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Re: PARTICIPATION IN UNSANCTIONED EVENTS

To whom it may concern,

The Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission (the “Commission”) hereby gives notice that it will begin to impose sanctions, such as fines and/or suspensions, for individuals licensed with the Commission that participate, in any capacity, in unsanctioned events in the State of Arizona. In addition, any fighter that competes in any such unsanctioned event will be required to obtain new physicals, including bloodwork, before competing in a Commission-sanctioned event. As a recognized Commission of the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (“ABC”), any sanction imposed will be reported to ABC and is enforceable by other recognized Commissions.

An event is considered to be unsanctioned if the event is not approved by an authorized sanctioning body. The Commission has jurisdiction over professional boxing, mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, and kickboxing events in the State of Arizona. Per Arizona Revised Statutes, § 5-222(A)(4), and the current regulations thereunder, only the United States Muay Thai association is authorized to sanction Muay Thai events. The Commission also has regulatory authority over tribal lands if there is an Inter-Governmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the tribe. Some tribes may have their own regulatory body.

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 5-227(A)(2): **Jurisdiction of Commission**; “The commission shall: Have sole control, authority and jurisdiction over all licenses required by this chapter.”

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, § 5-235.01(A): **Disciplinary Action**; “The commission may take any one or a combination of the following disciplinary actions:

1. Revoke a license.
2. Suspend a license.
3. Impose a civil penalty in an amount of not to exceed one thousand dollars per violation of this chapter.”

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, § 5-236(A)(1): **Violation**; “A person is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor and may be subject to license revocation, denial or suspension if the person:

1. Conducts, holds, sponsors, sanctions or gives boxing or other contests that are subject to regulation by the commission or participates in any contest that is subject to regulation by the commission without first having procured an appropriate license or approval as prescribed in this article.
2. Violates any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter.”

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, § 13-707(A)(2): **Misdemeanors**; “A sentence of imprisonment for a misdemeanor shall be for a definite term to be served other than a place within custody of the state department of corrections. The court shall fix the term of imprisonment within the following maximum limitations: For a class 2 misdemeanor, four months.”

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, § 13-802(B): **Fines for misdemeanors**; “A sentence to pay a fine for a class 2 misdemeanor shall be a sentence to pay an amount, fixed by the court, not more than seven hundred fifty dollars.”

As stated above, individuals licensed with the Commission that continue to participate in unsanctioned events after this notice may be subject to fines and/or suspensions. For a list of current Commission sanctioned events, please visit our website at <https://boxingandmma.az.gov/>, or contact us via phone at 602-364-1721.

Regards,



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