

South Dakota Athletic Commission
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in the Department of Labor & Regulation Conference Room at 123 W. Missouri Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, on Friday, October 20, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered §§ 20:81:01:01, 20:81:01:08, 20:81:01:10, 20:81:03:03, 20:81:03:04, 20:81:03:08, 20:81:03:09, 20:81:03:10, 20:81:03:11, 20:81:05:05, 20:81:05:06, 20:81:05:07, 20:81:05:08, 20:81:05:10, 20:81:05:11, 20:81:05:18, 20:81:05:19, and 20:81:05:21.

The effect of the rules will be to clarify provisions of current rules, including general definitions; safety requirements for events; responsibilities of event promoters; requirements for contestants in mixed martial arts contests; penalties for mixed martial artists who fail to make weight for a contracted bout; options for correcting a score entered in error; officials requires to be in attendance at an event; the role of a cut man at an event; the authority of a ringside physician during a bout; allowable wraps for a mixed martial artist during a bout; requirements for ring used for a contest; the process by which a contestant can request a review of a bout; and the adoption of unified rules of mixed martial arts.

The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to clarify the requirements for promoters, contestants, judges, seconds, and physicians; revise weight allowances for contestants; prescribe additional safety requirements for a ring used in mixed martial arts contests; provide a process to allow a contestant to request a review of a bout; and adopt unified rules of mixed martial arts.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Athletic Commission, P.O. Box 340, Pierre, South Dakota 57501 or by emailing them to SDAC@midwestsolutionssd.com. Material sent by mail must reach the Athletic Commission by October 19, 2017 to be considered.

After the hearing, the commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Athletic Commission at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 224-1721.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the
South Dakota Athletic Commission
P.O. Box 340
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