



## News Release

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### 31st Annual National Conference in Scottsdale Dedicated to the Memory of Senator John McCain Draws Record Attendance

Phoenix – A record number of state and tribal athletic commissioners from across the nation and globe will come together this week in Scottsdale, Arizona for the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (ABC) 31st Annual Conference. ABC dedicated this year’s national conference, which runs from Saturday, July 27, 2019, through Wednesday, July 31, 2019, to the late Senator John McCain.

ABC will welcome hundreds of officials to the most highly attended annual conference in its 31-year history. During the five-day event hosted at the Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, officials will review and discuss the latest trends in combative sports regulation and fighter safety. The conference agenda (<https://www.abcboxing.com/2019-conference-agenda/>) includes association business items and specialized training sessions for both boxing and mixed martial arts officials.

“We are looking forward to record participation at this year’s annual conference, dedicated to the late Senator John McCain, who was instrumental in passing federal legislation, known as the Mohammed Ali Act, which provides protections for fighters in the United States,” said ABC President Mike Mazzulli. “We couldn’t be more proud to host the conference in Senator McCain’s home state of Arizona.”

“Some of the world’s top athletes, officials and fighting promoters will attend, which gives Arizona the opportunity to demonstrate why we are a preferred destination for hosting these sporting events,” said Francisco Meneses, Jr., Executive Director, Arizona Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission. “The timing for the conference couldn’t be better; visiting officials will not only participate in a world-class conference, but they will also have the opportunity to attend two Arizona Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission-sanctioned events during their stay.”

View Arizona’s list of sanctioned unarmed combat sporting events: <http://bit.ly/2CombatSportEventsAZ>.

#### About ADG

Established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1995, ADG is the state regulatory agency for [tribal gaming](#), [racing and pari-mutuel/simulcast wagering](#), and [unarmed combat sports](#). ADG also provides and supports education, prevention and treatment programs for people and families affected by problem gambling through its [Division of Problem Gambling](#) and 24-hour confidential helpline, 1-800-NEXT-STEP.

#### About ABC

ABC (<https://www.abcboxing.com/>) is a federally-mandated, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity whose mission is to help create rules, regulations, and suggestions to state legislatures to help protect the health and welfare of combat sports athletes.

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