

ALABAMA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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From Casey Sears, Commission Chair:

Keith Warren and Warren & Company have done a tremendous job for the Alabama Athletic Commission. We are a unique Commission, and we require a lot of back-end support just based on the nature of what we regulate. Not only did Keith work well within the fight community, but he also helped us navigate a really rocky period during the pandemic. Our calendar of events has grown exponentially in the past three years, in large part due to his expertise. He is leaving us in great shape to continue moving the Athletic Commission forward. I am sure our paths will cross again.

From Keith Warren, Executive Director:

The Commissioners and I have worked hard to overcome the many obstacles I received with the contract in May 2019. We have eliminated all previous audit findings and now that COVID-19 is not interfering with our daily lives, we have a record high of scheduled events with twenty-six MMA/Boxing and Professional Wrestling every weekend for 2022. The potential to grow MMA/Boxing to every weekend is now there. The plan from the beginning was to position the Commission to hire someone that is dedicated to sporting events and travel throughout the state representing the Commission in every athletic aspect. I am pleased to depart the Commission in a position to recruit this individual(s) to completely fulfill these requirements. This experience has allowed us to travel to areas of the state where events were not previously held and meet many great people. I wish the Commissioners and those it oversees the absolute best in this next chapter.

Warren & Company, Inc. will continue to manage the operations through July 2, 2022. Please continue to mail all forms and correspondence to the office until then. We want to ensure everything is current and in good standing for the transition.

The Commission will soon be searching for a candidate who knows the fight game well, is interested in traveling and has not been licensed by the commission in the past 5 years to fill this unique role. State responsibilities will include working with STAARS Financial, Performance Budgeting, Infoadvantage, Alabama Buys, Kalm IT, NIC Payment Engine, OIT Web Services, Comptroller, Treasury, Executive Budgeting, Board of Adjustment, Budget Requests, Operation Plans, Encumbrances, CAFR Reporting, and the Legislative Services Agency. We hope to have a full job description finalized and posted following our upcoming meeting. While we are searching for the right candidate, I want to ensure promoters and fighters that the Commission has plans in place to make sure that all the events currently scheduled will have the support of the Commission. Thank you!