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165-X-3-02	License	<b>(1) (b) Applications Foais.</b> Applications for annual license <u>shall</u> be submitted to the Commission on an application form provided by the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(1) (c)1. No license or permit <u>shall</u> be issued until the person seeking the license or permit has submitted a complete application.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(1) (d)2. Licenses <u>shall</u> be issued annually and <u>shall</u> expire on December 31 of each calendar year.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(1) (d)3. In addition to the participant's application, each contestant <u>shall</u> complete an Amateur Bout Letter of Intent, declaring they intend to compete for a certain promotion, at a defined weight, against a specific opponent.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	<b>(1) (f) Background nvestigation.</b> The Commission <u>shall</u> request general background information of any applicant for any license.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(1)(i) <b>Verbal or physical abuse of official or commission appointed supervisor.</b> Any licensee who verbally or physically abuses an official or member of the Commission appointed supervisor of a match, contest, or	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		exhibition <u>shall</u> be summarily suspended and his or her <u>license</u> may be revoked.		
165-X-3-02	License	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>(1) (j) Prohibited Communication with Individual Commissioners.</b> Anyone wishing to communicate with members of the Commission must notify the executive director of the Commission two</p> <p>(2) weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Timely written notices will be added to the meeting's agenda. Any person wishing to address the Commission <u>shall</u> be given the opportunity to do so during the new business section of the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	<p>(1) (j) 1. Promoters, referees, judges, timekeepers, matchmakers, mixed martial artists, managers, trainers, seconds or their agents, are prohibited from petitioning any individual Commissioner with the intent of affecting the outcome of an application or other issue being actively reviewed or expected to be reviewed by the Commission. Persons who violate this rule <u>shall</u> be subject to disciplinary action.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	<p><b>(1) (k) Documents.</b> All documents submitted to the Commission for the purposes of making application or any other purpose <u>shall</u> be property of the Commission.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	<p><b>(2) (a) Application Fee.</b> All application and renewal fees <u>shall</u> be submitted with the</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		application or renewal. All fees <u>shall</u> be by certified check or money order.		
165-X-3-02	License	(2)(a)3. All fees <u>shall</u> be paid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, credit card, or personal check.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (a)1. Each application for a promoter's license <u>shall</u> be accompanied with cash, certified check, cashier's check, or personal check in the amount of \$250.00 and made out to the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (a)2. Each application for a promoter's license <u>shall</u> be accompanied with an appropriate security bond.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3)(a)3. Applications for a promoter's license <u>shall</u> be signed in the presence of a Commission representative, or <u>shall</u> be signed in the presence of and verified by a notary public.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (a)4. The promoter <u>shall</u> provide the Commission's executive director a video of the match, contest, or exhibition within thirty (30) days of the match, contest, or exhibition. The video <u>shall</u> be provided in a format acceptable to the Commission or the	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		Commission's executive director. The Commission reserves the right to change the requested format of the video at any time.		
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (a) 6. Any licensed promoter who partners or joint-ventures with any other person, for the promotion of a mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition in this state, <u>shall</u> disclose to the Commission each party's financial responsibility in the partnership or joint-venture. The promoter licensed by the Commission <u>shall</u> be considered the principal promoter of the show and will be solely responsible for all financial obligations incurred in its production. Contracts <u>shall</u> be filed with the Commission delimiting each party's financial responsibility.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3)(a)7. Any licensed promoter who partners or joint-ventures with any other person, or the promotion of a mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition in this state, <u>shall</u> be considered a co-promoter.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3)(a)11. Any co-promoter of a mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition <u>shall</u> obtain a promoter license from the Commission. There <u>shall</u> be no limitation on the number of days prior to a match, contest or exhibition when a co-promoter's application may be submitted to the Commission, however, the application must be	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		submitted thirty (30) days prior to promoting the match, contest or exhibition.		
165-X-3-02	License	(3)(a)11.(i) Rules and requirements shall be the same for co-promoters as for promoters, provided however that the Commission may require from each co-promoter, in addition to the promoter's license bond, a suitable match permit bond or such other financial security as defined by these rules or the Alabama Boxing, Wrestling and Mixed Martial Arts Act.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3)(a)11.(ii) Agreements between the co-promoter and the promoter for payment of any purse <u>shall</u> be submitted to the Commission and approved prior to the start of the match, contest, or exhibition.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3)(a)11.(iii) Agreements between the co-promoter and the promoter for payment of any fees, and taxes <u>shall</u> be submitted to the Commission and approved prior to the start of the match, contest, or exhibition.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3)(b)2. Each match permit application <u>shall</u> be accompanied by a non-refundable cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$250.00 and made out to the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3)(b)3. A match permit fee will be calculated by the Commission. Match permit fee	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>shall</u> be calculated at six percent (6%) of gross receipts from ticket sales to the mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition. For television and broadcasts, match permit fee <u>shall</u> be calculated at three percent (3%) of gross receipts from television and broadcast revenue for the first one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of revenue and one percent (1%) of the next two million (\$2,000,000). Broadcast fees will cap at fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).</p>		
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (b) 3. (iii) The promoter <u>shall</u> have thirty (30) days to submit the Permit Fee. Permit applications and fees not received within thirty (30) days of the planned event may be subject to an additional match permit application and match permit application fee.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (b) 4. Each application for a match permit <u>shall</u> be accompanied with an appropriate security bond as provided for in these rules..	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (b) 6. (ii) The Commission <u>shall</u> notify the applicant that his or her application has been approved or denied within seven (7) days of the Commission's decision.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (c) 1. A person who wishes to promote a	1975 § 41-9-1024	0

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		<p>match, contest or exhibition for charitable purposes must file with the Commission letter of intent to present the match, contest or exhibition as benefiting a charitable organization. The letter of intent must contain the name of the charity, charitable fund, or organization which is to benefit from the match, contest or exhibition and the amount expected to be paid to the charity. The letter of intent must be signed by the promoter and co-signed by an authorized representative of the charity to benefit from the match, contest or exhibition. No match permit <u>shall</u> be issued for a charitable match, contest, or exhibition without full financial disclosure of all promoters and charitable organizations involved, including all contracts and proposals between all licensees, officials, and parties involved.</p>		Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	<p>(3)(c)2. Within three (3) business days after a match, contest, or exhibition benefiting a charitable organization is held, the promoter(s) and benefiting charitable organization(s) <u>shall</u> furnish to the Commission:</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	<p>(3)(c)2.(i)A certified copy of the ticket manifest showing the number of tickets sold. The manifest <u>shall</u> give a breakdown disclosing the number of tickets sold in each price range</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		and the number of complimentary tickets given for the match, contest, or exhibition;		
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (c) 3. (i) <u>Shall</u> notify the promoter that his or her license is summarily suspended.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (c) (ii) <u>Shall</u> notify the charity of the suspension.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (c) (iii) <u>Shall</u> decline to issue a match permit to the promoter for the holding of any match, contest, or exhibition until the statements are provided.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (c) (iv) <u>Shall</u> decline to issue a match permit to any promoter to hold any future match, contest, or exhibition for the benefit of the charitable organization, until the statements are provided.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	<b>(3) (d) Matchmakers.</b> Matchmakers applying for licensure <u>shall</u> meet the following requirements:	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (d) 1. A matchmaker <u>shall</u> demonstrate to the Commission that he or she has experience in matchmaking, and <u>shall</u> produce a list of all fighters that he or she has matched, the promoters who promoted the matches, and the results of the matches.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute



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		<b>(3) (f) Seconds.</b> Seconds applying for licensure <u>shall</u> meet the following requirements:		
165-X-3-02	License	(3) (f)1. An applicant <u>shall</u> demonstrate to the Commission that he or she has the necessary training to serve as a second, and <u>shall</u> produce a list of all fighters that he or she has served as a second, the promoters who promoted the matches, and the results of the matches.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	License	<b>(3)(h) Falsifying an Application.</b> Upon a finding by the majority of the Commission that any licensee or applicant has knowingly made a misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representation in regard to a professional match contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts or any document connected therewith or practiced fraud or deceit or intentionally made any false statement in obtaining a license to participate or promote a professional match contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts or made a false statement or deceptive registration with the Commission then the Commission <u>shall</u> have the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant, revoke the license of a person licensed by the Commission, or discipline a person licensed by the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(1) (a) Before any promoter's license is issued	1975 § 41-9-1029	0

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		authorizing the promotion of professional mixed martial arts matches in Alabama, the applicant <u>shall</u> make and deliver to the Commission a security bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to transact business in this state.		Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(1) (b) Any and all bond applications <u>shall</u> be on a form provided by the Commission, and <u>shall</u> be accompanied by an enforceable power of attorney. The Commission may also require certificate of "good standing" issued by the Commissioner of Insurance.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(1) (c) If any company issuing a bond <u>shall</u> be removed from doing business in this state, it <u>shall</u> be the duty of the Commissioner of Insurance to notify the Commission within 30 days.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(1) (d) The bond <u>shall</u> be in such amount as the Commission may determine based upon the payment of officials' fees, fees necessary to secure the proper medical supervision of any professional mixed martial arts show in Alabama, and/or the estimated potential damages, penalties, taxes or expenses resulting from promotional activities contemplated in Alabama.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-03	Bonds	(1)(e) Whenever the Commission <u>shall</u> determine that a previously approved bond has for any cause become insufficient, the Commission may require an additional bond or bonds to be given, conforming with the requirements of these rules.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(1) (e)1. Unless the additional promoter's license bond or bonds are given within the time fixed by written demand therefore, or if the promoter's license bond of a licensee is canceled, the license of such person <u>shall</u> be summarily suspended without notice or hearing.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(2) (a) Before any match permit is issued authorizing the sale of tickets and the ancillary contracting necessary to promote an amateur mixed martial arts show in Alabama, the applicant <u>shall</u> make and deliver to the Commission a security bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to transact business in this state. The purpose of the bond is to ensure tpat each Contestant competing in Alabama is paid their entire purse, and that full payment of other contractual liabilities <i>is</i> made.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(2) (b) Any and all bond applications <u>shall</u> be on a form provided by the Commission, and <u>shall</u> be accompanied by an enforceable power of attorney. The Commission may	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute

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		also require a certificate of 'good standing' <i>issued</i> by the Commissioner of Insurance.		
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(2) (c) If any company issuing a bond <u>shall</u> be removed from doing business in this state, it <u>shall</u> be the duty of the commissioner of Insurance to notify the Commission within 30 days.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(2) (d) The bond <u>shall</u> be in such amount as the Commission may determine based upon the estimated contractual liabilities against the licensed promoter for damages and expenses resulting from non-payment of contract liabilities, including but not limited to the total amount of each competing Contestant's purse or other services contracted for or from promotional activities conducted within Alabama.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	(2)(e)1. Unless the additional match permit bond or bonds are given within the time fixed by written demand therefor, or if the match permit bond of a licensee <i>is</i> canceled, the match permit of such person <u>shall</u> be summarily suspended and without notice or hearing.	1975 § 41-9-1029	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-03	Bonds	<b>(3) Complaints and Actions to Recover Damages.</b> Complaints <u>shall</u> be	1975 § 41-9-1030	0 Required by Statute

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		<p>categorized and kept on file by the Commission the appropriate action to be taken. Reports of illegal events, contesting of bout results, complaints against a licensee, and claims against a bond <u>shall</u> be categorized as complaints.</p>		
165-X-3-03	Bonds	<p>(3) (a) Any person claiming that he or she has been damaged <b>by</b> a breach of the conditions of a bond given <b>by</b> a licensee as provided in these rules <u>shall</u> notify the Attorney General.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1029	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>
165-X-3-03	Bonds	<p>(3) (c) Reports of unsanctioned events <u>shall</u> be logged on a complaint database and <u>given</u> a claim number. The Executive Director or other Commission appointed representative(s) may work with the Attorney General's Office and federal, state, and/or local law enforcement agencies to terminate illegal event.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1029	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	<p>(1)(a)2. Such examination <u>shall</u> include a careful examination for signs of any trauma-induced neurological damage along with any other specific test or tests requested by the neurologist.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>

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165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(1) (b) 2. Such examination shall include a careful dilated examination of the retinal periphery utilizing indirect ophthalmoscope sufficient to identify any sign of previous trauma or retinal damage along with any other specific test or tests requested by said ophthalmologist or optometrist.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) <b>Pre-Fight Examination.</b> At the time of weigh-in, or at such other time as is then announced, all mixed martial arts fighters must pass a pre-fight medical examination and a commission designated physician must complete a Pre-Fight Medical Examination Form. The examining physician shall deliver all Pre-Fight Examination Forms to the Commission or to its authorized representative no more than five (5) days after the weigh-in.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (a) 1. Each female mixed martial artist, during the pre-fight physical, will be required to submit to a pregnancy test administered under the direction of the examining physician, or such physician's authorized assistant. The cost of such test, unless the mixed martial artist's contract or bout agreement states otherwise, shall be the responsibility of the promoter. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, the term "pass" shall mean that the participant is not pregnant.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(a)2. Female mixed martial artists submitting written documentation acceptable to the examining physician may be waived from the pre-fight physical pregnancy test requirement. Such documentation <u>shall</u> be limited to:	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(b)1. Whenever a mixed martial artist's examination indicates that he or she is unfit for competition, because of any weakness or disability discovered by the physician, an immediate report of such evidence must be made to the Commission. In such case, the mixed martial artist <u>shall</u> be prohibited from participating in the match.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (b) 2. The examining physician <u>shall</u> deliver all pre-fight examination reports to the Commission or to its authorized representative immediately after the weigh-in.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (b) 3. Any contestant who fails his or her pre-fight physical for medical reasons or for lack of general conditioning <u>shall</u> be placed on immediate medical suspension and reported to the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (c) 1. At the official weigh-in, all mixed martial artists' hydration <u>shall</u> be examined by the pre-fight physician.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (e) 1. (i) The Commission <u>shall</u> require re-examinations submitted after each successive fifty (50) rounds after the previous submission, as disclosed on such mixed martial artist's official cage or ring record.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(f)1. Medical suspensions. Other athletic commissions recognized by the Association of Boxing Commissions and which are published by any boxing registry approved for such purposes by the Association of Boxing Commissions <u>shall</u> be recognized by the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(f)2. Medical examinations after suspensions. Aft mixed martial artist who is under medicpl suspension in another state <u>shall</u> submit to any medical examination listed in this chapter as requested by the Commission prior to competing in a contest or exhibition in this state.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (h) 1. No mixed martial artist <u>shall</u> be permitted to engage in another contest or exhibition in this state for a period of seven (7) days after competing in a contest or exhibition.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute



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165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (i) 1. Any mixed martial artist who suffers a knock out, concussion, or other serious head injury should be examined by the Cage Side or Ringside Physician. The Physician <u>shall</u> immediately report to the Commission or its representative, the condition of such mixed martial artist and whether or not additional medical attention is advised.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (j) 1. When a mixed martial artist is defeated by knock out, that mixed martial artist's license <u>shall</u> be placed on an immediate sixty (60) day medical suspension at minimum.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (j) 3. A Post-Knock Out Examination Form <u>shall</u> be completed by a physician and submitted to the Commission along with request for medical clearance for thirty (30) days prior to participating in a contest or exhibition in this state. Any mixed martial artist losing by knock out in three (3) or more consecutive fights <u>shall</u> be placed on immediate medical suspension for a period of six (6) months.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (j) 4. Unless otherwise ordered by the attending cage side or ringside physician, there <u>shall</u> be a minimum thirty (30) day medical suspension after a technical knockout.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(j)5. Technical knock outs caused by a severe cut <u>shall</u> result in a minimum sixty	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		(60) day medical suspension.		
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(k)1. A mixed martial artist deemed under-conditioned by the referee, the Commission, or any designated representative of the Commission, <u>shall</u> be immediately disqualified and suspended for ninety (90) days.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(k)1.(i) If it should be determined by the referee, any member of the Commission present, or any designated representative of the Commission present that a mixed martial artist did not give a good faith effort to display his or her skills, then that mixed martial artist <u>shall</u> be subject to disciplinary action.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(l)1. <b>Four or More Consecutive Losses by TKO, KO, or DQ.</b> A mixed martial artist who has four (4) consecutive fights by knock-out, technical knock-out, or disqualification, according to the mixed martial artist's official cage or ring record compiled and maintained by the mixed martial arts registry, <u>shall</u> be summarily suspended pending a hearing by the Commission. Suspension will be listed as "Indefinite Pending Hearing."	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(l)2. <b>History of Poor Performance.</b> Any mixed martial artist with a history of poor performance <u>shall</u> not be approved to compete against any other mixed martial artist, except another mixed martial artist who has a	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		similar history of poor performance in the same weight class.		
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2)(m)1. During the performance of any promotion, it <u>shall</u> be the promoter's responsibility to ensure the compliance with all laws and rules governing professional mixed martial arts in Alabama. Such responsibilities <u>shall</u> include, but will not be limited to the following:	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (i) (I) The promoter <u>shall</u> provide for the mixed martial artists' insurance covering ambulance services, medical, surgical, and hospital care with a minimum limit of \$20,000 for injuries sustained while participating in said program and for a \$20,000 death benefit awarded to the estate of any contestant should death occur from injuries received while participating in the contest or exhibition. Promoters <u>shall</u> be responsible for paying any deductible.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (ii) (I) A cage side or ringside physician <u>shall</u> be present at all events. A Commission-designated cage side or ringside physician must be at cage side or ringside each bout. A Commission-designated cage side or ringside physician <u>shall</u> be either a M.D. or D.O.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (ii) (I) 1. Physicians not having completed the Ringside Physician Certification <u>shall</u> be licensed as "Non-Ringside Physicians," but may serve at ring or cage side so long as a minimum of one certified Ringside Physician is present.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (ii) (II) All "Ringside" physicians serving ring or cage side <u>shall</u> obtain ARP/ACSM Certified Ringside Physician (CRP) certification. All physicians having completed the CRP <u>shall</u> be licensed as a "Ringside Physician."	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (iii) (I) The promoter <u>shall</u> provide continuous ambulance service with a state-certified EMT attendant and a state certified paramedic, who <u>shall</u> provide a resuscitator, stretcher, backboard, oxygen, and such other medical equipment reasonably expected for immediate trauma care, and who shall be present before the start of each contest and <u>shall</u> remain on site until the end of the program.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (iii) (III) The chief referee and/or Commission-appointed supervisor <u>shall</u> meet with the EMT and paramedic prior to the beginning of the match, contest, or exhibition. During such meeting the chief referee or Commission supervisor will instruct the EMT and paramedic concerning the match, contest, or	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		exhibition, placement of the stretcher and any other information necessary to ensure prompt and appropriate immediate care.		
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (iii) (IV) An ambulance <u>shall</u> be able and available to immediately transport any severely injured mixed martial artist to an appropriate medical facility. No other scheduled contest or exhibition may proceed until there is an ambulance and paramedic at the facility, that has met with the chief referee and/or the Commission appointed supervisor as described in subparagraph (III), above.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	(2) (iii) (V) In addition to the above mentioned ambulance, a paramedic, licensed by the State of Alabama, shall be present at ring or cage side with the ringside physician. The paramedic shall possess advanced life support equipment necessary to resuscitate a fighter and package them for transport to the hospital. The paramedic is <i>in</i> addition to any EMT's or paramedics that are hired for the safety of the crowd and shall not leave ringside while a fight is taking place and shall b in direct communication with the ringside physician at all times. T e ringside paramedic shall only leave ringside to attend to a spectator or other person in the event of an emergency and when no other paramedic is available.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		<p>(2) (iv) (I) Blood borne pathogen testing. All mixed martial artists in all bouts <u>shall</u> be tested for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV by a laboratory approved by the Commission. The initial test for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV detection <u>shall</u> be conducted within (365) days prior to competition.</p>		
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	<p>(2) (iv) I In addition to the pre-competition test, any mixed martial artist <u>shall</u> be re-tested for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV prior to his or her participation in each mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition in Alabama if the match, contest, or exhibition is scheduled to occur more than (365) days after the date of the most recent test. The results must be submitted to the Commission with the show date request prior to the official weigh-in.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	<p>(2)(iv)(II) Positive tests for blood-borne pathogens. Any mixed martial artist who tests positive for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, or HIV <u>shall</u> appear before the medical advisory panel, which after verifying the results of the test, <u>shall</u> advise the Commission as to whether the mixed martial artist's participation in a match, contest, or exhibition would pose a threat to the health and safety of a participant, official, or spectator.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>

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165-X-3-05	Conduct of Promotion	(1) (a) General Safety. It <u>shall</u> be the promoter's responsibility to insure safety of the contestants, official , and fans and to comply with all safety standards required by the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-05	Conduct of Promotion	(1) (a) 1. Arena Security. Arena security is the responsibility of the promoter and such security measures by the promoter <u>shall</u> be sufficient to maintain order. At a minimum, two (2) sworn off duty law enforcement officers <u>shall</u> be retained for security.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-05	Conduct of Promotion	<b>(3) Split or Different Styles.</b> Cards split between professional and amateur matches. Mixed cards <u>shall</u> be left at the discretion of the Commission. All amateur shows <u>shall</u> reflect the amateur status of the event in all advertising in a way approved by the Executive Director. A card split between professional and amateur matches <u>shall</u> be advertised as "Pro-Am," and shall include a minimum of three professional bouts on the card. Failure to provide the minimum number of professional bouts will result in action against the promoter by the Alabama Athletic Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(3) (a) Cage specifications. The fighting area canvas <u>shall</u> be no smaller than 18 feet by 18 feet and no larger than 32 feet by 32 feet. The fighting area canvas or synthetic/vinyl mat <u>shall</u> be padded in a manner as approved by	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		the Commission, with at least one inch layer of foam padding.		
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(3)(a)1. Padding <u>shall</u> extend beyond the fighting area and over the edge of the platform. No vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering <u>shall</u> be permitted.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(3) (a) 2. The fighting area canvas or synthetic/vinyl mat <u>shall not</u> be more than four feet above the floor of the building and <u>shall</u> have suitable steps or ramp for use by the participants. Posts <u>shall</u> be made of metal not more than six inches in diameter, extending from the -floor of the building to a minimum height of 58 inches above the fighting area canvas and <u>shall</u> be properly padded in a manner approved by the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(3) (a) 3. The fighting area canvas or synthetic/vinyl mat area <u>shall</u> be enclosed by a fence made of such material as will not allow a fighter to fall out or break through it onto the floor or spectators, including, but not limited to, vinyl coated chain link fencing.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(3)(a)4. All metal parts <u>shall</u> be covered and padded in a manner approved by the Commission and <u>shall not</u> be abrasive to the contestants. The fence <u>shall</u> provide two separate entries onto the fighting area	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute



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		canvas. Both doors <u>shall</u> have a "clasp and pin" or similarly approved dual locking system and steps that facilitate safe entry and exit.		
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	<b>(4) Equipment.</b> All appropriate equipment <u>shall</u> be approved at the discretion of the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(5) (a) Pre-fight hand wraps. All mixed martial arts contestants <u>shall</u> be required to gauze and tape their hands prior to all contests. In all weight classes, the bandages on each contestant's hand <u>shall</u> be restricted to soft gauze cloth not more than 15 yards in length and two inches in width, held in place by not more than 10 feet of surgeon's tape, one inch in width, for each hand. Surgeon's adhesive tape <u>shall</u> be placed directly on each hand for protection near the wrist.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(5) (a) 2. The bandages <u>shall</u> be evenly distributed across the hand. Bandages and tape <u>shall</u> be placed on a contestant's hands in the dressing room in the presence of the chief second of his or her opponent.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(5) (a) 4. Substances other than surgeon's tape and soft gauze <u>shall not</u> be utilized. (Example) Pre-wraps <u>shall not</u> be used.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(6) (a) Mouth piece requirements. All contestants are required to wear a mouth piece during competition. The mouthpiece <u>shall</u> be subject to examination and approval by the attending physician. The round cannot begin without the mouthpiece in place. In the event that the mouth pieces come out of a competitor's mouth during the action of a round, the referee <u>shall</u> wait until a break in the natural fighting action and escort the fighter to his corner to have his mouthpiece replaced. Intentionally spitting out a mouthpiece is grounds for penalization or disqualification.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(7) (b) Female mixed martial artists may wear a chest protector or other properly fitted sports bra during competition. Chest protectors <u>shall</u> be subject to the approval of the commission	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(7)(c) All contestants, male and female, <u>shall</u> wear groin protection during competition.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(7)(d) Contestants may choose between a MMA Cup or a traditional boxing style protector. Groin protection <u>shall</u> be subject to the approval of the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(8) (a) Glove condition. The gloves shall be in good condition for all contests or they must be replaced.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(8) (b) Glove weights. All contestants shall wear gloves at least six ounces supplied by the promoter and approved by the Commission. No contestant shall supply his or her own gloves for participation unless approved by the Commission	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-06	Ring and Equipment	(9) (a) Acceptable attire. Each contestant shall wear mixed martial arts shorts, biking shorts, or kickboxing shorts. Shorts with a grLp panel are not permitted. Shorts with metal parts are not permitted unless properly covered.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	(2) <b>Pre-Match Instructions.</b> Referees shall meet with the contestants and with each chief second appointed by the contestants prior to the beginning of the match, contest, or exhibition and during that meeting shall inform each party of the rules applicable to each fight as well as the in-ring/in-cage conduct expected from each contestant and se ond assisting in the corner of each contestant.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	(3) <b>Pre-Bout Confirmation of Officials, Physician, and Ring/Cage Certification.</b> Prior to calling for the sounding of the bell to begin each bout, the referee in the ring will confirm that the ringside physician as well as each judge assigned to the bout is in place at ringside. Prior to calling for the sounding of the bell to begin each bout, the referee <u>shall</u> also certify the ring or cage is in a safe condition to sustain competition and in compliance with the guideline set forth by the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	(4) <b>Touching Contestants.</b> The referee <u>shall not</u> touch the competing amateur mixed martial artists except when one or both fails to obey the break command, or at such time as to break one contestants hold on the other upon a physical or verbal tap out submission, or when necessary to protect the safety of one or both competitors.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	(5) <b>Saved by the Bell due to a Lock or Hold.</b> An amateur mixed martial artist <u>shall</u> be saved by the bell in any round including the final round of any contest, when the contestant is being controlled by a lock or hold intended to force the other contestant to submit.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>(6) Amateur Mixed Martial Artists Knocked out of the Ring.</b> Any amateur mixed martial artist knocked out of the ring unintentionally by a legal technique <u>shall</u> receive a twenty (20) second count. During the time that any such amateur mixed martial artist is outside the ring, he or she <u>shall not</u> be assisted by any member of their corner and such assistance, if offered, <u>shall</u> end -the match, contest, or exhibition with that amateur mixed martial artist losing by a technical knockout.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	<p style="text-align: center;">(6) (a) As a general precaution to protect the safety of the amateur mixed martial artists and to prevent any potential injury, an amateur mixed martial artist knocked out of the ring may have his or her fall stopped or slowed by any person without penalty, provided that such assistance <u>shall only</u> be to prevent injury from the fall and not to assist the boxer in returning to the ring.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	<p style="text-align: center;">(7) <b>Standing Eight Count.</b> There <u>shall</u> be no standing eight (8) count.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>(8) Failure to Answer Bell.</b> A contestant <u>shall not</u> leave the ring or cage during any 1 minute rest period between rounds. If any contestant fails or refuses to resume competition when the bell sounds signaling the commencement of the next round, the referee <u>shall</u> award a decision</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		of technical knockout to his opponent as of the round which has last been finished.		
165-X-3-07	Officials, Chief Inspector, Corner Inspectors, Referees, Judges, and Timekeepers	(8)(b) The referee <u>shall</u> have the authority to stop a contest at any time if one of the competitors is unable or no longer able to defend himself or herself.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(2) <b>Number of Bouts Per Card.</b> Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, promoters <u>shall</u> have no fewer than eight (8) contests on an individual card. Cards with more than twelve (12) contests must be approved by the Commission. The Commission may require additional officials to be present when a card has more than twelve (12) contests	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(3) (a) Amateur mixed martial artist <u>shall</u> be divided into the following classes (all weights in pounds)	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(4)(a) Weigh-in Procedures. In all contests and exhibitions, contestants <u>shall</u> have the option to weigh-in in the presence of each other and each other's coach. The official weigh-in <u>shall not</u> take place less than six (6) hours nor more than thirty-six (36) hours prior to the contest or exhibition.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(4)(b) Official Weigh-Ins <u>shall</u> be conducted at a time and place approved by the promoter hosting the contest or exhibition. The time and location must be submitted to the Commission no less than seven (7) days prior to the weigh-in for approval. Attendance to official weigh-ins is strictly limited to promotional staff, participants, coaches, licensed organization representative, and Commission officials.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(4)(d) Each card <u>shall</u> have one official weigh-in. A promoter may request additional official weigh-ins for one card. The Chief Inspector also <u>shall</u> determine if an additional weigh-in may be held.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(4)(e)1. Weight Class Restrictions. Competitors who have missed their contract or agreed upon weight more than once, <u>shall</u> have their weight class for competition restricted. A competitor who misses weight more than once <u>shall</u> be required to compete in a higher weight class until a physician certifies they may safely compete at a lower weight classification.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(4)(e)1.(a) Missed weights <u>shall</u> be noted on a competitor's official record on the ABC Mixed Martial Arts Database.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(4) (e)1. (b) Competitors with weight class restrictions <u>shall</u> be noted on the ABC Mixed Martial Arts Database.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(4) (e)2. Early Weigh-Ins may be used to all competitors the maximum time for rehydration and mental preparation for their competition. When conducted, early weigh-ins <u>shall</u> be the official weigh-in and may be conducted up to thirty-six (36) hours prior to competition.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(4)(e)3. A secondary weigh-in <u>shall</u> occur on the day of the event to ensure competitors have not gained more than ten percent (10%) of their body weight back in the time between the official weigh-in and the event. Competitors who gain more than the ten percent (10%) of their weight back between the official weigh-in and their fight may still be allowed to compete but may be required to move up in weight classes for future matches, bouts, or exhibitions.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(5) <b>Consumables Before and During the Contest.</b> Water <u>shall</u> be used to hydrate an amateur mixed martial artist between rounds. Honey, electrolyte glucose, sugar or any other substance mixed with water is prohibited. Contestants should not consume energy drinks on the date of the contest.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute



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165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(6) (a) Number of seconds allowed per fight. Each amateur mixed martial artist must have two (2) seconds, unless the Commission permits otherwise. Each contestant <u>shall</u> have one chief second and each chief second must have a complete first aid kit. The seconds must be neatly attired.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(6)(b) Leaving the Ring or Cage: When seconds leaving the ring. Seconds <u>shall</u> leave the ring or cage enclosure at the sound of the timekeeper's whistle. They <u>shall</u> leave the ring or cage platform promptly when the bell sounds for the beginning of each round and immediately remove all obstructions, including stools, buckets, and any other corner equipment. None of these articles <u>shall</u> be replaced on the ring floor until the bell has sounded the end of a round.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(6) (c) Leaving the Ring or Cage: When seconds leaving the ring. Seconds shall leave the ring or cage enclosure at the sound of the timekeeper's whistle. They <u>shall</u> leave the ring or cage platform promptly when the bell sounds for the beginning of each round and immediately remove all obstructions, including stools, buckets, and any other corner equipment. None of these articles	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		shall be replaced on the ring floor until the bell has sounded the end of a round.		
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(8) (b) 3. Bouts contested between one fighter who has two (2) fights or less, and one fighter who has more than two (2) fights, shall be contested using novice division rules.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(8) (b) 4. Fighters who have more than two (2) fights may not qualify for bouts using advance division rules if they do not have a winning record. The decision shall be made by the Executive Director.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(8) (b) 5. Decisions regarding the qualifying amateur fighters for Advanced Division Rule status shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(9)(a)1.(ii) If a fighter is caught holding the fence, cage or ring rope material the referee shall issue a one-point deduction from the offending fighter's scorecard if the foul caused a substantial change in position such as the avoidance of a takedown.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(9)(a)5. Eye gouging. Eye gouging of any kind by means of fingers, chin, or elbows is illegal. Legal strikes or punches that	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		contact the fighter's eye socket are not eye gouging and <u>shall</u> be considered legal attacks.		
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(9)(a)22. Attacking an opponent on or during the break. A fighter <u>shall not</u> engage their opponent in any fashion during a time-out or break of action in competition.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(9) (a) 26 Throwing an opponent out of the cage or ring fighting area. A fighter <u>shall not</u> throw their opponent out of the cage.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(10)(a)1.(ii) If a fighter is caught holding the fence, cage or ring rope material, the referee <u>shall</u> issue a one-point deduction from the offending fighter's scorecard, if the foul caused a substantial change in position such as the avoidance of a takedown.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(10)(a)5. Eye gouging. Eye gouging of any kind by means of fingers, chin, or elbows is illegal. Legal strikes or punches that contact the fighter's eye socket are not eye gouging and <u>shall</u> be considered legal attacks.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(10)(a)22 Attacking an opponent on or during the break. A fighter <u>shall not</u> engage their opponent in any fashion during a time-out or break of action in competition.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(10) (a) 26. Throwing an opponent out of the cage or ring fighting area. A fighter <u>shall not</u> throw their opponent out of the cage.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(12) <b>Foul. Procedures.</b> If a foul is committed, the referee shall:	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(12)(d)1. The referee <u>shall</u> verbally notify the bottom contestant of the foul.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(12)(d)2. When the round is over, the referee <u>shall</u> assess the foul and notify both corner's seconds, the judges, and the official scorekeeper.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(12) (d) 3. The referee may terminate a bout based on the severity of a foul. For such a flagrant foul, a contestant <u>shall</u> lose by disqualification.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(12) <b>Time Considerations for a Low Blow Foul.</b> A fighter who has been struck with a low blow is allowed up to five (5) minutes to	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		<p>recover from the foul as long as in the ringside doctor's opinion the fighter may possibly continue on in the contest. If the fighter states that they can continue on before the five minutes has expired, the referee <u>shall</u> as soon as practical restart the fight. If the fighter goes over the five minute time allotment the fight cannot be restarted and the contest must come to an end with the outcome determined by the round and time in which the fight was stopped.</p>		
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	<p>(14) (a) Accidental Foul. If a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts is stopped because of an accidental foul, the referee <u>shall</u> determine whether the unarmed combatant who has been fouled can continue or not. If the unarmed combatant's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of the foul and if the foul did not involve a concussive impact to the head of the unarmed combatant who has been fouled, the Referee may order the contest or exhibition continued after a recuperative interval of not more than 5 minutes. Unlike the low blow foul rule, the fighter does not have up to 5 minutes of time to use at their discretion.</p> <p>Immediately after separating the unarmed combatants, the Referee <u>shall</u> call in the ringside doctor if necessary and inform the scorekeeper of his determination that the foul was accidental</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>

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165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	<p>(14)(b) Illegal Foul. If a fighter is fouled in a way that the referee deems is not an accident, the referee should stop the action and call for time. The referee may take the injured fighter to the ringside doctor and have the ringside doctor examine the fighter as to their ability to continue on in the contest. The ringside doctor has up to 5 minutes to make their evaluation. If the ringside doctor determines that the fighter can continue in the contest, the referee shall, as soon as practical, restart the fight. Unlike the low blow foul rule, the fighter does not have up to 5 minutes of time to use at their discretion. Foul not subject to five minute rule. For a foul other than a low blow, the fouled fighter is not guaranteed 5 minutes of recovery time. If deemed not fit to continue by the referee or ringside physician, the referee must immediately call a halt to the bout. If the fighter is deemed not fit to continue by the referee or ringside physician but some of the five minute foul time is still remaining, the fighter cannot avail himself of the remaining time. If the referee stops the contest and employs the use of the ringside doctor, the ringside physician's examinations shall not exceed five minutes. If five minutes is exceeded, the fight cannot be re-started and the contest must end.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>

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165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(16)(b) Self-Inflicted Injury. If an injury that is considered self-inflicted occurs, and it is severe enough to terminate the bout, the injured contestant <u>shall</u> lose by technical knockout.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(17)(a) A physician may enter the ring and advise the referee but <u>shall</u> have no authority to stop a fight.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(18)(c) Judges <u>shall</u> evaluate mixed martial arts techniques, such as effective striking/grappling, effective aggressiveness, and control of the fighting area.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(18)(d) Evaluations <u>shall</u> be made in the specific order in which the techniques appear in (c) above, giving the most weight in scoring to effective striking/grappling, and effective aggressiveness, and control of the fighting area.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(18)(g)1. The following objective scoring criteria <u>shall</u> be utilized by the judges when scoring a round:	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(18)(g)1.(v) Judges <u>shall</u> use a sliding scale and recognize the length of time the	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute

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		fighters are either standing or on the ground, as follows:		
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(19)(h) Technical Draw. When an injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul causes the injured contestant to be unable to continue and the injured contestant is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage; or; in Double Knockout Situations, the referee <u>shall</u> stop a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat at any stage if the referee determines that both unarmed combatants are in such a condition that to continue might subject the unarmed combatants to serious injury;	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(20)(a) Contestants to Leave Ring. When the decision of the referee or judges has been announced both contestants and their corners <u>shall</u> at once leave the ring or cage and retire to their dressing rooms.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(20) (c) Finality of the Decision. A decision rendered at the end of any amateur mixed martial arts contest is final and <u>shall not be</u> changed unless the Commission determines that any of the following occurred:	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(20)(c)4. Video Instant-Replay. When available, video instant-replay may be used	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute



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		<p>to ensure the accuracy of a fight ending sequence and at no other point in the bout. Once video instant-replay <i>is</i> employed, the bout, match, or exhibition is over. When used, the Chief Inspector <u>shall</u> review whether the cause of the bouts end was by means of legal or illegal striking. Bouts ending due to illegal (intentional or unintentional foul) <u>shall</u> be settled in the manner listed in the chapter above. The secondary referee, outside the ring, may consult with the Chief Inspector on the correct outcome of the bout, but the decision rests solely with the Chief Inspector.</p>		
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	<p>((20)(d) Appeal of Decision. A competitor may appeal the decision of the contest to the Commission. A written appeal must be submitted to the Commission within five (5) business days of the contest. The appeal <u>shall</u> be addressed according to the rules and regulations of the Commission.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	<p>(20)(e) A petition to change a decision. A petition <u>shall</u> be in writing and filed by the contestants manager to the Commission within five (5) business days from the date the decision was rendered. The petition <u>shall</u> be addressed according to the rules of the Commission.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>

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165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(21) (a) 1. The Commission's Executive Director shall review and certify all individual fight results before they are submitted to the national registry.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-08	Officials conduct of Contest Match or Exhibition	(21)(a)3. Any contest not certified by the Commission shall be listed as a non-sanctioned fight in the fighter's official record.	1975 § 41-9-1024	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	<b>(1) (d) Participant Application Due Date.</b> Except as provided in 165-X-2-.03(a) below, all participant applications must be submitted prior to the first match, contest, or exhibition in which the applicant intends to participate in this state.	1975 § 41-9-1030	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	<b>(1)(j) Prohibited Communication with Individual Commissioners.</b> Anyone wishing to communicate with members of the Commission must notify the executive director of the Commission two (2) weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Timely written notices will be added to the meeting's agenda. Any person wishing to address the Commission shall be given the opportunity to do so during the new business section of the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting	1975 § 41-9-1030	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	<b>(3)(a) Promoter's License..</b> Application	1975 § 41-9-1030	0

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		for a promoter's license <u>must</u> be made in writing and received by the Commission no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed date for promoting any professional match, contest, or exhibition in this state.		Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	(3)(a)5. Promoters are prohibited from participating in any match, contest, or exhibition that they are promoting without approval from the Commission. Any promoter that is approved to participate in a match, contest, or exhibition <u>must</u> obtain the appropriate participant license from the Commission.	1975 § 41-9-1030	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	(3)(a)8. Co-promoters <u>must</u> obtain a promoters license prior to promoting any professional match, contest, or exhibition in this state.	1975 § 41-9-1030	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	(3)(a)11. Any co-promoter of a mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition shall obtain a promoter license from the Commission. There shall be no limitation on the number of days prior to a match, contest or exhibition when a co-promoter's application may be submitted to the Commission, however, the application <u>must</u> be submitted thirty (30) days prior to promoting the match, contest or exhibition.	1975 § 41-9-1030	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	(3)(b)1. Applications for a match permit	1975 § 41-9-1030	0

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		<p><u>must</u> be made in writing and received by the Commission at least 30 days in advance of the date for such professional mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition. Any licensed promoter who has held a professional mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition in the state within the previous twelve months may apply for subsequent match permits no less than 15 days in advance of the proposed date of each subsequent professional mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition.</p>		Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	<p>(3)(B)3.(ii) The promoter <u>must</u> complete and submit to the Commission a Match Permit Fee Form provided by the Commission at the conclusion of the match, contest, or exhibition. The Commission will calculate the Permit Fee and notify the promoter.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1030	0 Required by Statute
165-X-3-02	Licenses	<p>(3)(c)1. A person who wishes to promote a match, contest or exhibition for charitable purposes <u>must</u> file with the Commission letter of intent to present the match, contest or exhibition as benefiting a charitable organization. The letter of intent <u>must</u> contain the name of the charity, charitable fund, or organization which is to benefit from the match, contest or exhibition and the amount expected to be paid to the charity. The letter of intent <u>must</u> be signed by the promoter and co-signed by an authorized representative of</p>	1975 § 41-9-1030	0 Required by Statute

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		<p>the charity to benefit from the match, contest or exhibition. No match permit shall be issued for a charitable match, contest, or exhibition without full financial disclosure of all promoters and charitable organizations involved, including all contracts and proposals between all licensees, officials, and parties involved.</p>		
165-X-3-04	Medical Requirements	<p>(1) (a) 1. All mixed martial artists intended to compete in Alabama who have competed in over two-hundred (200) rounds during their career, according to the number of rounds disclosed on such mixed martial artist's official cage or ring record, and prior to competing in Alabama, must submit to the Commission the results of a detailed neurological examination performed within the previous twelve (12) months by a board certified and state licensed neurologist.</p>	1975 § 41-9-1024	<p style="text-align: center;">0 Required by Statute</p>

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