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# ARIZONA BOXING & MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COMMISSION THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING REVISED AGENDA

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Arizona Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts ("MMA") Commission ("Commission") may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney on any matter listed on the agenda. Any such Executive Session will not be open to the public and may be conducted in a separate meeting.

- A. Call to Order: Roll Call
- B. New Business: Review, discussion and possible action on: Specifically, relating to the Boxing event requested by Team Combat League, LLLP (Team Combat League), to be held at Arizona Athletic Grounds in Mesa, AZ on Saturday, May 24, 2025, the Commission may consider approval of the following:
  - Pursuant to A.A.C. R19-2-D601(A) (which allows for rule alteration if either the event venue dictates such or nationally-accepted rules permit, and if the alteration would not compromise the safety of the combatants), a request by Team Combat League for approval by the Commission to alter A.A.C. R19-2-D602(H)(1)(f) relating to the number of knockdowns in a round as follows:
    - **a.** Whereas, A.A.C. R19-2-D602(H)(1)(f) states in part, "When a contestant is knocked down for the third time in a round, the referee shall stop the bout," Team Combat League requests that this rule be altered to limit the number of knockdowns in a single-round bout to a maximum of two.
  - **2.** Pursuant to A.A.C. R19-2-D601(A) (which allows for rule alteration if either the event venue dictates such or nationally-accepted rules permit, and if the alteration would not compromise the safety of the combatants), a request by Team Combat League for approval by the Commission to alter A.A.C. R19-2-D602(I) relating to the method of judging as follows:
    - **a.** Whereas, A.A.C. R19-2-D602(I)(1) states in part, "The method of judging shall be the 10-point must system. In this system the better contestant receives 10 points and the opponent proportionately less, but not less than 7 points." Team Combat League requests that this rule be altered to permit a score of 9-8 when an even exchange of knockdowns occurs between the boxers in a single-round bout.
  - **3.** Pursuant to A.A.C. R19-2-D601(B), a request by Team Combat League for special approval by the Commission regarding time between bouts.
    - **a.** Whereas, A.A.C. R19-2-D601(B) states, "Unless special approval is obtained from the Commission, a contestant shall not be allowed to compete until the following time periods have elapsed: 1. Five days, if the contestant has competed anywhere in a bout of six rounds or less; or 2. Ten days, if the contestant has competed anywhere in a bout of more than six rounds." Team Combat League requests special approval by the Commission to permit a combatant to compete in a maximum of two single-round bouts in a single day. The Executive Director views the request as reasonable so long as the two single-round bouts in a single day are not consecutive bouts, and in light of A.R.S. § 5-233(A), every combatant in a bout is required to undergo a pre- and post-bout physical examination.
- C. Information Reports: Review, discussion, and possible future action on:
  - 1. The following Team Combat League rules pertain exclusively to its Tournament structure, as opposed to the official ruling, decision, or result of each bout made by the judges or the referee based upon the methods outlined in A.A.C. Title 19, Chapter 2, Part D, which will be the official result submitted to the

official registry (BoxRec). Therefore, the following Team Combat League rules would not be used by the official judges during a bout, but would only be used by Team Combat League solely for purposes of allocating points as they relate to the Tournament outcome.

- **a.** When a knockout or technical knockout occurs in a bout, or a boxer is knocked down two times in a single bout, a Tournament score of 10-7 will be allocated by Team Combat League.
- **b.** Additionally, Team Combat League will allocate Tournament points as follows:
  - i. Prior to Tournament Round 1 beginning, if a Team does not have a boxer to compete in any given Tournament Launch or Middle Rounds, a Tournament score of 10-9 will be allocated by Team Combat League.
  - ii. Once Tournament Round 1 begins, if a boxer scheduled to compete in the Tournament Launch or Middle Rounds fails to appear in the ring and compete in their designated round, a Tournament score of 10-7 will be allocated by Team Combat League.
  - iii. If a boxer scheduled to compete in the Tournament Money Rounds loses a bout by way of disqualification, knockout, technical knockout, or where the boxer was knocked down 2 times during the Tournament Launch or Middle Rounds, the boxer's eligibility to compete in the Tournament Money Rounds is lost, a Tournament score of 10-9 will be allocated by Team Combat League.
  - iv. If a boxer scheduled to compete in the Tournament Money Rounds cannot compete due to any other outcome during the Tournament Launch or Middle Rounds (e.g. recipient of head-butt, low-blow, or other foul), a Tournament score of 10-10 will be allocated by Team Combat League.
- Pursuant to A.A.C. R19-2-D602(J), regarding the number and duration of rounds in a boxing bout, A.A.C. R19-2-D602(J) states, "1. The number of rounds in a boxing bout shall not exceed a maximum of 12, AND 2. The duration of each round shall be a maximum of three minutes, followed by a one-minute rest period after each non-final round."
  - **a.** Whereas, no alteration is necessary under A.A.C. R19-2-D602(J), for purposes of public disclosure and for clarification, the Executive Director views the Team Combat League's format of single-round bouts of a three minute duration as acceptable and not inconsistent with A.A.C. R19-2-D602(J).

## D. Call to the Public:

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission must attend via video conference and either utilize the "RAISE HAND" function or message the meeting host directly to be recognized by the Chair. **Time permitting**; each presenter will be given approximately <u>five minutes to speak</u>. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H).

### E. Call to the Commission:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K), Commission Members or the Executive Director may introduce a summary of current events, ask questions, and/or make comments. Commission Members or the Executive Director must be recognized by the Chair.

F. Announcements: The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be held virtually via Google Meets at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, and is subject to change based on a quorum.

### G. Adjournment

### Materials

A copy of the agenda and background material and Commission packets (excluding materials exempt from public inspection) will be available at least 24-hours in advance of the meeting, at the Department of Gaming, located at 100 N. 15th Avenue, Suite 202, Phoenix, AZ 85007 and may also be available on the <u>Boxing and MMA Commission webpage</u>.

### Notices

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, the <u>Boxing and MMA Commission</u> ensures that all public meeting notices are posted electronically at least 24-hours in advance of the meeting on the <u>Boxing and MMA Commission webpage</u>. Additionally, a physical copy of public meeting notices will be posted on the exterior bulletin board at the entrance of the <u>Arizona</u> <u>Department of Gaming, 100 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 202, Phoenix, AZ 85007</u>.