

Meeting Notice
SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Via Teleconference

Friday, July 31, 2020

12:00 pm. (CDT).

Proposed Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of the Agenda
- C. Open Forum: 5 minutes for the public to address the Commission
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2020
- E. Old Business
 - 1) Update on Approved Events
 - i. MMA 2020-02 (Sioux Falls) July 10, 2020
 - ii. MMA 2020-06 (Sioux Falls) July 17, 2020
 - iii. MMA 2020-07 (Sioux Falls) July 24, 2020
 - iv. MMA 2020-08 (Sioux Falls) July 31, 2020
 - v. BOX 2020-01 (Sturgis) August 11, 2020
 - vi. MMA 2020-03 (Huron) TBA
 - vii. MMA 2020-04 (Flandreau) TBA
 - viii. MMA 2020-05 (Watertown) November 14, 2020
- F. New Business
 - 1) Event Applications
 - 2) Proposed Administrative Rule Changes – Mixed Martial Arts Fouls
- G. Other Business
- H. Announcements
- I. Next Meeting Date
 - Proposed: October 2, 2020 at 12:00 pm (central)
- J. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION
Via Teleconference
July 10, 2020 12:00 p.m. Central

Chairman Kilmer called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. Stalley called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present via Telephone: Mike Kilmer, Lee Lohff, Margaret Gillespie, and Verle Valentine

Members Absent: Richard Little

Others Present via Telephone: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Amber Mulder, Department of Labor Legal Counsel; and Bob Mercer, KELO Land Media Group

Gillespie made a motion to approve the agenda. Lohff seconded the motion. The Commission voted by roll call. Kilmer, Lohff, and Gillespie voted aye. Valentine was absent. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer asked for any public comments. There were no comments offered.

Lohff made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2020. Gillespie seconded the motion. The Commission voted by roll call. Kilmer, Lohff, and Gillespie voted aye. Valentine was absent. **MOTION PASSED.**

Lohff made a motion to accept the June 30, 2020 financial statement. Gillespie seconded the motion. The Commission voted by roll call. Kilmer, Lohff, and Gillespie voted aye. Valentine was absent. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided the Commission with an update on previously approved events.

Gillespie made a motion to approve an event request by Thunderbolt Boxing for a boxing event to be held in Deadwood, on a date to be agreed to by the Commission and the promoter, on the condition the promoter follows the Centers for Disease Control's guidance with regard to social distancing at the event; COVID-19 testing is provided for competitors at the promoter's expense, the promoter follow the Centers for Disease Control's guidance with regard to athlete recovery in the event of a positive COVID-19 test for each event; COVID-19 testing for Commission officials and representatives is provided at the promoter's expense for each event; and the promoter complies with all the rules, regulations and deadlines of the Commission for a boxing event. Lohff seconded the motion. Kilmer, Lohff, Gillespie and Valentine voted aye. **MOTION PASSED.**

Gillespie made a motion to being the process to propose a change to South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:81:02:03 to reduce the percent of gross revenue used to calculate a contest fee from five percent to three percent and set the maximum contest fee at \$300,000. Lohff seconded the motion. Kilmer, Lohff, Gillespie and Valentine voted aye. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley informed the Commission South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:81:05:14 contradicts with changes made to the unified rules for mixed martial arts and may need to be amended. The Commission asked Stalley to draft proposed changes to the rule for discussion at the next meeting.

Gillespie made a motion to set a Commission meeting for July 31, 2020 at 12:00 pm (central). Valentine seconded the motion. Kilmer, Lohff, Gillespie and Valentine voted aye. **MOTION PASSED.**

There being no other business before the Commission, Kilmer adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Lohff, Vice President

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Proposed Administrative Rule Change – Mixed Martial Arts Fouls

~~20:81:05:14 Fouls.~~ The following acts constitute a foul in a mixed martial arts bout:

- ~~—— (1) Butting with the head;~~
- ~~—— (2) Eye gouging of any kind;~~
- ~~—— (3) Biting;~~
- ~~—— (4) Hair pulling;~~
- ~~—— (5) Fish hooking;~~
- ~~—— (6) Groin attacks of any kind;~~
- ~~—— (7) Putting a finger into any orifice or into any cut or laceration on an opponent;~~
- ~~—— (8) Small joint manipulation;~~
- ~~—— (9) Striking the spine or the back of the head. The back of the head is the area behind each ear from the top of the head to the base of the neck. The spine is the area from two inches to the left of the backbone to two inches to the right of the backbone;~~
- ~~—— (10) Striking downward using the point of the elbow;~~
- ~~—— (11) Throat strikes of any kind, including without limitation, grabbing the trachea;~~
- ~~—— (12) Clawing, pinching, or twisting the flesh;~~
- ~~—— (13) Grabbing the clavicle;~~
- ~~—— (14) Kicking the head of a grounded opponent;~~
- ~~—— (15) Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent;~~
- ~~—— (16) Kicking the kidney with the heel;~~
- ~~—— (17) Spiking the opponent to the canvas on the opponent's head or neck;~~
- ~~—— (18) Throwing an opponent out of the ring or fenced area;~~
- ~~—— (19) Holding the shorts or gloves of an opponent;~~

- ~~—— (20) Spitting at or on an opponent;~~
- ~~—— (21) Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent;~~
- ~~—— (22) Holding the ropes or fence;~~
- ~~—— (23) Using abusive language in the ring or fenced area;~~
- ~~—— (24) Attacking an opponent during a rest period;~~
- ~~—— (25) Attacking an opponent under the care of the referee;~~
- ~~—— (26) Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded the end of a round;~~
- ~~—— (27) Flagrantly disregarding the instructions of the referee;~~
- ~~—— (28) Timidity, including, without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece, or faking an injury; or~~
- ~~—— (29) Interference by the corner.~~

~~—— **Source:** 41 SDR 7, effective July 28, 2014.~~

~~—— **General Authority:** 42-12-10.~~

~~—— **Law Implemented:** 42-12-10.~~

ABC Unified Rules are Adopted by the Commission pursuant to ARSD 20:81:05:21, unless otherwise addressed.

20:81:05:21. Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts. Unless otherwise addressed in SDCL chapter 42-12 or ARSD article 20:81, the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts apply to all mixed martial arts bouts. The South Dakota Athletic Commission has final decision-making authority concerning the enforcement, implementation, and interpretation of these rules.

Source: 44 SDR 102, effective December 18, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 42-12-10.

Law Implemented: SDCL 42-12-10.

Reference: Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports Unified Mixed Martial Arts Rules (Adopted July 30, 2009 revised; August 2016)