one (1) timekeeper present at each program of matches. There shall be a minimum of one (1) knockdown timekeeper present at each program of matches. There shall be a minimum of four (4) inspectors present at each program of matches;
- (c) having available required wearing apparel and equipment for Commission representatives, inspectors and officials;
- (d) having available rubber gloves for use by the seconds, physicians and officials;
- (e) ensuring that all officials are paid by the promoter prior to leaving the premises of the program of matches after the program of matches has been concluded; and that all officials acknowledge by signature, on a form provided by the Commission, the receipt of payment. Commission representatives may utilize Form CBC-460, entitled Acknowledgment of Payment of Fees to Officials Incorporated herein by reference.

§27-1-6 Chief Inspectors, Inspectors, Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) The Executive Director shall appoint a minimum of one (1) chief inspector for each program of matches for the purpose of overseeing and coordinating the activities occurring in the dressing rooms with the activities occurring at ringside and the television coordinator as appropriate. The following process and criteria will be used to select chief inspectors:
 - (a) the duties of a Chief Inspector include:
 - (i) enforcement of the rules regarding hand wraps, glove weights and types, approved substances and equipment and supplies that must be in the corner during a match, conduct of the seconds in the corner during the match, how a fight may be stopped by the chief second, and anti-doping test administration;
 - (ii) ensuring the availability and good working condition of two-way radios, drug testing kits, tape, pens and gloves; and
 - (iii) serving notices of mandatory suspensions upon participants.
- (2) The Chief Inspector shall appoint a minimum of four (4) inspectors for each program of matches for the purpose of overseeing, directing and controlling the activities occurring in the dressing room and at ringside. In selecting the inspectors, the Chief Inspector shall use the process, standards and criteria set forth herein.

- (a) Any person desiring to become an inspector shall submit an application form CBC-450, entitled General Application for License, incorporated herein by reference, which may be obtained by contacting the Commission.
- (b) Applicants for inspector must:
 - (i) be knowledgeable of the rules governing hand wraps, glove weights and types, approved substances and equipment and supplies that must be in the corner;
 - (ii) be able to observe, assimilate and react to a variety of complex situations;
 - (iii) be able to work in a highly stressful environment with a known deadline;
 - (iv) be able to work as a team member while exhibiting a demeanor of control of the dressing room area and the activities of the seconds at ringside;
 - (v) be knowledgeable of the rules governing the conduct of the seconds in the corner;
 - (vi) be knowledgeable of the rules governing how a fight may be stopped by the chief second;
 - (vii) be knowledgeable and proficient regarding anti-doping test administration;
 - (viii) have participated as an unofficial inspector for a minimum of four (4) events.
- (c) The duties of an inspector include the enforcement of the rules regarding hand wraps, glove weights and types, approved substances, equipment and supplies that must be in the corner during a match, conduct of the seconds in the corner during the match, how a fight may be stopped by the chief second, and anti-doping test administration, and any additional duties as may be required by the Commission.
- (d) A urine sample shall be collected from the inspectors in accordance with the prescribed protocol as designated by these rules.
- (e) Proper security shall be maintained for the protection of the participants and the public, and to ensure that the Commission representative and inspectors can properly carry out the provisions and the rules set forth herein.
- (f) Each inspector shall be responsible for observing the conduct of the seconds in the corner of his designated participant during the course of the match and immediately reporting any violation or suspicious behavior to the Commission representative.

- (g) The Chief Inspector and inspectors shall not communicate with members of the media or press concerning any of the activities regulated by the Commission without the prior approval of the Commission or the Executive Director. All media or press inquiries shall be referred to the Executive Director.

§27-1-7 Licenses, Permits; Requirement, Procedure, Period, and Fee

- (1) License, Requirement, Procedure, Period, and Fee
 - (a) License Requirement
 - (i) No person may act as an announcer, booking agent, chief inspector, foreign copromoter, inspector, judge, manager, matchmaker, participant, physician, promoter, referee, representative of a booking agent, second, timekeeper, or trainer for any match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission, without first obtaining the appropriate license. Acceptance of an appropriate license constitutes agreement by the licensee to abide by and be subject to these rules.
 - (ii) No person shall be issued a license if such person has an unpaid fine or any delinquent indebtedness outstanding to the Commission.
 - (iii) No person shall be issued a license who, in any jurisdiction, has been convicted of any act which would constitute a violation of applicable state, Tribal or federal statutes or the rules set forth herein; or which would constitute any of the grounds set forth in applicable state or Tribal and federal statutes or the rules set forth herein; or which would constitute any of the grounds set forth in applicable state of Tribal and federal statutes or the rules herein for suspension or revocation of a license; or against whom such charges are pending before any regulatory body.
 - (iv) No person shall be issued a license who has been named in an information, indictment or other charging instrument for any act which would constitute a violation of applicable state, Tribal or federal statutes, or which act would constitute a ground for suspension or revocation of a license therein or the rules herein.
 - (v) No person shall transfer or attempt to transfer, including by the use of a power of attorney, any rights, privileges, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities which by their nature are entitled to or encumbered by only those individuals holding a license to perform and be responsible for such activities.
 - (vi) For the purposes of these regulations, the requirements and responsibilities of a foreign copromoter shall be the same as that of a promoter, and wherever the term promoter is used it is deemed to include the term foreign copromoter.
 - (b) Licensing Procedure and Period

- (i) All applications for a license shall be in writing on a form provided by the Commission, completed and verified by the applicant, including any required attachments, and accompanied by the required fee. An applicant for a license as an announcer, booking agent, judge, matchmaker, referee, representative of a booking agent, second or trainer shall utilize Form CBC-450, entitled Application for License, incorporated herein by reference. An applicant for a license as a manager shall utilize Form CBC-492, entitled Application for Manager License, incorporated herein by reference. An applicant for a license as a physician shall utilize Form CBC-470, entitled Application for Physician License, incorporated herein by reference. An applicant for a license as a promoter or foreign copromoter shall utilize Form CBC-452, entitled Application for Promoter or Foreign Copromoter License, incorporated herein by reference. An applicant for a license as a participant shall utilize Form CBC-467, entitled Application for Participant License, incorporated herein by reference.
- (ii) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the application shall be reviewed by the Executive Director and, if the application is in compliance with the requirements and the rules set forth herein, the Executive Director shall cause a temporary license to be issued pending final approval by the Commission. If it is determined that the application is not in compliance, the applicant shall be immediately notified and advised of the reasons for the finding that the application is not in compliance.
- (iii) A license issued pursuant to these rules shall be valid from the date of issuance until December 31 of the year in which the license was effective. An application for the renewal of a license shall be submitted on the same forms as referenced above and all of the requirements, standards, and criteria used to approve or disapprove an application for a new or initial license shall be used to approve or disapprove the application for the renewal of a license.

(c) License Fees

The following non-refundable fee shall accompany each application for a license:

Announcer	\$ 25.00
Booking Agent	\$ 50.00
Judge	\$ 25.00
Manager	\$ 50.00
Matchmaker	\$100.00
Participant	\$ 15.00
Promoter	\$250.00
Referee	\$ 25.00
Representative of a Booking Agent	\$ 25.00
Second	\$ 15.00
Trainer	\$ 15.00

- (2) Permit, Requirement, Procedure, Period, and Fee
- (a) Permit Requirement.
- (i) No promoter shall present a program of matches unless he has first obtained a permit.
- (ii) No promoter shall be given tentative approval for or issued a permit if such person has an unpaid fine or any delinquent indebtedness outstanding to the Commission.
- (b) Permit Applications.
- (i) The application for permit accompanied by the required fees shall be required to be on file with the Commission at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled program of matches. An applicant for a permit shall utilize Form CBC-454, entitled Application for Permit, incorporated herein by reference.
- (ii) Upon receipt of the application for permit, the Executive Director shall review the application and, if the application is in compliance with the requirements and the rules set forth herein, he shall give tentative approval to the promoter for the proposed date of the program. The approval shall be considered to be a tentative approval. If the Executive Director determines that the application for permit is not in compliance with the requirements and the rules set forth herein, he shall immediately advise the promoter that the application for permit has been disapproved and shall state the reasons that the application is not in compliance. The Executive Director shall deny an application for permit if another program of matches has previously been scheduled for the same date, and he has determined that adequate staff would not be available to properly supervise both programs or matches.
- (iii) The promoter or matchmaker shall be required to provide the proposed fight card not later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the proposed date of the program. The promoter or matchmaker will be allowed to propose additional matches until 12 noon on the day prior to the scheduled program of matches. After such time, matches may only be proposed if records can be verified to the satisfaction of the Executive Director and prior to the conclusion of the weigh-in. At the conclusion of the weigh-in, no further matches may be proposed or approved. The Executive Director shall review the proposed fight card and, if he determines that all the proposed matches meet the requirements and the rules set forth herein, he shall approve the proposed fight card or match(s). If the Executive Director determines that the proposed fight card or match(s) is not in compliance with the requirements and the rules set forth herein, he shall not approve the proposed fight card and shall immediately advise the promoter or matchmaker that the proposed fight card has been disapproved and the reasons for the disapproval.

- (iv) All other pre-match requirements of the promoter described in the rules set forth herein, shall be accomplished before final approval is given and the permit issued. If the Executive Director determines that the promoter is not in compliance with the requirements set forth above, the Executive Director shall rescind the tentative approval of the permit and the program of matches shall be canceled. If the program of matches is canceled, all tickets shall be refunded if possible or practical.
- (v) A permit shall only be valid for the program of matches for which it was issued. A new permit shall be required for each new or different program of matches.
- (c) A non-refundable permit fee shall be submitted with the application for permit and shall be based on the seating capacity of the premises to be utilized to present the program of matches. The following fee structure shall be utilized to determine the permit fee:
 - (i) Seating capacity is less than 2000 – Fee = \$50.00
 - (ii) Seating capacity is 2000 or more but not greater than 5000 – Fee = \$100.00
 - (iii) Seating capacity exceeds 50,000 – Fee = \$250.00

§27-1-8 Insurance

- (1) Each participant in a match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission shall be covered by insurance for medical, surgical and hospital care for injuries sustained while engaged in a match. Said coverage shall be for an amount not less than \$100,000.00 for each participant. In addition, each participant shall have life insurance for an amount not less than \$100,000.00 covering death caused by injuries received while engaged in a bout.
- (2) The promoter for the match shall be responsible for providing evidence of the insurance coverage described above and filing with the Commission written evidence of insurance no later than the weigh-in. Such evidence of insurance shall specify, at a minimum, the name of the insurance company, the insurance policy number, the effective date of the coverage and evidence that each participant is covered by the insurance. Any deductible associated with the insurance policy shall be paid by the promoter and shall not be paid by or charged to the participant.
- (3) If, at the time of weigh-in, the promoter fails to provide evidence of insurance as required above, the permit shall not be issued or, if issued, shall be suspended, and the program of matches shall be canceled.
- (4) The promoter for the match shall provide additional insurance coverage as may be required by the Commission.

§27-1-9 Weight Classes; Weigh-In; Pre-Match Physical of Participant and Referee

- (1) Weight Classes.
 - (a) The following weight classes are hereby established:
 - (i) Flyweight – not over 112 pounds
 - (ii) Bantamweight – not over 118 pounds
 - (iii) Featherweight – not over 126 pounds
 - (iv) Junior Lightweight – not over 130 pounds
 - (v) Lightweight – not over 135 pounds
 - (vi) Junior Welterweight – not over 140 pounds
 - (vii) Welterweight – not over 147 pounds
 - (viii) Junior Middleweight – not over 154 pounds
 - (ix) Middleweight – not over 160 pounds
 - (x) Light Heavyweight – not over 175 pounds
 - (xi) Cruiserweight – over 175, not to exceed 190 pounds
 - (xii) Heavyweight – over 190 pounds
 - (b) No contest shall be permitted when there is a difference of more than 12 pounds between the two participants when the lighter of the two weighs more than 160 pounds and not more than 175 pounds; or 10 pounds between the two participants when the lighter of the two weighs more than 147 pounds and not more than 160 pounds; or 8 pounds between the two participants when the lighter of the two weighs more than 135 pounds and not more than 147 pounds; or 6 pounds between two participants when the lighter of the two weighs more than 112 pounds and not more than 135 pounds. Participants in exhibitions which are held solely for training purposes shall not be required to meet the requirements of this paragraph.
- (2) Weigh-In
 - (a) Participants in matches shall be weighed on the same scale at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Director or Commission representative, in the presence of the opponent and a Commission representative, provided however, that if a participant fails to arrive at the weigh-in at the time and place determined by the Commission, the opponent of such participant shall be permitted to be weighed without the need for the participant to observe the weighing in of his

opponent, provided however, that the participant who arrived at the weigh-in on time does not lose his privilege of observing the weighing in of his opponent. The weigh-in shall occur no sooner than 4:00 p.m. the day preceding the date of the program of matches.

- (b) Failure of the participant to be present at the weigh-in, at the time and place designated by the Executive Director or Commission representative, shall result in the following penalties, which shall be in addition to his loss of right to view the weigh-in of his opponent:
 - (i) in lieu of suspension or revocation of the participant's license for the first occurrence, the participant shall be penalized by assessing a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
 - (ii) in lieu of suspension or revocation of the participant's license for second occurrence, the participant shall be penalized by assessing a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
 - (iii) the third occurrence shall be penalized by suspending the license of the participant and not allowing the participant to engage in the program of matches; and
 - (iv) the fourth occurrence shall be penalized by revoking the license of the participant.
- (c) If, at the time of the official weigh-in, the weight of any participant in a contest fails to meet the weight parameters of the rules set forth herein, he shall have two (2) additional hours to meet such weight parameters.
- (d) A participant is not permitted to lose more than 3 percent of his body weight during the two (2) additional hours established in subsection (c) above.
- (e) At the time of weigh-in, each participant in a contest shall be required to provide to the Executive Director or Commission representative for inspection, an identification card issued by the state in which the participant resides. Such identification card shall contain a recent photograph of the participant, the participant's social security number, and a personal identification number assigned to the participant by the Association of Boxing Commissions' official boxer registry. In order to obtain an identification card, the participant must present to the Commission a picture identification issued by a federal, state or local unit of government or other similar authority or passport issued by the United States of America or a foreign government. This identification card must be renewed every two years. If a participant presents fictitious identification to the Commission, the Commission shall, upon the first occurrence disallow the participant from participating in a boxing or kickboxing match for a period of one year. Upon the second occurrence, the participant shall be permanently banned from participating from boxing or kickboxing under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- (f) The participant shall be required to complete a participant information form which shall be provided by the Commission. The participant shall utilize Form

CBC-469, entitled Participant Information, incorporated herein by reference. Any participant who refuses to complete this form shall not be allowed to engage in any match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(3) Pre-Match Physical of Participant and Referee

- (a) Each participant shall, at the time of the weigh-in, be examined by a physician. The physician shall certify in writing the participant's physical condition and his professional assessment as to whether or not the participant may engage in the match. The physician shall, prior to the match, file with the Commission representative his written report of examination of the participant, which report shall state whether or not, in the opinion of the physician, the participant is physically fit to engage in the match. No participant shall be permitted to engage in a match unless he has been examined and pronounced fit to do so by a physician. Physicians shall utilize Form CBC-455, entitled Physical Examination By Physician, incorporated herein by reference. The examination given all participants shall include the following:
- (i) temperature;
 - (ii) pulse; sitting, standing and running;
 - (iii) lungs;
 - (iv) heart; and
 - (v) blood pressure.
- (b) No participant shall be allowed to engage in any match if any of the following conditions are found by the physician:
- (i) hernia or bubonocele;
 - (ii) organic heart murmurs;
 - (iii) active pulmonary lesions;
 - (iv) abnormal temperature as determined by the physician;
 - (v) systolic pressure over 160; diastolic pressure over 100;
 - (vi) infectious skin lesions, such as boils or infected wounds;
 - (vii) serious recent (within forty-five (45) days) wounds; especially on face and ears; such as lacerations to eyelids and periorbital area;
 - (viii) hand injuries, and fractures less than six (6) weeks old, if, in the physician's opinion, the injury would be detrimental to the participant's health or ability to effectively compete or exhibit;

- (ix) an indication that the participant is using, or is under the influence of, narcotics, drugs, stimulants, depressants, alcohol, local anesthetics or such a high level of analgesics as to render the participant unable to recognize if he is seriously injured. If the physician finds any indication or evidence that the participant is using, or is under the influence of, unauthorized drugs or foreign substances such that the physician cannot make a definite determination and therefore allows the match to proceed, the physician shall immediately advise the Executive Director or Commission representative who shall ensure that a urine drug screen or BAC test is taken and processed in accordance with §27-1-19 of this Title;
 - (x) retinopathy or detached retina; provided however, that applicant shall be permitted to participate in a fight if the participant provides, at or before the weigh-in, a written statement of a licensed ophthalmologist stating that the applicant's retina is completely healed and that in the ophthalmologist's medical opinion, no unusual or extraordinary risk to the applicant is anticipated as a result of the retinopathy or a previously detached retina. The Commission shall review individual cases of repaired retinal damage for the purpose of permitting the individual to engage in a boxing match under its jurisdiction.
 - (xi) dental abscess;
 - (xii) ophthalmologic problem;
 - (xiii) history of epilepsy or seizures;
 - (xiv) blindness;
 - (xv) history of kidney problems;
 - (xvi) change in gait or balance;
 - (xvii) history of any serious abnormality in a CAT scan, electroencephalogram (EEG), or electrocardiogram (EKG);
 - (xviii) proof that women are not pregnant. Test must be performed within seventy-two (72) hours of match;
 - (xix) signs of dementia pugilistica; and
 - (xx) contact lenses cannot be worn by any participant during the match.
- (c) Participants shall supply the Commission's Physician with test reports for HIV and Hepatitis B and C performed within ninety (90) days of the date of the match. Results of the reports shall be communicated to the Executive Director for such action by the Commission as it deems appropriate.
 - (d) The Executive Director shall, whenever necessary, require that a referee undergo a physical examination prior to acting as a referee in any match.

- (e) If at any time, evidence is revealed that indicates that the match may be adverse to the health of a participant or referee, the Executive Director shall order a medical examination to be given to the participant or referee, the report of which examination shall be made to the Commission representative.

§27-1-10 Drugs and Foreign Substances; Penalties

- (1) Drugs and Foreign Substances Ingested or Designed to be Ingested
 - (a) No participant shall at any time, use, or be under the influence of, any drug or foreign substance that would unfairly increase or decrease his performance, or impair his or the Physician’s ability to recognize a potentially serious injury or physical condition. Any participant is subject to random drug screening by the Commission’s Physician. Failure or refusal to submit to such test or tests shall be grounds of automatic disqualification by the Commission. No substance, other than plain drinking water supplied by the Commission, shall be given to or ingested by a participant during the course of a match.
 - (b) The following drug or foreign substance classifications are prohibited except as otherwise indicated:

- (i) stimulants – All stimulants are banned with the following exceptions:
 - (A) Caffeine – provided, however, that an amount greater than 12 mcg/ml in the urine is prohibited;
 - (B) Beta 2 Agonist – provided, however, it is selected from the following list and is in aerosol or inhalant form only:

	Drug Chemical	Brand Name
(I)	Bitolterol Mesylate	Tornalate
(II)	Metaproterenol Sulfate	Alupent, Metaprel
(III)	Albuterol Sulfate	Ventolin, Proventil
(IV)	Terbutaline Sulfate	Brethaire

- (ii) narcotics;
- (iii) anabolic Steroids, including human growth hormone;
- (iv) diuretics;
- (v) alcohol;
- (vi) local Anesthetics; and
- (vii) corticosteroids.

- (c) Whenever the Commission representative has reason to believe that a participant has ingested or used a prohibited drug or foreign substance, the Commission representative shall request and the participant shall provide, under the supervision of the physician, Commission representative or inspector, a sample of his urine taken not more than one hour after the conclusion of the match. No participant shall use substances or methods which would alter the integrity of the urine sample. Urine samples shall be taken in accordance with the protocol as agreed upon in writing between the Commission and the laboratory used for processing the urine samples.
 - (d) Failure or refusal to provide a urine sample immediately upon request shall result in the revocation of the participant's license. Any participant who has been adjudged the loser of a match and who subsequently refuses or is unable to provide a urine sample, shall forfeit his share of the purse to the Commission. Any participant who is adjudged the winner of a match and who subsequently refuses or is unable to provide a urine sample shall forfeit the win and shall not be allowed to engage in any future match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission. A "No Decision" result shall be entered into the official record as the result of the match. The purse shall be redistributed as though the participant found to be in violation of this subsection had lost the match. If redistribution of the purse is not necessary or after redistribution of the purse is accomplished, the participant found to be in violation of this section shall forfeit his share of the purse to the Commission.
 - (e) After each match the physician shall advise the Commission representative as to whether or not he observed any behavior or other signs that would indicate the advisability of processing the urine sample. The Commission representative shall make the final decision as to the processing of the urine drug screen.
- (2) Drugs or Foreign Substances Used Externally or Designed for External Use
- (a) No drug or foreign substance shall be used unless expressly provided for in these rules or as directed by the physician.
 - (b) The following drugs or foreign substances may be used by participants under the conditions described herein:
 - (i) petroleum jelly – the discretionary use of petroleum jelly shall be allowed around the eyes. However, the use of petroleum jelly on the arms, legs and body of a participant is prohibited;
 - (ii) the discretionary use of a 1/1000 solution of Adrenalin and Avitine, or their generic equivalents, as approved by the physician, shall be allowed between rounds to stop bleeding of minor cuts and lacerations sustained by a participant.
- (3) Any participant determined to have been using or under the influence of a prohibited drug or foreign substance and who has been adjudged the loser of a match, shall forfeit his share of the purse to the Commission. Any participant determined to have been using or under the influence of a prohibited drug or foreign substance and who has been adjudged the winner of a match, shall forfeit the win and a "No Decision" result shall be entered

into the official record as the result of the match. The purse shall be redistributed as though the participant found to be in violation of this subsection had lost the match. If redistribution of the purse is not necessary or after redistribution of the purse is accomplished, the participant found to be in violation of this section should forfeit his share of the purse to the Commission. The following penalties shall be assessed against any participant found to be in violation of this section:

- (a) the first occurrence shall be penalized by suspending the participant's license and banning his participating in any manner, in any match for a period of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days;
 - (b) the second occurrence shall be penalized by suspending the participant's license and banning his participation in any manner, in any match for a period of one (1) year;
 - (c) the third occurrence shall be penalized by permanently revoking the participant's license and banning permanently his participation in any manner, in any match or activity regulated by the Commission.
- (4) No person licensed by the Commission shall participate in or contribute to the act of violating this section, and any violation shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of all licenses held by such person. Any person found to be in violation of this section shall forfeit his share of the purse or other compensation to the Commission and shall be assessed the following penalty:
- (a) the first occurrence shall be penalized by suspending the person's license and banning his participating in any manner, in any match for a period of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days;
 - (b) the second occurrence shall be penalized by suspending the person's license and banning his participation in any manner, in any match for a period of one (1) year;
 - (c) the third occurrence shall be penalized by permanently revoking the person's license and banning permanently his participation in any manner, in any match or activity regulated by the Commission.
- (5) Drugs, containers and other equipment used in conjunction with the match, regardless of why or how they are used or where they are located, shall at all times be available for inspection by the physician, referee, inspector or Commission representative and shall be seized if there is any evidence that they may have been used to violate or are in violation of any provision of these rules.
- (6) It shall be the responsibility of every person under the jurisdiction of the Commission to immediately advise the physician, referee, inspector or Commission representative of any knowledge that any participant scheduled to be engaged in any match has, in violation of this section, ingested or is under the influence of any drug or foreign substance prohibited by these rules.

§27-1-11 Promoter and Matchmaker; Licensing and Bond; Duties and Conduct; Disclosures

- (1) Licensing and Bond
 - (a) No person shall act as a promoter for any match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission without first having obtained a promoter license. No person shall act as a matchmaker, including a matchmaker employed by a promoter, for any match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission without first having obtained a matchmaker license. No foreign copromoter may, directly or indirectly, participate in the promotion of, receive any remuneration from, or render any services in connection with any match involving a professional, unless the foreign copromoter has been issued a license therefore by the Commission. No promoter may be associated with any foreign copromoter in promoting any match, unless the foreign copromoter has been issued a license.
 - (b) Ownership of Promoter License
 - (i) Any person licensed as an individual shall have sole ownership of such license, and such license shall not be transferable or assignable to another. If such person is no longer in business, the license shall become void.
 - (ii) Any license issued to and in the name of a corporation shall not be transferable or assignable to another. If such corporation is no longer in business or no longer operates as the corporation, the license shall become void. If any officer of the corporation is added or deleted, the licensee shall, within ten (10) calendar days, notify the Commission of such addition or deletion. A newly added officer shall be required to submit an Application For Promoter Or Foreign Copromoter License.
 - (iii) Any license issued to a partnership shall not be transferable or assignable to another. If the partnership is no longer in business or no longer operates as the partnership, the license shall become void, provided however that if the business continues to operate but does not operate as a partnership and the sole remaining person was one of the licensed partners and all other previous licensed partners have, in writing, authorized such sole remaining person to have control and use of the licensed name, then the license may remain in force and effective until its expiration date, at which time the person shall apply as an individual.
 - (c) No promoter shall also be licensed as a booking agent, representative of a booking agent, matchmaker, manager, second or trainer.
 - (d) No promoter shall have any financial or pecuniary interest in any participant under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
 - (e) Bond or Other Security, Requirements

- (i) An applicant for a promoter license shall deposit with the Commission a bond, cash or certificated check in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) prior to being issued a promoter license. If, at any time and for whatever reason, the bond, cash or certified check is not maintained in full force and effect, the license shall be automatically void.
- (ii) If it is determined that the projected liability for a match may exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), the Commission shall require the deposit of an additional bond, cash or certified check as additional security for the match. The additional bond, cash or certified check shall be required and used only for the designated match and shall be released or returned ninety (90) calendar days after the date of the match unless, as a result of violations or suspected violations, the Commission determines that the additional bond, cash or certified check shall be retained for a longer period.
- (iii) The bond and other security, or additional bond and additional security shall be filed with the Commission for the purpose of providing surety that the promoter will and does faithfully perform and fulfill his obligations under the rules set forth herein. Any fault, negligence, error or omission, failure to fulfill contractual obligations, violation of any rules of the Commission or any other act or failure to act shall result in a claim for recovery from the bond and recovery from the other security. When the amount of recovery cannot be determined by the Commission due to the failure of the promoter to perform these rules set forth herein, the Commission shall recover the face value of the bond and other security and the additional bond and additional security, as appropriate, provided however that the recovery shall not be greater than the amount of the bond and other security required to be deposited with the Commission.
- (iv) A bond or additional bond shall be acceptable if the following conditions are met:
 - (A) the bond or additional bond shall be on a form provided by or approved by the Commission and shall have attached a power of attorney, which power of attorney shall not have an expiration date. The promoter shall use Form CBC-465, entitled Surety Bond For Promoter, incorporated herein by reference, and shall use Form CBC-472, entitled Additional Surety Bond For Promoter, incorporated herein by reference;
 - (B) the bond and additional bond shall provide surety in an amount equal to the face amount of the bond and additional bond and the aggregate annual liability shall be for the face amount of the bond and additional bond;
 - (C) the bond and additional bond shall be made out in the name of the Commission and shall be negotiable on the sole authority of the Executive Director.

- (D) the bond and additional bond may not be canceled, for any reason, unless the following conditions have been met, provided however, when an additional bond is required, as referenced above, (II) below shall not apply: (I) the surety company has provided the Commission at least a sixty (60) calendar day written notice of intent to cancel; and (II) the promoter's license has expired or the license has been returned to the Commission with a request to cancel such license and canceled by the Commission and the promoter has not filed an application for renewal of the license; and (III) a period of ninety (90) calendar days has elapsed since the most recent match of the promoter; and
 - (E) the bond or additional bond is accompanied by a filing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each bond or additional bond.
- (v) Other security may be provided in lieu of the bond or additional bond provided the following conditions are met:
- (A) the security must be in the form of cash, a certified check or direct obligations of the United States or the state of Mississippi;
 - (B) the certified check shall be made payable to the Commission, and the certified check and the direct obligations of the United States or this state shall be negotiable on the sole authority of the Executive Director;
 - (C) the Commission shall not pay interest or other charges or fees to the promoter;
 - (D) the security may not be canceled or requested to be returned, for any reason, unless the following conditions have been met, provided however, when an additional security is required, as referenced above, (II) and (IV) below shall not apply: (I) the promoter has provided the Commission at least a sixty (60) calendar day written notice of request for return or release of the security; and (II) the promoter's license has expired or the license has been returned to the Commission with a request for cancellation and canceled by the Commission and the promoter has not filed an application for renewal of the license, or the promoter has substituted a bond for the security and such bond indicates on its face that it shall retroactively cover the promoter for all times and for all obligations of the promoter covered by the security for which the bond is being substituted. In the event of substitution of a bond for the security on deposit with the Commission, (III) and (IV) below shall not apply; and (III) a period of ninety (90) calendar days has elapsed since the most recent match of the promoter; and (IV) a period of one (1)

year has elapsed since the security was deposited with the Commission.

- (E) the promoter shall use Form CBC-468, entitled Security In Lieu of Bond For Promoter, incorporated herein by reference, and shall use Form CBC-471, entitled Additional Security In Lieu of Bond For Promoter, incorporated herein by reference.
- (F) the security or additional security is accompanied by a filing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

(2) Duties and Conduct

- (a) More than one promoter may be involved in the promotion of a single program of matches. The promoter to whom the permit is issued shall be considered as the promoter of record and such promoter shall be responsible for ensuring that all the requirements and responsibilities of the promoter are accomplished as set forth herein, provided however, that the bonds or other securities deposited with the Commission of all promoters involved in the promotion of the program of matches shall be liable and used as surety against any claim or obligation involving the program of matches.
- (b) A matchmaker shall make matches in which the participants are of similar ability and skill.
- (c) A matchmaker or promoter shall not contact with or negotiate with managers or participants who are under suspension or whose license has been revoked by any Commission.
- (d) Contracts between a manager and a participant shall contain provisions as required by any applicable Tribal, state and federal statutes and the rules herein.
- (e) Contracts between participants and the promoter for each bout shall be filed with the Commission no later than at the time of weigh-in and shall contain:
 - (i) the name of each licensed promoter and both participants;
 - (ii) the date of the contest to which the contract applies;
 - (iii) the location of the contest to which the contract applies;
 - (iv) the number of rounds to be fought in the contest to which the contract applies;
 - (v) the weight at which each fighter is to qualify for the contest to which the contract applies;
 - (vi) the amount to be set forth in the U.S. currency, that will be paid to the participant for the contest to which the contract applies and statement that the designated amount shall be paid directly to the participant or the participant's designated agent;

- (vii) the affixed signatures of the promoter and each participant in the contest to which the contract applies, however, the licensed manager of a participant may be authorized by the participant to sign the contract; and
 - (viii) the contracts for each participant in the same contest must include the same terms regarding the conduct of the contest, but are permitted to provide for different amounts of consideration provided to the participant.
- (f) Once the contracts are filed and after determination that they are in compliance with these rules, each contract will be affixed with the signature of the Executive Director.
 - (g) Contracts for broadcasting of a proposed match shall be filed with the Commission seven (7) days prior to the date of the broadcasting. Additionally, the promoter shall be responsible for assuring compliance with §27-1-11 of this Title.
 - (h) After the application for a permit has been tentatively approved and a proposed match has been approved, the promoter may provide the names of the participants for the approved match to the media. Under no circumstances shall a promoter advertise, sell or cause to be sold any tickets, distribute or cause to be distributed any complimentary tickets, enter into any contracts or in any way make any obligations, commitments or announcements relative to a match or program of matches unless the match or program of matches has been approved, the promoter may provide the names of the participants for the approved match to the media. Under no circumstances shall a promoter advertise, sell or cause to be sold any tickets, distribute or cause to be distributed any complimentary tickets, enter into any contract or in any way make any obligations, commitments or announcements relative to a match or program of matches unless the match or program of matches has been approved and the permit has been tentatively approved.
 - (i) The promoter shall, in the case of a substitution in a main event participant or participants, post in a conspicuous place in front of the arena or directly over the cashier windows, notice of the substitution and if time permits, shall advertise the substitution by radio and in a newspaper expected to have the widest circulation for the intended audience.
 - (j) No promoter may pay, lend or give a participant an advance against his purse before a contest, except with the prior written permission of the Commission, and, if permitted, such advance may be made only for expenses for the transportation and maintenance in preparation for a contest.
 - (k) The promoter shall be responsible for ensuring that each participant scheduled to be engaged in a match shall have received an ophthalmic examination from an optometrist or ophthalmologist, which examination shall have been performed within the immediate past twelve (12) month period. The results of the examination shall be filed with the Commission prior to the match. The promoter, participant and examining professional shall utilize Form CBC-485, entitled Ophthalmic Examination, incorporated herein by reference or a form

submitted by the examining professional which form provides the same information as required by Form CBC-485.

- (l) The Executive Director shall, if he has cause to believe that a participant may have suffered cardiac or neurological injury, direct the participant to undergo an EKG, EEG or CAT scan. The interpretation and diagnosis shall be filed with the Commission. It is the responsibility of the promoter to ensure that this requirement is satisfied.
- (m) The promoter shall be responsible for acquiring insurance as described in §27-1-8 of these rules.
- (n) The promoter shall advise all managers and participants under contract for a match or program of matches of the time and place of the weigh-in as designated by the Executive Director or Commission representative and of the time and place of their appearance for the match or program of matches.
- (o) The promoter shall be responsible for appointing a licensed announcer.
- (p) It shall be the responsibility of the promoter to ensure that a minimum of one (1) physician is present at the weigh-in and a minimum of two (2) physicians are present at the program of matches.
- (q) Each referee who is required to be present shall be compensated one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) by the promoter. Each judge who is required to be present shall be compensated one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$135.00) by the promoter. In addition to the fees described above, in the case of championship matches, the prevailing fees required by the sanctioning organization, shall be paid to the referee and judges officiating said matches. Any above referenced official who must travel a distance greater than thirty (30) miles from his home to the premises of the program of matches shall be compensated an additional amount as determined by the Executive Director. This additional amount shall be paid by the promoter. No promoter shall pay, contribute to the payment of, or provide any gift or other gratuity to any participant, referee, judge or other licensed official other than specifically provided in these rules.
- (r) The promoter shall be responsible for providing the proper arena equipment, seating and services as described in §27-1-12 of this Title, facilities, personnel, ushers, ticket sellers, security and other equipment, services or personnel necessary to provide for the correct handling of the program of matches. The promoter is solely responsible for ensuring that adequate security is on site and prepared to immediately respond to any situation. If a permit fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or greater is paid to the Commission, the promoter shall ensure that, in addition to other regular security, a minimum of two (2) certified law enforcement officers are located immediately adjacent to each of the red and blue corners and that additional certified law enforcement officers are located within the premises of the program of matches in positions to have a clear and unobstructed view of the ring and are able to immediately respond to their fellow officers at ringside.

- (s) The promoter shall ensure that all tickets shall have clearly printed on them the admission price, and no ticket shall be sold for a price higher than the price shown on its face. In the case of generic tickets that are not printed with the ticket prices, each different priced ticket shall be a different color. Each complimentary ticket shall by some distinguishing mark indicate the face value of the ticket, and in no case shall the dollar value of a complimentary ticket be less than the lowest ticket price available for sale to the general public.
- (t) No promoter shall sell or issue, or cause to be sold or issued more tickets of admission for any match or program of matches than can be accommodated by the seating capacity of the premises where the match or program of matches is to be held.
- (u) The following criteria and procedure shall be used for the refunding of the purchase price of tickets:
 - (i) The promoter shall refund the full purchase price of a ticket for a match or program of matches if:
 - (A) the match or program of matches is postponed;
 - (B) there is a substitution of either participant in the main event or events;
 - (C) the main event of the entire program of matches is canceled; and
 - (D) the person presenting the ticket for refund has presented such ticket within thirty (30) calendar days after the scheduled date of the match or program of matches.
- (v) The promoter shall retain all records necessary to justify and support the information submitted on any reports required by the Commission for a period of two (2) years following the date of the match or program of matches.
 - (i) Within ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the thirty (30) calendar day period, the promoter shall pay all unclaimed ticket receipts to the Commission. The Commission shall hold the funds in a designated trust account for one (1) year and make refunds during such time to any person presenting a valid ticket for a refund. Thereafter, the Commission shall pay all monies remaining from the unclaimed ticket receipts to the Tribal Finance Department for deposit into the Tribal general fund.
 - (ii) Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the forfeiture of the bond or other security and additional bond or additional security and revocation of the license of the promoter or foreign copromoter.
 - (iii) The foregoing rules governing the promoter's responsibilities for tickets, ticket sales, receipts, and refunds shall not apply where a wholly-owned or operated business or commercial Tribal entity hosts the event, is

entitled to gate receipts and revenues therefrom, and is responsible for such.

(3) Disclosure for Promoters

- (a) Disclosures to the Commission – A promoter shall not be entitled to receive any compensation directly or indirectly in connection with a professional boxing match until it provides to the Commission:
 - (i) a copy of any agreement in writing to which the promoter is a party with any boxer participating in the match;
 - (ii) a statement made under penalty of perjury that there are no other agreements, written or oral, between the promoter and the boxer with respect to that match; and
 - (iii) a statement of:
 - (A) all fees, charges and expenses that will be assessed by or through the promoter on the boxer pertaining to the event, including any portion of the boxer’s purse that the promoter will receive, and training expenses;
 - (B) all payments, gifts or benefits the promoter is providing to any sanctioning organization affiliated with the event; and
 - (C) any reduction in a boxer’s purse contrary to a previous agreement between the promoter and the boxer or a purse bid held for the event.
 - (iv) promoter shall utilize Form CBC-501, entitled Disclosure by Promoter, incorporated herein by reference. Said disclosure shall be filed with the Commission at the weigh-in.
- (b) Disclosures to the Participant – A promoter shall not be entitled to receive any compensation directly or indirectly in connection with a professional boxing match until it provides to the boxer it promotes, a statement of:
 - (i) the amounts of any compensation or consideration that a promoter has contracted to receive from such match;
 - (ii) all fees, charges and expenses that will be assessed by or through the promoter on the boxer pertaining to the event, including any portion of the boxer’s purse that the promoter will receive, and training expenses; and
 - (iii) any reduction in a boxer’s purse contrary to a previous agreement between the promoter and the boxer or a purse bid held for the event.

- (iv) Participant shall utilize Form CBC-502, entitled Acknowledgment of Disclosure by Promoter, incorporated herein by reference. Said disclosure shall be filed with the Commission at the weigh-in.
- (c) Information to be available to the Commission – A promoter shall make information required to be disclosed under this section available to the Executive Director of the Commission upon request.

§27-1-12 Arena Equipment; Ring Requirements; Floor Plan and Apron Seating; Emergency Medical and Other Equipment and Services

- (1) Ring Requirements
 - (a) The ring shall be not less than sixteen (16) feet nor more than twenty-four (24) feet square inside the ropes.
 - (b) The ring floor or apron shall extend beyond the ropes not less than eighteen (18) inches.
 - (c) The ring shall be formed of four posts and four ropes. The ropes shall extend in parallel lines eighteen (18), thirty (30), forty-two (42), and fifty-four (54) inches in height above the ring floor. The top three (3) ropes shall be not less than one (1) inch in diameter, and the lowest rope shall be not less than 1 ½ inches in diameter. The lowest rope shall extend outward a distance of four (4) inches beyond the other three (3) ropes and in a line parallel to the other three (3) ropes. All ropes shall be wrapped in velvet or other similarly soft material. Ropes shall be properly adjusted and sufficiently taut to inhibit the participant from falling between the ropes. An additional tie rope shall be centered on all four (4) sides of the ring surrounding the ring ropes to prevent excessive separation of the ring ropes. The juncture of the ropes at each corner shall be padded with at least an inch and one half of foam rubber or other similar padding.
 - (d) Ring posts shall be not less than three (3) inches in diameter and shall extend from the floor of the ring to a height of no more than fifty-eight (58) inches.
 - (e) The ring platform shall not be more than 4 feet above the surrounding floor and shall be provided with steps for use of the participant in each participant's corner. Steps shall also be provided in a neutral corner for use by the announcer, referee, round card carrier and physicians.
 - (f) The ring floor, both inside and outside the ropes, shall be padded to a thickness of at least one (1) inch and the padding shall consist of a soft material such as "Ensolute Ring Pad" or similar material applied over a one (1) inch base of Celotex building board number two (2) or a material which has similar impact absorbing characteristics. There shall be a top covering a canvas, duck, or equivalent material tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform.
 - (g) If the match or program of matches is being held outdoors, the ring, apron and seating for all officials shall be protected from inclement weather by use of a heavy duty weatherproof tarpaulin or cover of similar material. The covering

shall be erected in such a manner as to ensure that the ring, apron and seating do not become wet. Under no circumstances will the referee, Executive Director or the Commission representative allow a match to continue if the condition of the ring floor deteriorates such that its condition poses a hazard to the participants or the referee.

(2) Floor Plan and Apron Seating

- (a) The Executive Director shall determine the seating arrangements and space requirements for each location at which a match or program of matches is to be held and shall advise the promoter of the floor plan to be used.
- (b) The Executive Director shall designate seating at the ring apron as provided in these rules. Ring apron seating on all four sides of the ring shall be exclusively controlled by the Commission, and no person shall be permitted to be seated or have access to the apron without the approval of the Commission or the Executive Director. The Commission's control of the apron is for the purpose of providing for appropriate control of the event including participant, staff, and audience safety, ensuring that only those officials assigned by the Commission are seated at the apron and ensuring that adequate seating for working officials is available at the apron. Apron seating not designated by the Commission or Executive Director may be utilized as desired by the promoter, provided however that such use does not interfere with any of the officials or Commission representatives seated at the ring apron. The following seating shall be provided at the ring apron for all matches:
 - (i) three (3) stools for judges in such location and at such height that will allow them a clear and unobstructed view of the ring and ring floor;
 - (ii) a seat for the timekeeper shall be located in a neutral position and in such location and at such height that he and the referee shall have visual contact at all times during the match and shall have immediate and unobstructed access to the bell;
 - (iii) a seat for the knockdown timekeeper shall be located in a neutral position, adjacent to the timekeeper and at such height that he and the timekeeper and referee shall have visual contact at all times during the match and that he shall have immediate and unobstructed access to the instrument being used for the knockdown count;
 - (iv) a seat for the Executive Director and Commission representative shall be located in such location and at such height that he shall have a clear and unobstructed view of the ring, ring floor, referee and timekeeper; and
 - (v) a seat for each physician shall be located adjacent to each participant's corner in such location and at such height that each physician shall have a clear and unobstructed view of the ring, ring floor, the participant's corner and the referee.

- (c) No match shall begin or continue unless three (3) judges, the timekeeper, knockdown timekeeper and at least one physician are located in their designated seats and the referee is in the ring.
- (3) Emergency Medical Equipment and Services
- (a) It shall be the responsibility of the promoter to provide the following:
 - (i) a portable resuscitator with all additional equipment necessary for its operation;
 - (ii) an ambulance with two qualified attendants;
 - (iii) a clean stretcher and clean blanket, to be located along with the ambulance attendants, at a location determined by the Executive Director;
 - (iv) automatic External Defibrillator;
 - (v) back Board;
 - (vi) suction; and
 - (vii) oxygen
 - (b) No match shall begin or continue unless such equipment and personnel are on the premises, in a state of readiness and in a pre-designated readily accessible location known to the referee, physicians and the Executive Director or Commission representative.
- (4) Other Equipment and Services
- (a) It shall be the responsibility of the promoter to have available at all times during the progress of a program of matches a person or persons capable of making emergency repairs, corrections and adjustments to the ring, lights and other necessary fixtures.
 - (b) The promoter shall supply the following items which shall be in good working order and available for use as needed:
 - (i) a public address system;
 - (ii) chairs, properly located in accordance with the floor plan and elevated to allow for unobstructed view as detailed in this section;
 - (iii) five stools or chairs, a clean water bucket and a clean water container for drinking purposes for each participant's corner;
 - (iv) a spit bucket and three clean towels per corner; and

- (v) a complete set of numbered round cards, which shall be of such size as to make them clearly legible from all parts of the arena.
- (c) The promoter shall ensure that all food and beverages are dispensed in paper or plastic plates or cups and that only plastic utensils are provided to individuals intending or allowed to enter the arena area. The serving of food or beverages in cans, glass bottles or plates, or the use of metal utensils is prohibited.

§27-1-13 Participants' Apparel and Appearance

- (1) Each participant shall wear the following:
 - (a) boxing trunks, the belt of which shall not extend above the waistline;
 - (b) a protective cup, which shall be firmly adjusted before entering the ring;
 - (c) an individually fitted mouthpiece, which mouthpiece shall be in the participant's mouth at all times during the fight period of each round as provided by these rules;
 - (d) shoes made for the purpose of boxing; and
 - (e) an abdominal guard of standard type which provides sufficient protection to withstand any low blow without inhibiting an opponent's ability to land a legal blow.
- (2) Each female participant shall wear the following:
 - (a) boxing trunks, the belt of which shall not extend above the waistline and a close fitting tank or halter type top;
 - (b) a protective cup or pelvic girdle to cover the pubic area, ovaries, coccyx and sides of the hips;
 - (c) breast protectors;
 - (d) an individually fitted mouthpiece, which mouthpiece shall be in the participant's mouth at all times during the fight period of each round as provided by these rules;
 - (e) shoes made for the purpose of boxing; and
 - (f) an abdominal guard of standard type which provides sufficient protection to withstand any low blow without inhibiting an opponent's ability to land a legal blow.

§27-1-14 Bandages and Handwraps

- (1) In all weight classes all bandages and handwraps applied to each hand of a participant shall be restricted to soft cloth (gauze), not more than ten (10) yards in length and two (2)

inches in width, held in place by not more than five (5) yards of one (1) inch surgical tape.

- (2) All bandages and handwraps shall be applied and adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of the inspector. The inspector shall initial or in some other manner mark the bandage or handwrap on each hand so as to be able to determine at the conclusion of the match whether or not the bandage or handwrap was tampered with after the inspector initially examined the bandage or handwrap.

§27-1-15 Gloves and Mouthpieces

- (1) When the lighter of the two (2) participants in a match weighs less than one hundred fifty-four (154) pounds, both participants shall use eight (8) ounce gloves. When the lighter of the two (2) participants in a match weighs one hundred fifty-four (154) pounds or more, both participants shall use ten (10) ounce gloves. Where the weights of the two (2) participants are such that, based upon these rules, one would wear eight (8) ounce gloves and one would wear ten (10) ounces gloves, the Executive Director or Commission representative in charge of the match shall determine the weight of the gloves to be used, and both participants shall wear the same weight gloves. Both participants shall use the same color and manufacturer of gloves.
- (2) Prior to the beginning of each match each glove of each participant shall be examined and approved or disapproved by the inspector. Any glove intended to be used by a participant in a match shall be whole, clean, in sanitary condition and shall have the thumb attached. Gloves shall be thoroughly disinfected using formaldehyde and properly softened using neat's-foot oil. If the padding in a glove is found to be misplaced or lumpy, or if the glove shows evidence of breaking, roughing or twisting, the glove shall be disapproved and shall not be used. The match shall not begin or continue unless an approved glove has been substituted for the disapproved glove. Gloves, which have been disapproved for use, are beyond repair, are believed to be potentially dangerous to the participant or his opponent and which the Commission representative has reason to believe may be presented for use in future matches, shall be confiscated by the Commission representative.
- (3) Laces shall be knotted on the back of the wrist.
- (4) Gloves shall be adjusted in the ring or the dressing room under the supervision of the inspector.
- (5) Each participant shall wear an individually fitted mouthpiece. The mouthpiece shall be in the participant's mouth at all times during the fight period of each round as provided herein. The referee shall handle the ejection of the mouthpiece from the participant's mouth in the following manner:
 - (a) if the referee believes that the mouthpiece was ejected from the participant's mouth as a result of natural fight action, he shall not charge the participant with the loss of a point. The referee shall wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. He shall then take time out, direct the participant whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to neutral corner, and take the other participant to his own corner. The referee shall direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the participant's mouth. The referee shall direct that the fight period immediately continue; or

- (b) if the referee believes that the participant spit out or allowed the mouthpiece to fall out of his mouth he shall:
 - (i) upon the first occurrence, wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. He shall then take time out, direct the participant whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to a neutral corner, and take the other participant to his own corner. The referee shall direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the participant's mouth and warn the participant that a point will be deducted if he subsequently spits out or allows the mouthpiece to fall out of his mouth. The referee shall direct that the fight period immediately continue.
 - (ii) Upon the second occurrence, wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. He shall then take time out, direct the participant whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to a neutral corner, and take the other participant to his own corner. The referee shall direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the participant's mouth and warn the participant that he will be disqualified if he subsequently spits out or allows the mouthpiece to fall out of his mouth. The referee shall direct each judge to deduct a point from the participant's score. The referee shall direct that the fight period immediately continue.
 - (iii) Upon the third occurrence, disqualify the participant who spit out or allowed his mouthpiece to fall out of his mouth. The opponent of such participant shall be declared the winner due to disqualification of his opponent. The Commission representative shall immediately advise the promoter that the purse of such participant shall be forfeited and paid over the Commission.

§27-1-16 Physician; License and Duties; Authority

- (1) License
 - (a) No person shall act as a physician in any match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission without first having obtained a physician license.
 - (b) No physician shall have financial or pecuniary interest in any participant under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
 - (c) No physician shall also be licensed as a booking agent, manager, matchmaker or representative of a booking agent and shall not act as a booking agent, manager, matchmaker or representative of a booking agent.
- (2) In addition to the duties, responsibilities and authority outlined in these rules, a physician shall also have the following duties, responsibility and authority:

- (a) two (2) physicians shall be present at each match and render service and assistance as provided for in these rules. A physician shall be located near each participant's corner in a designated seat for the duration of each match. No match shall be allowed to begin or continue unless at least one (1) physician is in his designated seat.
- (b) The physician shall provide medical assistance for any illness or injury sustained by any person under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- (c) If, at any time during the match, the physician is of the opinion that a participant has received severe punishment or injury, or that to continue the match would pose the threat of unreasonable harm or injury to a participant, the physician shall advise the referee that the match should be terminated.
- (d) If, in the opinion of the physician, the referee has received an injury, the seriousness of which prevents him from continuing to officiate, the physician shall notify the Commission representative who shall temporarily halt the match. The injured referee shall be attended by the physician until he is no longer in danger or has been transferred to the care of another qualified person.
- (e) In the event of injury to or illness of any person under the jurisdiction of the Commission and while located on the premises where a program of matches is being conducted, the physician shall have complete charge of such person and shall be accorded the full cooperation of all Commission representatives and licensees present.
- (f) Whenever a knockout occurs in any match, the physician shall examine the participant knocked out at the time of the knockout and in his dressing room immediately after the match. In the event of a knockout or other serious injury, the physician shall remain on the premises to provide medical attention as needed. When the physician is satisfied that the injured or knocked out participant has recovered to the extent that the physician releases the participant from his care, he shall, prior to releasing him, instruct him as to the danger signs of which the participant should be aware and which would indicate the need to seek immediate medical attention. The physician or inspector shall give to the injured participant Form CBC-458, entitled Danger Signs, incorporated herein by reference.
- (g) The physician shall not leave the premises until after the decision in the final match has been rendered, he is satisfied that his services are no longer necessary, and is released by the Executive Director.

§27-1-17 Manager; License; Contract Between Manager and Participant

- (1) License
 - (a) No person shall act as a manager for any participant without having first obtained a manager license.

- (b) No manager shall also be licensed as a judge, physician, promoter or referee and shall not act as a judge, physician, promoter or referee.
 - (c) No manager shall have financial or pecuniary interest in an opponent of his participant.
- (2) Conduct of Manager
- (a) No manager shall attempt to select or insist upon the selection of any referee or judge in a match in which a participant under his management is to appear, nor shall he have the name of any such referee or judge written into the contract governing such match.
 - (b) No manager shall pay or contribute to the pay of, or provide any gift or gratuity to, any opposing participant, referee, judge or any licensed official.
 - (c) Other than provided in these rules no opposing participant, referee, judge or any licensed official shall accept any pay, gift or gratuity from any manager of promoter.
 - (d) A manager shall not coach or in any way assist a participant during a match or by word or action attempt to heckle or annoy his participant's opponent. A manager shall not enter the corner or the ring at any time during the match and not interfere with the conduct of a match during the match. If any manager enters the corner in the interval between rounds, the match shall be temporarily stopped and the manager shall be immediately ejected by the referee, and the referee shall order the match to continue. If any manager enters the ring during the fight period of any match, the match shall be forfeited to the opposing participant. Whenever a person licensed as a manager by the Commission desire to work in the corner of a participant under contract to the manager, the manager shall be designated a second and shall be deemed to be a second for that specific bout without the need to apply for a second license. When working in such capacity, the manager shall comply with the requirements set forth for seconds in §27-1-23 of this Title.
 - (e) The manager shall furnish to his participant a statement of distribution of the purse together with the participant's share of the purse no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the manager receives the purse and promoter's statement from the promoter. The manager shall retain a copy of his statement of distribution of the purse, certified by him to be correct, with receipted vouchers for all expenditures and deductions for a period of six (6) months following the date of the match and shall present such copy to the Commission for inspection if requested to do so.
- (3) Contracts Between Manager and Participant
- (a) No unlicensed manager, unlicensed agent or other unlicensed person shall negotiate or contract for or on behalf of any participant with any promoter or matchmaker under the jurisdiction of the Commission. No contract or negotiation entered into by such unlicensed person shall be valid.

- (b) No manager shall negotiate, obligate or contract for matches for a participant not under contract to him.
- (c) All contracts shall be in writing and shall be filed with the appropriate commission within seven (7) calendar days of execution. The appropriate commission shall be notified immediately of any changes in contractual status, which change shall be in writing, signed by all parties to the contract and filed with said commission within seven (7) calendar days of execution.
- (d) No contract shall be entered into which entitles a manager or group of managers to a total fee in excess of 33-1/3 percent of the gross earnings of the participant, and no contract containing such a provision shall be valid or binding.
- (e) Release of a participant from a participant or manager contract by a manager shall be in writing and filed with the appropriate commission.
- (f) No manager of a participant shall sell, assign, transfer any interest, or in any way encumber, or attempt to sell, assign, transfer any interest, or in any way encumber in whole or in part, which he holds in any contract for the services of such participant without notice to and written consent of such participant and without notice to and written consent of the appropriate commission. No assignment or transfer of interest to any unlicensed, unnamed person, shall be valid.
- (g) All contracts entered on the Mississippi Choctaw Reservation between a manager and a participant, licensed by or subsequently licensed by the Commission, shall expressly contain all provisions specifically as worded in Form CBC-451, entitled Letter of Agreement Between Participant and Manager, incorporated herein by reference, and if they do not, shall be deemed to contain such provisions.
- (h) For purposes of this subsection, the words “appropriate commission” shall be construed to mean the state, territorial or Tribal boxing commission exercising jurisdiction within the place where the contract between manager and participant is entered into or executed.
- (i) Copies of contracts between the manager and participants, as well as any notices or instruments related thereto, shall be filed with the Mississippi Boxing Commission upon request by the Executive Director or Commission representative.

§27-1-18 Participant; License; Conduct and Other Requirements

- (1) License
 - (a) No person shall act or perform as a participant in any professional boxing match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission without having first obtained a participant license.

- (b) No participant shall also be licensed as a judge, physician, promoter or referee and shall not act as a judge, promoter or referee.
- (c) No participant shall have any financial or pecuniary interest in his opponent.
- (d) No person shall be licensed as a participant and the license of any participant shall be suspended or revoked if such person:
 - (i) is under eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (ii) has had cardiac surgery;
 - (iii) has not received an ophthalmic examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, within the immediate twelve (12) month period prior to the date of the scheduled match and the results of the examination filed with the Commission.
 - (iv) is found to have any blindness or whose vision is so poor as to cause a significant health hazard or impairment to his ability to effectively participate in a match.
 - (v) has suffered cerebral hemorrhage or any other serious head injury. The Commission representative shall, if he has cause to believe that a participant may have suffered neurological injury, direct the participant to undergo an EEG or CAT scan, and the interpretation and diagnosis shall be filed with the Commission;
 - (vi) is no longer able to competently perform as determined by the Commission. A determination that a participant is no longer able to competently perform shall be based on his win/lose/draw record, his previous opponents and the results of such matches, his proposed opponent and the results of the matches between his proposed opponent and others, his physical condition and his ability to perform effectively.

(2) Conduct and Other Requirements.

- (a) No participant whose most recent match was eight rounds or more in duration, shall engage in a match with less than seven (7) calendar days between matches. No participant whose most recent match was less than eight (8) rounds in duration, shall engage in a match with less than forty-eight (48) hours between matches.
- (b) A participant, losing by knockout or having been rendered a decision of technical draw as a result of being counted out in any jurisdiction, shall be automatically suspended for a period of time as determined by the physician or Commission representative, or at least ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the knockout or technical draw, whichever is longer. A participant shall not engage in any match, contact exhibition or contact sparring for training purposes during the suspension period. After the suspension period and prior to engaging in any match, contact exhibition or contact sparring for training purposes he shall be examined by a physician. The participant shall advise the physician of the

previous knockout or technical draw and shall provide medical records or his permission for the physician to consult with the physician who treated him at the time of the previous knockout or technical draw. The results of this examination shall be filed with the Commission prior to any further matches being approved for the participant.

- (c) A participant losing by a technical knockout or disqualification shall be automatically suspended for a period of time to be determined by the physician, or sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the technical knockout, whichever is longer. A participant shall not engage in any match, contact exhibition or contact sparring for training purposes during the suspension period without the approval of the physician. After the suspension period and prior to engaging in any match, contact exhibit or contact sparring for training purposes he shall be examined by a physician. The participant shall advise the physician of the previous technical knockout or technical draw and shall provide medical records or his permission for the physician to consult with the physician who treated him at the time of the previous knockout or technical draw. The results of this examination shall be filed with the Commission prior to any further matches being approved for the participant. In the case of a disqualification, the Commission representative shall determine whether a medical clearance shall be required following suspension.
- (d) Any participant who has been suspended by any commission as a result of a recent knockout or series of consecutive losses, an injury, requirement for a medical procedure, physician denial of certification, failure of a drug test, the use of false aliases, the falsifying or attempting to falsify official identification cards or documents, or conduct detrimental to the activities regulated hereunder, shall not be permitted to participate in a match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission until such time as the commission which suspended the participant, removes his name from the suspension list or until requirements of such suspension have been fulfilled and proof of such has been provided to this Commission. If a participant has been suspended by another commission, for any reason other than those stated above, the participant may be permitted to participate if the Commission which suspended the participant is notified and consulted with by this Commission prior to granting of approval to participate or the participant appeals to the Association of Boxing Commission (ABC) and the ABC determines that the suspension of such participant was without sufficient ground, for an improper purpose, or not related to the health and safety of the participant.
- (e) Any participant who fails to appear at a match or fails to appear timely at a match for which he or his manager has contracted and does not provide a valid reason or, in the case of physical disability, furnish a physician's certificate, shall be suspended for a period to be determined by the Commission. In making this determination, the Commission shall consider the following factors:
 - (i) the relative importance of the match;
 - (ii) the participant's past record of punctuality and tardiness; and
 - (iii) the reasons for his failure to appear or appear timely.

- (f) The license of any participant shall be revoked and shall not be reinstated, if such participant intentionally strikes, strikes at or touches in any way or threatens to touch in any way, any official or Commission representative.
- (g) A boxer may not compete unless three (3) days per round of his previous bout has elapsed.

§27-1-19 Judge, License, Duties, Disclosures

- (1) License
 - (a) No person shall act as a judge in a match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission without first having obtained a judge license.
 - (b) A judge shall not also be licensed as a booking agent, manager, matchmaker, participant, representative of a booking agent, second or trainer.
 - (c) No judge shall have a financial or pecuniary interest in any participant.
 - (d) No judge shall also serve as a supervisor or serve on the ratings committee for a sanctioning body.
 - (e) No judge shall participate in a professional boxing match unless such judge has been certified and approved by the Executive Director.
 - (f) Applications for a professional judge's license will be reviewed, evaluated and processed in the following manner:
 - (i) any person desiring to become licensed for the first time as a professional boxing judge shall submit to the Commission the appropriate application using Form CBC-450, entitled General Application for License, incorporated herein by reference. There shall be a certification from the Executive Director attesting that the applicant has completed the unofficial scoring of minimum of three hundred fifty (350) rounds of professional boxing held in any state, territory, commonwealth or Indian Reservation, and has been unofficially judging herein for a minimum of eighteen (18) months. The applicant must have a demonstrated record and evidence that he has the ability to perform the duties outlined below. The Executive Director may issue a temporary license pending final action by the Commission. The Commission shall render a decision as to whether or not the application for judge license shall be approved, which decision is solely that of the Commission. If a license application is not granted by the Commission, the Commission shall set forth the reasons for not granting the license. Any person whose application for a judge license has been denied shall not be permitted to reapply for a judge license for a period of six (6) months. Any person whose application for a judge license has been denied on three (3) occasions shall not be permitted to reapply.

- (ii) foreign licensed officials may be temporarily licensed by the Executive Director upon demonstrating an ability to perform the duties outlined below. The foreign licensed official's record and ability shall be verified by obtaining records from a central repository and any such other information as the Executive Director deems necessary to qualify the official. After issuance of a temporary license, the Commission shall approve or disapprove the license, in accordance with these rules.
- (iii) the Commission shall periodically review the performance of each professional judge licensed by the Commission and shall approve or disapprove the application for renewal.
- (iv) the Executive Director shall limit to three (3) the number of unofficial judges at each event. The Executive Director will make arrangements for unofficial judges to enter the premises of the program of matches free of charge and have an appropriate seat from which to judge the contests, provided however, that in the case of television and such other events which by their nature severely limit ringside access, permission to sit and judge at ringside will not be authorized. In the case that the event is sold out, authorization will not be granted to attend the event free of charge. Travel and other expenses of the unofficial judge shall be borne solely by the unofficial judge. Unofficial judges must present their scorecards to the Commission representative prior to the announcement of the result by the announcer or on a round-by-round basis along with the official judges. All contests within one (1) program of matches must be judged by the unofficial judge in order for any contest within that program of matches to be included in the judge's statistical record.

(2) Duties

- (a) The number of judges shall be assigned in accordance with these rules. In the event that sufficient judges are not available, a referee shall be selected to act as a judge for that specific program of matches.
- (b) The judges shall be located in seats designated for them by the Commission representative.
- (c) No match shall begin or continue unless three (3) judges are in their designated seats.
- (d) It shall be the duty of each judge to:
 - (i) be fully informed of and conversant with the rules, regulations, standards, guidelines and policies set forth herein with particular attention given to §27-1-28 of this Title;
 - (ii) observe carefully at all times during the match the performance of the participants;

- (iii) appraise such performance fairly, accurately and expertly using the rules set forth herein;
 - (iv) inscribe the result of such appraisal after each round on the round score card or match score card, whichever is appropriate, according to the scoring system adopted herein; and
 - (v) complete and sign the round or match score card and deliver to the referee at the conclusion of the match.
- (e) Judges shall utilize for scoring, Form CBC-459, entitled Round Score Card, incorporated herein by reference, and Form CBC-457, entitled Match Score Card, incorporated herein by reference.
 - (f) A judge shall be neatly and appropriately dressed while discharging his duties. Dress attire shall include jacket and tie or causal attire as may be determined by the Executive Director or Commission representative.
 - (g) Judges shall not communicate with members of the media or press concerning any of the activities regulated by the Commission without the prior approval of the Commission or the Executive Director. All media or press inquiries shall be referred to the Executive Director.
- (3) Required Disclosures for Judges
- (a) A judge shall not be entitled to receive any compensation, directly or indirectly, in connection with any boxing match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission, until such person provides to the Commission a statement of:
 - (i) all consideration, including reimbursement for expenses, that will be received from any source of participation in the match;
 - (ii) such additional information as the Commission may require.
 - (b) A judge shall utilize Form CBC-500, entitled Disclosure Statement for Officials, incorporated herein by reference.

§27-1-20 Sanctioning Organizations and Disclosures

- (1) Disclosures for Sanctioning Organizations
- (a) A sanctioning organization shall not be entitled to receive any compensation directly or indirectly in connection with any boxing match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission, until it provides to the Commission a statement of:
 - (i) all charges, fees and costs the organization will assess any boxer participating in that match;

- (ii) all payments, benefits, complimentary benefits and fees the organization will receive for its affiliation with the event, from the promoter, host of the event and all other sources;
- (iii) such additional information as the Commission may require.

§27-1-21 Announcer; License and Duties

- (1) License
 - (a) No person shall act as an announcer at any match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission without first having obtained an announcer license.
- (2) Duties
 - (a) The announcer shall make all announcements in the English language. He may also announce the match in another language after he has first made all announcements in the English language.
 - (b) An announcer shall be neatly and appropriately dressed while discharging his duties. Dress shall include jacket and tie.
 - (c) The announcer shall be at all times, subject and responsible to the Commission representative in the discharge of his duties and shall accept directions only from the Commission representative.
 - (d) Announcers shall not make unauthorized announcements or introductions of persons other than the participants and officials unless the Commission representative has determined that the announcement or introduction is appropriate for the match. Under no circumstances shall an individual be introduced if his license has been revoked or is currently under suspension.
 - (e) After both participants and their chief seconds are in the ring, the announce shall announce the name of each participant, his weight as determined at the weigh-in, and such other announcements as directed by the Commission representative.
 - (f) An announcer shall display strict impartiality in word and action while performing his duties.
 - (g) The number of the round shall be announced at the one (1) minute interval between rounds.
 - (h) At the conclusion of each match, the announcer shall make the announcement of the win or draw in the manner and at such time as directed by the Commission representative.
 - (i) In the event of a knockout or a technical knockout, the announcer shall obtain the result and the official time of the termination of the match from the Commission representative, and shall announce the result, the time and the round in which the knockout or technical knockout occurred.

- (j) At the conclusion of each match and immediately after the announcements have been made, the announcer shall submit to the Commission representative any match score cards used by the judges and the referee that he may have in his possession.

§27-1-22 Timekeeper or Knockdown Timekeeper; License and Duties

- (1) License
 - (a) Any person desiring to become a timekeeper shall submit an application Form CBC-450, entitled General Application for License, incorporated herein by reference, which may be obtained by contacting the Commission.
 - (b) No person shall act as timekeeper of knockdown timekeeper for any match held under these rules without first obtaining a timekeeper license.
- (2) Duties, Timekeeper
 - (a) The timekeeper shall have with him during the performance of his duties a whistle, a bell or gong and a three (3) minute stopwatch, which shall be examined and checked as to function and accuracy for each match by the Commission representative.
 - (b) The timekeeper shall be located within his arm length of the bell in a seat designated by the Commission representative. No match shall begin or continue unless the timekeeper is in his designated seat.
 - (c) The timekeeper shall not use the whistle, bell or other instrument during the progress of a round except in the manner and at the time authorized herein.
 - (d) Ten (10) seconds before the beginning of each round, the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds of each participant by blowing the whistle. Ten (10) seconds before the end of each round, the timekeeper shall give warning by pounding three (3) times on a wooden striking board with a hammer or wooden mallet.
 - (e) If directed by the referee, the timekeeper shall take time out.
 - (f) The timekeeper shall strike the bell to signify the beginning and ending of each round.
 - (g) If a match ends before the scheduled number of rounds, the timekeeper shall inform the referee and the Commission representative of the exact duration of the match.
 - (h) The timekeeper shall be familiar with and perform such other duties as set forth in §§27-1-24, 27-1-27, and 27-1-28 of this Title.

- (i) In the event that an automatic timekeeping machine is available, its use is authorized, provided, however, that manual timekeeping is maintained in the event of equipment failure.
 - (j) The timekeeper shall not communicate with members of the media or press concerning any of the activities regulated by the Commission without the prior approval of the Commission or the Executive Director. All media or press inquiries shall be referred to the Executive Director.
- (3) Duties, Knockdown Timekeeper
- (a) The knockdown timekeeper shall have with him during the performance of his duties a knockdown watch which shall be examined and checked as to accuracy for each match by the Commission representative.
 - (b) The knockdown timekeeper shall be located adjacent to the timekeeper in a seat designated by the Commission representative. No match shall begin or continue unless the knockdown timekeeper is in his designated seat.
 - (c) The knockdown timekeeper shall count each second for knockdowns by the striking the floor of the ring or a suitable wooden striking-board with a substantially constructed hammer or wooden mallet and, by stating in a loud voice, the elapse of the second.
 - (d) The knockdown timekeeper shall be familiar with and perform such other duties as set forth in §§27-1-24 and 27-1-28 of this Title.
 - (e) The knockdown timekeeper shall not communicate with members of the media or press concerning any of the activities regulated by the Commission without the prior approval of the Executive Director. All media or press inquiries shall be referred to the Executive Director.

§27-1-23 Second; License and Duties

- (1) License
 - (a) No person shall act as a second for a participant in any match held under these rules without first having obtained a second license except that a licensed manager may be designed as one of his participant's seconds.
 - (b) No second shall have any financial or pecuniary interest in the opponent of his participant.
 - (c) No second shall also be licensed as a judge, physician, promoter or referee and shall not act as a judge, physician, promoter or referee, in any match held under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(2) Duties

- (a) Each participant shall be allowed no more than three (3) seconds, one of whom shall be designated the chief second, provided however, that in the case of a championship match, each participant shall be allowed no more than four (4) seconds. The chief second shall be in charge of the participant's corner and be responsible for the conduct of all seconds, and shall be held responsible for any violation committed by any second.
- (b) The chief second of any participant shall have with him at the ringside the following articles:
 - (i) one pair of scissors;
 - (ii) one towel;
 - (iii) one clean water bucket;
 - (iv) one container of drinking water;
 - (v) the necessary tape and bandages; and
 - (vi) proper caustics as provided in §27-1-10 of this Title to stop bleeding of minor cuts and lacerations.
- (c) First aid and other ring equipment of a second shall in all cases and at all times before, during, and after use, be available for inspection by the physician and inspector or the Commission representative whose decision shall be final as to the propriety of its use.
- (d) Seconds shall not coach or in any way assist a participant during a round, or by word or action attempt to heckle or annoy his participant's opponent. Seconds shall remain seated in place and silent during the fight period of any round and shall not knock or pound on the ring floor.
- (e) No second shall attempt to render aid to a participant who has been counted out during the course of a match before the physician has examined the participant.
- (f) If any second enters the ring during any fight period of any match, the participant for whom that second is performing as a second shall be immediately disqualified and the opponent shall be declared the winner by disqualification.
- (g) The excessive or undue spraying of water on any fighter between rounds is prohibited.
- (h) Only one (1) second shall be allowed in the ring. No second shall enter the ring until the bell indicates the end of a round. He shall leave the ring at the sound of the timekeeper's whistle indicating the beginning of the next round is imminent. Prior to the beginning of each round, the entire ring platform and ropes shall be cleared of all obstructions, including buckets, stools, towels and other articles;

and none of these articles shall again be placed on the ring platform until the bell has sounded indicating the end of the round.

- (i) No second shall approach any other person and either verbally abuse, harass or threaten, or physically abuse, harass or threaten or touch such person. A second who violates this rule shall be immediately ejected from the premises and shall be automatically suspended until a final determination is made by the Commission.

§27-1-24 Referee; License, Duties, Disclosures

- (1) License
 - (a) No person shall act as a referee in a match held under these rules without first having obtained a referee license.
 - (b) If, during the course of a match, the referee receives an injury or is unable to continue acting in his capacity as referee, the Commission representative shall:
 - (i) select another qualified person to act as referee for the remainder of the match and program of matches; or
 - (ii) if no qualified person is available, cancel the remainder of the match and program of matches.
 - (c) No person who has financial or pecuniary interest in any participant shall be granted a referee license.
 - (d) No referee shall also be licensed as a booking agent, manager, matchmaker, participant, representative of a booking agent, second or trainer and shall not act as a booking agent, manager, matchmaker, participant, representative of a booking agent, second or trainer.
 - (e) No referee shall also serve as a supervisor or serve on the ratings committee for a sanctioning body. The applicant must have a demonstrated record and evidence that he has the ability to perform the duties outlined below. The Executive Director may issue a temporary license pending final action by the Commission.
 - (f) No referee shall participate in a professional boxing match unless such referee has been certified and approved by the Executive Director.
- (2) Applicants for a professional referee's license will be reviewed, evaluated and processed in the following manner:
 - (a) any person desiring to become licensed for the first time as a professional boxing referee, shall submit the Form CBC-450, entitled General Application for License, incorporated herein by referee.
 - (b) at its next meeting following the timely submittal of the application for license, the Commission shall render a decision as to whether or not the license will be granted.

- (c) applicants for a referee license will be admitted free of charge to a professional boxing venue for the purpose of observing and interacting with licensed referees, provided however, that in the case of television events and such other events which by their nature severely limit ringside access, permission to sit at ringside will not be authorized. In the case that an event is sold out, authorization will not be granted to attend the event. Travel and other expenses will be borne solely by the applicant.
 - (d) the Executive Director shall periodically review the performance of each licensed professional referee in this state and shall approve or disapprove applications for renewal.
- (3) Duties
- (a) A referee, in addition to being examined by a physician prior to officiating, shall submit to an annual physical examination to establish physical fitness. The result of this examination shall be filed with the Commission.
 - (b) Prior to the beginning of each match, and periodically for the duration of the match, the referee shall examine the participant's gloves, equipment and person to ensure that no unsafe or improper condition exists. Before allowing a match to continue after a participant has been knocked down, the referee shall wipe clean the surface of the gloves of the participant who was knocked down.
 - (c) When a participant receives an injury which the referee believes may incapacitate the participant, the referee shall call time out and consult with the physician as to the advisability of allowing the match to continue. The referee may also consult with the Executive Director or Commission representative. No person shall attempt to render aid to or move a participant other than what may be required to move the participant inside the ropes or to remove the mouthpiece of a participant who has been counted out during the course of a match before the physician has examined the participant. However, the referee shall remove the participant's mouthpiece.
 - (d) Referees shall not communicate with members of the media or press concerning any of the activities regulated by the Commission without the prior approval of the Commission or the Executive Director.
 - (e) The referee shall have the authority to:
 - (i) terminate a match at any time when the referee determines that one of the participants has such superior skills or ability as to make such match unreasonably dangerous to the other participant;
 - (ii) disqualify a participant who commits an intentional foul and award the decision to the opponent;
 - (iii) terminate a match and disqualify either or both participants if the referee determines that either or both participants are not competing in earnest;

- (iv) terminate a match if either participant has been injured and is in such condition that to continue the match might subject the participant to a debilitating or life threatening injury;
 - (v) temporarily or permanently halt a match if the referee believes that a significant health hazard exists, when such hazard could reasonably be anticipated to create a significant danger to the participants or the public; and
 - (vi) enforce discipline and the rules, as set forth herein, pertaining to the conduct and behavior of participants, managers and seconds.
- (4) Disclosures for Referees
- (a) A referee shall not be entitled to receive any compensation, directly or indirectly, in connection with a boxing match until it provides to the Commission a statement of:
 - (i) all consideration, including reimbursement for expenses, that will be received from any source for participation in the match;
 - (ii) such additional information as the Commission may require.
 - (b) A referee shall utilize Form CBC-500 entitled Disclosure Statement for Officials, incorporated herein by reference.

§27-1-25 Trainer; License and Conduct

- (1) License
- (a) No person shall act as a trainer for any participant without having first obtained a trainer license.
 - (b) No trainer shall have financial or pecuniary interest in an opponent of his participant.
 - (c) No trainer shall also be licensed as a judge, referee, physician or promoter and shall not act as a judge, referee, physician or promoter.
- (2) Conduct
- (a) The trainer shall prepare the participant for the match in which he is to engage and shall provide information and direction so as to ensure that the participant is in good physical condition and is prepared to utilize and display of his skills to the best of his ability.
 - (b) A trainer shall not coach or in any way assist a participant during a match, or by word or action attempt to heckle or annoy his participant's opponent.

- (c) A trainer shall not enter the corner or the ring at any time during the match and shall remain seated and silent during the match.
- (d) If any trainer steps up onto the ring apron during any fight period of any match, the participant for whom the trainer is performing as a trainer shall be immediately disqualified and the opponent shall be declared the winner by disqualification.
- (e) No trainer shall approach any other person and either verbally abuse, harass or threaten, or physically abuse, harass, threaten or touch such person. A trainer who violates this rule shall be immediately ejected from the premises and shall be automatically suspended until a final determination is made by the Commission.

§27-1-26 Booking Agent, Representative of Booking Agent; License

- (1) No person shall act as a booking agent or representative of a booking agent without first having obtained the appropriate license.
- (2) No booking agent or representative of a booking agent shall also be licensed as a judge, physician, referee or promoter and shall not act as a judge, physician, referee or promoter.

§27-1-27 Rounds

- (1) The duration of each round of a match shall be three (3) minutes with one (1) minute rest intervals between rounds. Female contests may be scheduled for two (2) minute or three (3) minute rounds, to be determined by agreement of the participants.
- (2) A match shall be scheduled for four (4), six (6), eight (8) or ten (10) rounds, depending upon the experience of the participants and whether or not the match is a main event. A championship match shall be scheduled for twelve (12) rounds.

§27-1-28 Scoring System; Scoring, Criteria; Knockdowns, Fouls; Determination of Win or Draw; Decision Final, Exceptions

- (1) Scoring System
 - (a) Scoring shall be by the “10 Point Must” system. The winner of any round shall be awarded ten (10) points. The loser of any round shall be awarded one to nine points. When a round is even, each participant shall be scored ten (10) points.
 - (b) No score shall be given for any round that is not completed. However, any point deduction occurring during the partial round will be deducted from the final score of the completed rounds.
- (2) Scoring, Criteria; Knockdown, Fouls
 - (a) The awarding or deducting of points by the judges and referee, the determination as to the occurrence of knockdowns, knockouts and fouls and the procedure to be used following such occurrence shall be accomplished in the following manner

and based on the following criteria, which criteria is listed in the order of importance:

- (b) The only fair punch is a punch delivered with the padded knuckle part of the glove to the front or side of the head or body above the belt, and the participant who delivers such a punch shall be awarded points in proportion to its damaging effects.
 - (i) A clean knockdown shall be highly scored. A knockdown is scored as soon as it occurs. The participant who takes advantage of the full nine (9) second count shall be credited with ring generalship that would not be credited to him if he arose immediately and, in a groggy condition, tried to continue. If he arises before the count of nine (9) and handles himself well, either aggressively or defensively after he is on his feet, he shall be credited with ring generalship. If the participant who is down arises during the count, the referee may, if he deems it advisable, step between the participants for such period of time to assure himself that the participant who has just arisen is able to continue. When so assured, he shall, without loss of time, order both participants to proceed with the match. The following shall be used to determine when a knockdown has occurred and the procedure to be followed after a knockdown has occurred:
 - (A) A participant shall be considered to be knocked down when:
 - (I) any part of his body, other than his feet, is on the floor;
 - (II) he is hanging helplessly over the ropes;
 - (III) he is rising from a down position; or
 - (IV) at the conclusion of a round in a match, he leaves the ring and fails to be in the ring when the bell sounds indicating the beginning of the next round.
 - (B) When a participant is knocked down, the referee shall order the opponent to retire to the farthest neutral corner of the ring by pointing to that corner, and shall immediately begin a ten (10) second count over the participant who is down. He shall announce the passing of the seconds, accompanying the count with a downward motion of his arm. The knockdown timekeeper, by effective signaling, shall provide the referee the correct one (1) second interval for his count. The referee's count is the official count.
 - (C) If the participant taking the count is still down when the referee calls the count of ten (10), the referee shall wave both arms to indicate that the participant has been knocked out, provided however, that if the participant is counted out by virtue of his failure to be in the ring when the bell sounds indicating the

beginning of the next round, the match shall be terminated and the participant who was counted out shall be declared the loser by technical knockout.

- (D) If a participant is knocked down and is down at the time the bell rings to end the round, the timekeeper shall continue to keep time and the referee shall continue to count. If the downed participant fails to rise before the count of ten (10), the participant shall be considered to have been knocked out in the next subsequent round. If the participant rises before the count of ten (10) and the referee determines that the contest can continue, both participants shall be afforded the full one (1) minute rest period between rounds, beginning when one of their seconds comes onto the ring apron, regardless of the amount of time used during the knockdown and subsequent counting by the referee. If a participant is knocked down and is down at the time the bells rings in the final round, the timekeeper shall continue to keep time and the referee shall continue to count. If the downed participant fails to rise before the count of ten (10), the participant shall be considered to have been knocked out in the final round.
- (E) If both participants are knocked down at the same time, counting shall be continued as long as either remains down. If both participants remain down until the count of ten (10), the match shall be terminated and the decision shall be a technical draw.
- (F) A participant who has been knocked down shall be required to take a count of eight (8) whether or not he has regained his feet before the count of eight (8) has been reached.
- (G) If a participant who is down arises before the count of ten (10) is reached, and then goes down immediately, without being struck, the referee shall resume the count where he previously stopped counting.
- (H) When a participant is knocked out, the referee shall perform a full ten (10) second count before terminating the match, provided however that if, in the opinion of the referee or physician, the participant requires immediate medical attention, the referee shall not be required to count to ten (10).
- (I) If a participant is knocked out of or has fallen out of the ring the referee shall immediately begin a count of twenty (20). The referee shall not allow the match to resume until he has at least counted to eighteen (18).
- (J) If the participant who is not down and who has been ordered to a neutral corner, fails to stay in the neutral corner, the referee and knockdown timekeeper shall cease the count and shall not

resume the count until the participant has retired to the neutral corner.

- (K) If a towel is thrown into the ring when a participant is down, the towel shall be ignored and the referee and knockdown timekeeper shall continue to count as if it had not appeared.
- (ii) If a participant slips, falls down or is pushed down, the referee shall order him to his feet immediately.
- (iii) An unintentional foul may result in a deduction of a point, as determined by the referee. The referee shall determine whether or not a point is to be deducted, using as his criteria the severity of the foul and its effect upon the opponent. When the referee determines that he shall deduct a point from a participant, he shall immediately advise the participants, judges, and Commission representative of such action. The referee shall not tolerate continual and repeated commission of fouls by a participant. The referee shall give warning to a participant who continually and repeatedly commits fouls and when, in the opinion of the referee, the participant has displayed persistent disregard for the rule governing the commission of fouls, the referee shall disqualify the participant, terminate the match and provide such findings to the Commission for appropriate action. Points for fouls shall only be deducted in the round in which the fouls occurred. A participant shall not be penalized in a subsequent round for fouls that occurred in a previous round. The following actions are considered to be fouls, the committing of which may result in a deduction of points:
 - (A) punching below the belt;
 - (B) punching an opponent who is down or is getting up after being down;
 - (C) holding an opponent with one hand and punching with the other;
 - (D) holding or deliberately maintaining a clinch after several warnings;
 - (E) wrestling or kicking;
 - (F) butting with the head or shoulder or using the knee;
 - (G) punching with an open glove, or with the butt of the hand, the wrist or elbow and all backhand punches;
 - (H) striking deliberately at that part of the back near the spine and over the kidneys;
 - (I) the deliberate use of the pivot punch or rabbit punch or any punch struck at the back of the neck near the base of the skull

and which is not the result of the opponent turning his head to avoid a punch;

- (J) jabbing the opponent's eyes with the thumb of the glove;
 - (K) the use of abusive language in the ring;
 - (L) any unsportsmanlike trick or action causing injury to an opponent;
 - (M) punching on the break;
 - (N) punching after the bell has sounded ending the round;
 - (O) roughing at the ropes;
 - (P) pushing an opponent around the ring or into the ropes;
 - (Q) tripping or stepping on the opponent's foot;
 - (R) intentional spitting out of the mouthpiece or allowing the mouthpiece to fall out of the mouth. Referees shall handle ejection of the mouthpiece in the manner described in §27-1-15 of this Title;
 - (S) punching or flicking with the open glove; and
 - (T) clinching after warning has been given.
- (iv) Except in the case of biting or punching while the opponent is down, when the referee determines that a participant has intentionally committed a foul, the referee shall deduct one (1) point. Point deductions for intentional fouls shall be accomplished in the same manner as §27-1-28(b)(2)(iii), above.
- (A) If an intentional foul causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the participant causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.
 - (B) If an intentional foul causes an injury, and the injury results in the bout being stopped in a subsequent round, the injured participant shall be declared the winner if the injured participant is ahead on a majority of the judges' score cards and if not, the bout will be declared a technical draw.
 - (C) If, at any time during the match the referee determines that a participant has bitten an opponent, the match will be halted and that participant shall be disqualified.
 - (D) The first offense of punching while down shall result in the deduction of two (2) points from the score of the participant

who punches his opponent while his opponent is down, unless the first offense, as determined by the referee, is blatant and a clear disregard of the rule. If such determination is made by the referee, the participant committing the foul shall be immediately disqualified and his opponent shall be declared the winner by disqualification. The second offense of punching while down shall result in the disqualification of the participant committing the offense and his opponent shall be declared the winner by disqualification.

- (c) Points for aggressiveness shall be awarded to the participant who sustains the actions of a round by the greatest number of skillful attacks;
 - (d) Consideration shall be given for sportsmanlike conduct, close adherence to the rules and refraining from taking technical advantage of situations which are unfair to his opponent. Points shall be deducted from a participant for unsportsmanlike conduct, disregard of the rules and taking technical advantage of situations which are unfair to his opponent;
 - (e) Consideration shall be given for clever defensive work such as avoiding or blocking a punch;
 - (f) Consideration shall be given where ring generalship is conspicuous. Ring generalship includes the ability to:
 - (i) quickly recognize and take advantage of every opportunity presented;
 - (ii) cope with a diversity of situations;
 - (iii) anticipate and neutralize an opponent's form of attack; and
 - (iv) force an opponent to adopt a style of boxing at which he is not particularly skillful.
 - (g) Points shall be deducted when a participant persistently delays the action of a match by clinching, holding or lack of aggressiveness.
- (3) Determination of Win or Draw.
- (a) A participant who knocks out his opponent shall be declared the winner of the match.
 - (b) If both participants are knocked down at the same time and both participants remain down until the count of ten (10), the match shall be considered a technical draw.
 - (c) A participant who is awarded a technical knockout shall be declared the winner of the match.

- (d) A participant who is knocked down three (3) times in any one round shall be considered to have lost the match by a technical knockout. If requested by a sanctioning body, this rule shall be waived for a championship fight.
- (e) When the winner of a match is to be determined by the number of points awarded or deducted or by the number of rounds awarded to each participant, the scores for all rounds shall be compiled for each judge and the following criteria shall be used:
 - (i) three (3) wins shall be declared a win;
 - (ii) two (2) wins and one (1) draw shall be declared a win;
 - (iii) two (2) wins and one (1) loss shall be declared a win;
 - (iv) one (1) win and two (2) draws shall be declared a draw;
 - (v) one (1) win, one (1) draw and one (1) loss shall be declared a draw;
 - (vi) one (1) win and two (2) losses shall be declared a loss;
 - (vii) three (3) draws shall be declared a draw;
 - (viii) two (2) draws and one (1) loss shall be declared a draw;
 - (ix) one (1) draw and two (2) losses shall be declared a loss; and
 - (x) three (3) losses shall be declared a loss.
- (f) A participant shall not be declared a winner of a match on a claim of low blow foul, and a participant shall not lose a match by reason of a low blow foul.
- (g) No participant shall be awarded a match based on an unintentional foul unless the foul was unintentional butting. If a match is temporarily halted because of an unintentional foul, the referee shall determine whether the participant who has been fouled can continue. If the referee determines that the participant can continue, the referee shall order the match to be continued. If the referee determines that the participant is unable to continue the match as a result of an unintentional foul other than for butting, the referee will give the injured participant five (5) minutes in which to recover and continue. If, at the end of the five (5) minute recovery period, the fouled participant is unable to continue the boxing match, the fouled participant shall be declared the loser by technical knockout. During the five (5) minute recovery period neither participant's seconds may assist the participants in any way. If a participant is unintentionally butted in a match so that he cannot continue, the referee shall declare the result of the match using the following criteria:
 - (i) if the unintentional butt occurs prior to the scoring of the third round and the fouled participant is unable to continue, the result shall be a technical draw;

- (ii) during a four (4) or six (6) round match, if the unintentional butt occurs in any round subsequent to the scoring of the third round or occurs prior to the scoring of third round but the participant is not determined to be unable to continue until after the scoring of the third round, the determination of win, loss or draw shall be based upon the score cards of the judges.
- (iii) During an eight (8) round match, if the unintentional butt occurs in any round subsequent to the scoring of the fourth round or occurs prior to the scoring of fourth round but the participant is not determined to be unable to continue until after the scoring of the fourth round, the determination of win, loss or draw shall be based upon the score cards of the judges.
- (iv) During a ten (10) round match, if the unintentional butt occurs in any round subsequent to the scoring of the fourth round or occurs prior to the scoring of fourth round but the participant is not determined to be unable to continue until after the scoring of the fourth round, the determination of win, loss or draw shall be based upon the score cards of the judges.
- (v) During a twelve (12) round match, if the unintentional butt occurs in any round subsequent to the scoring of the fourth round or occurs prior to the scoring of fourth round but the participant is not determined to be unable to continue until after the scoring of the fourth round, the determination of win, loss or draw shall be based upon the score cards of the judges.
- (h) When an injury is produced by a fair punch but because of the severity of the injury the match cannot continue, the injured participant shall be declared the loser by a technical knockout.
- (i) If a participant refuses to continue a match while physically able to do so, the referee shall disqualify him, award the match to his opponent, and shall direct that the purse be withheld. The referee shall provide a written report to the Commission. If the Commission determines that the participant refused to continue a match while physically able to do so, the Commission shall require that the participant's purse shall be forfeited to the Commission and shall impose a period of suspension for a period not less than six (6) months.
- (j) In any case where the referee determines that both participants are not honestly competing, that a knockdown is intentional and predetermined by both parties or a foul has been pre-arranged so as to cause the match to be terminated, he shall not finish the knockdown count or disqualify either participant for fouling or render a decision, but shall instead terminate the match not later than the end of the round and order the promoter to surrender the purses of both participants to the Commission representative pending an investigation of the alleged violation. The announcer or referee shall inform the audience that no decision has been rendered.

- (k) If, in the opinion of the physician, the referee has received an injury, the seriousness of which prevents him from continuing to officiate, and the Commission representative is unable to locate another qualified person to act as referee, the match shall be terminated, no decision shall be rendered and the purses of both participants shall be withheld. The Commission shall then rule as to the disposition of the purses.
- (4) Decision Final, Exceptions
 - (a) A decision rendered at the conclusion or termination of any match is final and shall not be changed unless it is determined that any of the following occurred:
 - (i) there was collusion affecting the result of any match;
 - (ii) the compilation of the round or match score cards of the referee and judges shows an error which indicates that the decision was awarded to the wrong participant;
 - (iii) there was a violation of §27-1-10 of this Title, relating to drugs or foreign substances; or
 - (iv) there was a violation of the rules set forth herein which violation affected the result of the match.
 - (b) If it is determined that any of the above occurred, the decision rendered shall be changed as directed by the Commission.

§27-1-29 Post-Match Physical Requirements; Suspensions

- (1) As a result of injuries or suspected injuries sustained or suspected to have been sustained in any match, the Executive Director or Commission representative shall order a medical examination to be given to any participant or referee at any time, if he has cause to believe that the health or safety of the participant or referee is in jeopardy.
- (2) When it shall appear to a physician, for whatever reason and regardless of how the injury was sustained, that a participant or referee is no longer able to safely continue to compete or officiate, the physician shall report such findings, in writing, to the Executive Director. If the physician has so recommended, the participant or referee shall not be permitted to participate until such time as he is certified as fit to participate by the physician.
- (3) A participant, losing by knockout or having been rendered a decision of technical draw as a result of being counted out in any jurisdiction, shall be automatically suspended for a period of time to be determined by the Executive Director based upon the recommendation of the physician, or at least ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the knockout or technical draw, whichever is longer. A participant shall not engage in any match, contact exhibition or contact sparring for training purposes during the suspension period. After the suspension period and prior to engaging in any match, contact exhibition or contact sparring for training purposes he shall be examined by a physician. The participant shall advise the physician of the previous knockout or technical draw and shall provide medical

records or his permission for the physician to consult with the physician who treated him at the time of the previous knockout or technical draw. The results of this examination shall be filed with the Commission prior to any further matches being approved for the participant.

- (4) A participant losing by technical knockout or disqualification shall be automatically suspended for a period of time to be determined by the Executive Director based upon the recommendation of the physician or at least sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the technical knockout, whichever is longer. A participant shall not engage in any match, contact exhibition or contact sparring for training purposes during the suspension period without the approval of the physician. After the suspension period and prior to engaging in any match, contact exhibit or contact sparring for training purposes he shall be examined by a physician. The participant shall advise the physician of the previous knockout or technical draw and shall provide medical records or his permission for the physician to consult with the physician who treated him at the time of the previous knockout or technical draw. The results of this examination shall be filed with the Commission prior to any further matches being approved for the participant. In the case of disqualification, the Commission representative shall determine whether a medical clearance shall be required following suspension.

**§27-1-30 Payments to Commission; Post-Match Reports Required to be Filed;
Penalty for Late Filing**

- (1) Immediately following the conclusion of the match, unless otherwise directed by the Commission, the promoter shall distribute to the participant's manager and the participant, the participant's share of the purse along with a written statement showing the distribution of the purse, which statement shall include each item of receipt and each expenditure or deduction. The promoter shall retain a copy of this statement, certified by him to be correct, with receipted vouchers for all expenditures and deductions for a period of six (6) months and shall provide such copy to the Commission, if requested to do so.
- (2) Within twenty-four (24) hours following receipt of the purse and statement from the promoter, unless otherwise directed by the Commission, the manager shall distribute to the participant, the participant's share of the purse and a statement of distribution. The manager shall retain a copy of the manager's statement, certified by him to be correct, with receipted vouchers for all expenditures and deductions for a period of six (6) months and shall provide such copy to the Commission, if requested to do so.
- (3) Immediately upon the conclusion of a program of matches held under the jurisdiction of the Commission, unless otherwise directed by the Commission, the promoter shall file with the Commission a written report of gross receipts on Form CBC-453, entitled Post Event Tax Report For Live Event, incorporated herein by reference, which form shall be provided by the Commission. This form shall be accompanied by a tax payment of .07 percent of the total gross receipts excluding any federal tax, except that the tax payment derived from the gross price charged for the sale or lease of broadcast, television and motion picture rights shall not exceed \$40,000.00 for any single program of matches.
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- (a) Failure to file either or both the report and tax payment within the time specified herein shall result in a daily fine of ten (10) percent of the amount of the tax payment due. The fine shall begin the day following the end of the period specified herein and shall continue for each day that either or both the report is not filed or the tax payment remains unpaid.
- (b) If the report and tax payment filed with the Commission is determined to be understated, the fine assessment shall apply to balance remaining after crediting the tax payment filed. The fine shall commence twenty-four (24) hours following receipt of notice of the underpayment by the promoter responsible for the tax payment.

§27-1-31 Method of Payment

- (1) Payment of fees and taxes shall be made by cash, check, cashier's check or money order.
- (2) If a check is returned for non-sufficient funds the Commission shall:
 - (a) advise the issuer at his last known address of the non-sufficient funds check and allow him five (5) business days to provide a cashier's check or money order in an amount equal to the non-sufficient funds check and the returned check processing fee.
 - (b) if the issuer fails to provide the Commission with a cashier's check or money order for the correct amount within the prescribed time, the Commission shall cancel any licenses or permits issued or tentatively approved for which the non-sufficient funds check was presented. If the non-sufficient funds check was for the payment of taxes for a program of matches, a fine of ten (10) percent of the payment due shall also be assessed for each day that the non-sufficient funds check and returned check processing fee remain unpaid after notification. Further, the Commission shall recover the debt using any available means and legal remedies.
 - (c) if a non-sufficient funds check is corrected within the presented time, the Commission shall continue to accept checks from the issuer. However, any person who submits two (2) non-sufficient funds checks within a twelve (12) month period shall not be allowed to make payments to the Commission in the form of a check for a period of twelve (12) months.

§27-1-32 Administrative Complaints

- (1) The Executive Director shall issue or cause to be issued all administrative complaints.
- (2) The Commission shall issue all final orders, provided however that the Executive Director shall be delegated the authority to affix his signature to documents which attest to or represent official Commission action.

§27-1-33 Forms

The forms referred to in these regulations are available from the Commission and their use is mandatory. In addition, the Commission or any of its representatives may authorize the use of any other form promulgated by the Commission for the same or similar purpose.

§27-1-34 Adoption and Incorporation of Applicable Federal Law

The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein by reference additional provisions of the “Professional Boxing Safety Act”, P.L. 104-272, 110 STAT. 329 (October 9, 1996) and the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act, P.L. 106-210, 114 STAT. 321 (May 26, 2001), codified at 15 U.S.C. §6301 et seq., and amendments thereto, pertaining to health and safety standards, licensing requirements and other requirements relating to the conduct of professional boxing matches in Choctaw Indian Reservations.

§27-1-35 Future Amendments

Should any provisions or definitions of this Title be found to be incomplete or in variance with applicable federal, state or Tribal law now in existence or as may be from time to time amended, then the terms of this Title shall be deemed to be conformed to said laws or regulations and the same shall be considered to be incorporated herein until such time as amendments may be formally approved by the Tribal Council.