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### **Arizona Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission Announces First Boxing State Championship Match Since 2002**

*Who will be Arizona's next State Boxing Title Champ? Find Out October 20, 2018!*

PHOENIX – Today officials of the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) and Arizona Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission announced approval of the first State Boxing Championship Title fight since 2002. The Commission signed off on Iron Boy Promotions—Iron Boy 47, which matches super flyweight contenders, Adrian “Sharky” Servin and Edgar “El Torito” Ortiz, in a six-round bout on Saturday, October 20, 2018, at Celebrity Theatre in Phoenix, Arizona.

In late August 2018, the Commission announced its plans to bring back a State Championship for boxing and establish a first-ever State Championship for mixed martial arts (MMA). Then, in September, the Commission set forth a specific policy for promoters, matchmakers, and unarmed combatants to follow for State Championship Title events, including its role in supporting these high profile sanctioned events.

“We’re ecstatic that we’ve sanctioned our first State Boxing Championship since 2002, within days of approving the policy,” said Arizona Boxing & MMA Commission Chairman Scott Fletcher. “We look forward to a new super flyweight Boxing State Champion later this month.”

“We developed the State Championship Title policy to provide clear guidance and the process for successful events,” said Francisco Meneses, Jr., Commission Executive Director. “We encourage promoters and other interested parties to help us create more unarmed combat sport State Champions in Arizona.”



Arizona’s first Boxing State Championship was in 1925 and featured Young Dutch vs Allen Whitlow. Dutch won and received the first Arizona State Featherweight Title. Regular Boxing State Championships continued in Arizona until the Anthony Bartinelli vs Charles Davis match in June 2002. Bartinelli’s win earned him the Arizona State Super Middleweight Title. Arizona has no record of a previous State Championship for MMA.

Learn more:

- [Arizona Boxing & MMA Commission State Championship Policy](#)
- Arizona Administrative Code ([A.A.C. R19-2-B602](#)) requirements for unarmed combat sport State Championships.

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#### **About ADG**

Established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1995, ADG is the state regulatory agency for [tribal gaming](#), [pari-mutuel racing and wagering](#), and [boxing and mixed martial arts](#). 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.