Department of Consumer Affairs
California State Athletic Commission

COMMISSION MEETING
May 16, 2017
Anaheim, CA

Chairman John Carvelli
Vice Chair Mary Lehman
Commissioner John Frierson
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez
Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter
Commissioner Vernon Williams
Commissioner Luis Ayala
Executive Officer Andy Foster
COMMISION MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
10:00 a.m. - Conclusion of Business

Location:
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Anaheim Resort
Tuscany (A) Meeting Room
2085 South Harbor Boulevard
Anaheim, CA 92802

ORDER OF ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OPEN SESSION
1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Welcome - Chairman’s opening remarks
3. Approval of the March 13, 2017, Commission Teleconference Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of the March 14, 2017, Commission Meeting Minutes
5. Business and Professions Code section 18640.5 requires the Commission to invite stakeholder testimony at Commission meetings in order to identify actions that may lead to greater opportunities for licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests
6. Executive Officer’s Report
   a. Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund, and Pension Program
   b. Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations
      • Payment of Contestants (Amendment to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 232.)
      • Headgear (Adoption of Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 610)
      • Dehydration and Rehydration (Adoption of Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 299.)
c. Status Update of Delegated Entities
   • California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organizations (CAMO)
   • USA Boxing (USA Boxing)
   • United States Fight League (USFL)
   • International Kickboxing Federation (IKF)

d. Update on C3 Logix Sports Concussion Management Program

e. Upcoming Event Schedule and discussion regarding event activity

7. Pension Fund Subcommittee (Commissioners Lehman and Ayala)

8. Review and approval of Commission 10 Point Plan to address severe dehydration from extreme weight cutting in mixed martial arts

9. Review and possible action of Petition to Change the Decision for Josh Thompson vs. Patricky Friere at the Bellator event on February 17, 2017, in San Jose, CA.

10. Review and possible action of Petition to Change the Decision for Ivan Redkach vs. Algenis Mendez at the TGB Promotions event on May 2, 2017, in Studio City, CA.

11. Public comment on items not on the agenda.
   (The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting pursuant to Government Code §§ 11125, 11125.7(a))

12. Next meeting scheduled for August 15, 2017

13. ADJOURNMENT

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OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 1 – Call the meeting to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Establishment of Quorum
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome – Chairman’s opening remarks
Chairman Carvelli welcomed everyone to the teleconference meeting.
Agenda Item 3 – Election of Officers for 2017 Pursuant to the Requirements of Business and Professions §18606
Commissioner Vernon Williams motioned to re-elect John Carvelli for Chairman.

Commissioner Frierson seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Commissioner Vernon Williams nominated to re-elect Mary Lehman for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Frierson seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item – ADJOURNMENT
Meeting Adjourned.
Agenda Item #4
CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
10:00 a.m. - Conclusion of Business

Location:
Ronald Reagan Building - Auditorium
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Commissioners Present
Chair John Carvelli
Commissioner Vernon Williams, MD
Commissioner John Frierson
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez
Commissioner Luis Ayala
Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter

Staff Present
Andy Foster, Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Legal Counsel
Heather Jackson, CSAC Office Staff

Commissioners Absent
Vice Chair Mary Lehman

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 1 – Call the meeting to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance/
Establishment of Quorum
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome – Chairman’s opening remarks
Chairman Carvelli welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the Athletic Commission’s fund balance appears to be in good standing. He continued by expressing much concern with the continuous weight-cutting and dehydration issues happening in the industry and that it is something the Commission will continue to address moving forward.
Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the December 16, 2016, Commission Meeting Minutes
Revisions to the meeting minutes were discussed and approved. A public comment was heard from Mr. Greg Patchell regarding the delegated entities.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the December 16, 2016, Commission Meeting minutes as amended.

Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Business and Professions Code section 18640.5 requires the Commission to invite stakeholder testimony at Commission meetings in order to identify actions that may lead to greater opportunities for licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests
There were no comments for this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

a. Budget Update for the Support Fund (including DCA and State Pro Rata), the Neurological Fund, and Pension Program
Executive Officer (EO) Foster reported that the Commission’s budget through Fiscal Month 7 (January) is $934,623 in revenue, $852,594 in expenditures, and that the current fund balance (reserve fund) for economic uncertainties is $1,127,960. He further reported that there have been increased expenses in inspector costs associated with C3 Logix testing, UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory, and Request-A-Test out of competition drug testing will appear in the next budget report.

He explained that the Governor’s budget for FY 17-18 was released and the pro rata charges paid to the DCA and to the state were increased again for FY 17-18. Consequently, he and the Chairman had a meeting with the DCA budget office so that the process could be explained. As a result, DCA’s budget analyst, Taylor Schick, assured Chairman Carvelli and EO Foster that they will have more input with the next budget cycle regarding how the DCA pro rata is calculated.

Last, EO Foster reported that the Department of Finance approved the Commission’s Budget Change Proposal that allows the Commission to request additional funding for inspectors and travel costs associated with regulating the events. However, the Legislature approval is still pending and a hearing is scheduled with the Assembly Sub 4 budget committee on March 28, 2017.

EO Foster provided a summary of the pending regulations.

• Payment to Contestants
  a. No updates since the last meeting. The Rulemaking file was published by OAL on August 12, 2016 and a public hearing was held on September 26, 2016. The final package was submitted to Legal Counsel for review and approval on October 31, 2016.
• Examination of Boxer Applicants and Neurological Assessment  
  a. EO Foster explained that this is a separate item later in the agenda.

• Headgear – EMERGENCY Regulation  
  a. The Final Rulemaking File was approved by DCA and Agency on January 26, 2017 and submitted to OAL for final review and approval on February 10, 2017.

• Weighing Time, Time for Physical Examinations, and Dehydration and Rehydration – EMERGENCY Regulation  
  a. The Rulemaking file was published by OAL on July 29, 2016 and a public hearing was held on September 12, 2016. The final package was submitted to DCA for approval on October 31, 2016.

• Technical Zone  
  a. EO Foster explained that after the last changes that were made to the proposed language by the Commission and further discussion with Legal Counsel, it was determined that this regulation proposal would duplicate existing regulations. On March 3, 2017, a memorandum was sent to all Ringside Physicians and Lead Athletic Inspectors giving direction and clarification of California Code of Regulations section 294, Emergency Equipment Required.

c. Status Update of Delegated Entities

• California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization (CAMO)  
  Mr. JT Steele, President, reported the status of CAMO’s operations, mentioning that in the last 6 months they have been working on changing the California State Championship structure. He explained that under this new linear structure, the competitors must beat the current State Champion to win the belt. He further reported that within the next couple of months their new website will be live. With the new website update, licensing online and on smartphones will be an option as well as allowing more flexibility on their administrative side. Last, he confirmed CAMO’s non-profit status, as requested.

• USA Boxing  
  Mr. Joe Zanders, USA Boxing National Coach, presented on behalf of Mr. Mike McAtee, Interim Executive Officer. He explained that USA Boxing continues to hold outstanding State and Regional championship competitions and that out of all the events last year, they experience only two injuries to their officials and none for any of their competitors.

• International Kickboxing Federation (IKF)  
  Mr. Steve Fossum, President, was unable to attend the meeting. EO Foster presented the Commission with his written report submitted in the meeting materials.

• United State Fight League (USFL)  
  Mr. John Frank, President, reported that USFL held their first event for the year on February 4, 2017, reporting that with regard to AB2007, that event successfully completed 100% compliance for all competitors and coaches. He requested that the Commission consider allowing a fee change for him to impose a late fee for coaches that apply late as there is now more background and processing involved.
d. **Update on C3 Logix Sports Concussion Management Program**
EO Foster reported that at the December 10, 2016, the Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards (Medical Advisory Committee or MAC) established objectives for implementing the C3 Logix Sports Concussion Management Program (Program). He explained that MAC’s target for the Program’s first year is to complete baseline testing on 300 licensed athletes where priority is given to those who are considered high risk on the Boxing Severity Index, athletes making their pro-debut, and athletes 40 years of age and over.

e. **Upcoming Event Schedule**
EO Foster presented the Commission’s attention to the following shows:
- March 23, 2017 - Golden Boy at Fantasy Springs – ESPN (Boxing)
- April 9, 2017 - Ringstar Sports at Club Nokia at LA Live – Fox Sports 1 (Boxing)
- April 22, 2017 - Top Rank at Stub Hub Center – HBO (Boxing)

**Agenda Item 6 – Pension Fund Subcommittee (Commissioner Lehman and Ayala)**
EO Foster reported what steps the Commission has taken since the last meeting to reach boxers. He stated that they have worked with Division of Investigations on obtaining current mailing addresses of boxers that had distributions due in 2016 and statements were mailed to all of those that we had addresses on. They have also provided the WBC with a list of boxers that the Commission was unable to locate and that the WBC used their office in Mexico to assist us with reaching out to potential claimants in Mexico. He also explained that Sophia has noticed an increase in email and telephone inquiries from Boxers regarding the plan and that many of those contacts were from individuals from Mexico.

Additionally, he reported that the Commission has developed future steps to reach boxers moving forward including scheduling a meeting with the Division of Investigation to discuss further what services they will provide the Commission with investigating further the location of potential late claimants.

**Agenda Item 7 – Appointments of the Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards**
EO Foster reported that the Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards has made great progress since the reorganization occurred last year. He explained that the physicians that are appointed to the MAC have attended and provided beneficial participation and that with the exception of Dr. Paul Wallace, who serves as the Chairperson, the rest of the members need to be re-authorized for another term.

EO Foster recommended that the Commission approve the following physicians to serve another term:
- Rudolph-Bear Gamboa, M.D. FAASM
- Brian K. Estwick, M.D.
- Diego Allende, D.O.
- Rhonda Rand, M.D.
- Jonathan A. Schleimer, M.D.

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve all proposed members to serve another term on the Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards.

Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.
Public Comment:

- Mr. Greg Patchell requested to be placed on the next MAC Meeting agenda.

- Dr. Lou Moret recommended that the Commission consider Dr. Jim Jenkins for the next round of appointments for the MAC.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion on the way the Commission views the “show money” and the “win bonus” in relation to the overall purse in mixed martial arts bout agreements

EO Foster explained to the Commission that Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) and Boxing athletes are contracted and paid in a different manner. He added that most of the MMA athletes that compete in California regulated events are paid a “show purse” and a “win bonus” and that he is beginning to see a trend in MMA regarding the fines associated with violating bout contract terms when athletes come in overweight. He detailed that the penalty for MMA fighters weighing in over their contracted weight has only been assessed from their “show purse” and not their “win bonus” and that this practice has become a health and safety issue as it relates to dehydration and weight cutting.

In addition, he outlined various measures that can be taken to ensure the health and safety of professional athletes as it relates to this issue. He proposed changing the bout agreement to obtain parity with boxing, increasing the financial penalty for missing weight and a potential license suspension, licensing by weight class, requesting weight class certified as safe and healthy by the licensing physician on the licensing physical, random weight checks in the field for licensed athletes, and mandatory weight class restrictions for fighters who miss weight. Last, he explained that the Commission has already taken steps to address the dehydration and rehydration issues with the regulation package approved last year, but that more needs to be done.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez commented that it would be a good idea to penalize the prize money (win bonus). She asked if the Commission has a regulation or statutory authority to conduct random weight testing. Chairman Carvelli requested that legal counsel research what authority the Commission has in with respect to weight testing. Mr. Gary Duke, legal counsel, stated that he believes the Commission may need to create a regulation to do something like this, but that he will further research and report back.

After much discussion Commissioner Sauter directed EO Foster to spearhead the development of a plan to address the weight cutting and dehydration issues. He further instructed that the plan should include a set of strategies that will create a safer environment and enhance the sport as a whole.

The Commission established a subcommittee (Commissioner Williams & Commissioner Frierson) to advise and provide recommendations on how to address the challenges of weight gain and loss in the sport.

Agenda Item 9 – Review and Approval to withdraw proposed language to amend section 280, of Article 6, of Division 2, of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations - ”Examination of Boxer Applicants”

EO Foster provided background to the Commission regarding the status of the proposed regulation. He explained that the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission one year
to complete the rulemaking process on proposed language and that significant changes have been suggested to the neurological assessment, section 280 (h) of the proposed language. He added that the changes are as a result of implementation of the C3 Logix Program, as well as the change in the Commission’s appropriation of the Neurological Fund. Consequently, Commission staff needs additional time to complete the factual basis/rationale of the changes and he does not anticipate this package being completed by August 2017.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to withdraw the regulation package to amend section 280, of Article 6, of Division 2, of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations - "Examination of Boxer Applicants."

Commissioner Sauter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 10 – Review and approval of Petition to Change the Decision for Jumoke Hunter vs. Kailan Hill at the Dragon House event on January 7, 2017

EO Foster reviewed the appeal package with the Commission which had previously viewed the video of the bout. He recommended that, based on the evidence, the Commission should consider changing the result of the bout to reflect a 'no decision.'

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to change the decision of the bout to a 'no decision.'

Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment On Items Not On The Agenda

- Mr. Greg Patchell requested to be placed on the next Commission Meeting agenda to speak to the Commission about Sports MMA.

- Mr. Jonathan Bu provided some feedback on working with IKF with regard to determining athletes’ eligibility to compete as amateurs as well as the approval process for shin and elbow pads.

Agenda Item 12 – Next Meeting Scheduled for May 16, 2017

Proposed meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, in Orange County.

Agenda Item 13 – ADJOURNMENT
Agenda Item #6
MEMORANDUM

DATE | May 16, 2017
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TO | Commissioners
| California State Athletic Commission
FROM | Andy Foster, Executive Officer
| California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT | Agenda item #6 - Executive Officer’s Report

A. Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund, and Pension program and update on FY 17-18 CSAC budget.

The Commission’s budget update through Fiscal Month 9 (March) is $1,204,353 in revenue and $1,132,757 in expenditures. The current fund balance (reserve fund) for economic uncertainties is $1,158,089. (Please see attachments)

B. Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations

1. Payment of Contestants – No updates since the last meeting. The Rulemaking file was published by OAL on 8/12/16 and a public hearing was held on 9/26/16. The final package was submitted to Legal Counsel for review and approval on 10/31/16.

2. Headgear – The OAL had concerns with the Final Rulemaking File. They returned the file for changes to be made. Sophia is currently working on these changes for the Commissions approval. The changes requested by OAL are the following:

   • Subdivision (b)(3), states that, prior to granting an exception to subdivision (a), the Commission will consider “whether the amateur boxing competitors are over the age of 18 or will meet this age prior to the commencement of the Olympics.” Further necessity is needed in the Initial Statement of Reasons.
   • USA Boxing does not certify certain headgear as meeting their construction specifications. Rather, USA Boxing uses the AIBA’s headgear requirements and reviews headgear for compliance with these requirements prior to each bout. As such, these requirements must be incorporated by reference in Section 610, and subdivision (c) must be revised accordingly.
3. Weighing Time, Time for Physical Examinations, and Dehydration and Rehydration - The Rulemaking package is pending approval at the Department of Finance.

C. Status Update on Delegated Entities
   - CAMO Report – please see attached report.
   - USA Boxing Report – please see attached report.
   - USFL Report – please see attached report.
   - IKF Report – please see attached report.

D. Update on C3 Logix Sports Concussion Management Program
   The Commission has been actively performing baseline examinations on many fighters throughout the state with only 7 units. The Commission has tested over 200 athletes with a goal of 500-600 by the end of the year.

   The devices were received during the first week of May and C3 Logix is planning to be on-site to configure, tag and assign the devices by the end of this month.

E. Upcoming Event Schedule
   I would direct your attention to the following shows:

   5/24 Golden Boy Promotions - Lowes Santa Monica
   7/15 Golden Boy Promotions - The Forum in Inglewood
   7/29 UFC 214 – The Honda Center in Anaheim
| 16-17 | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | PROJECTED | PROJECTED | PROJECTED | PROJECTED | PROJECTED | ACTUAL | YTD Exp. + | Average |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------| Encumbrance | Monthly |
| Governor's Budget | July | August | September | October | November | December | January | February | March | April | May | June | Expenditure | Expenditure |
| PERSONAL SERVICES: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Statutory-Exempt (EO) | 85,000 | $8,051 | $8,061 | $8,061 | $8,545 | $8,303 | $10,145 | $9,461 | $9,461 | $8,684 | $8,684 | $8,684 | $104,212 | $78,159 | $78,159 | $8,684 |
| Board/Commission | 4,000 | $- | $400 | $- | $400 | $- | $- | $- | $- | $200 | $200 | $200 | $2,000 | $1,200 | $1,200 | $241 |
| Temporary Help | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- | $- |
| Overtime | $- | $- | $43 | $- | $- | $117 | $- | $- | $- | $27 | $27 | $27 | $240 | $160 | $160 | $18 |
| Staff Benefits | 272,000 | $20,861 | $19,727 | $26,586 | $23,842 | $26,150 | $23,150 | $26,225 | $26,147 | $25,661 | $24,261 | $24,261 | $291,132 | $218,349 | $218,349 | $24,261 |
| TOTAL, OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL | 929,000 | $54,855 | $71,496 | $95,879 | $79,811 | $76,250 | $82,450 | $91,017 | $91,006 | $89,701 | $81,656 | $81,556 | $88,004 | $731,435 | $731,435 | $81,487 |
| OPERATING EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fingerprints | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $43 | $32 | $32 | $4 |
| General Expense | 25,000 | $741 | $1,375 | $2,074 | $2,521 | $160 | $4,988 | $4,017 | $3,693 | $6,081 | $3,438 | $3,438 | $3,438 | $35,560 | $25,650 | $33,233 | $3,693 |
| Printing | 11,000 | - | - | $45 | - | - | $421 | $5,750 | - | - | $1,516 | $1,516 | $1,516 | $11,366 | $6,817 | $7,577 | $842 |
| Communication | 11,000 | - | - | $37 | $73 | $23 | $37 | $38 | $49 | $38 | $53 | $53 | $53 | $473 | $315 | $315 | $35 |
| Postage | 10,000 | $95 | $140 | $132 | $66 | $86 | $100 | $147 | $106 | $122 | $166 | $166 | $166 | $1,493 | $994 | $994 | $110 |
| Travel In State | 129,000 | - | $1,909 | $7,733 | $14,231 | $1,749 | $630 | $2,084 | $31,320 | $2,322 | $10,330 | $10,330 | $10,330 | $97,969 | $61,978 | $61,978 | $6,886 |
| Travel Out Of State | - | - | - | - | - | - | $694 | $128 | $579 | - | $0 | $0 | $0 | $2,519 | $2,518 | $2,518 | $280 |
| Training | 6,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $2,445 | $2,445 | $2,445 | $7,715 | $420 | $5,170 | $574 |
| Facilities Operations | 63,000 | $2,570 | $5,270 | $5,270 | $5,284 | $5,284 | $5,284 | $5,512 | $5,512 | - | - | - | - | $63,811 | $47,966 | $47,966 | $7,090 |
| CIP Services - Internal | 25,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CIP Services - External | 59,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DCA Pro Rata | 222,000 | $18,166 | $18,166 | $18,166 | $18,166 | $18,754 | $18,250 | $18,250 | $18,250 | $19,250 | $19,250 | $19,250 | $232,000 | $164,250 | $164,250 | $18,250 |
| DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DP Maintenance & Supplies | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $442 | $442 | $442 | $9,000 |
| Central (State) Admin Pro Rata | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Items of Expense | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $3,526 | $3,526 | $3,526 | $392 |
| ENFORCEMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attorney General | 75,000 | - | - | - | - | $45,609 | $1,153 | $3,950 | $3,193 | $2,070 | $1,400 | $1,400 | $4,557 | $7,727 | $7,727 | $7,727 | $76,000 | $52,818 | $52,818 | $5,869 |
| DOI Pro Rata | 6,000 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $500 | $6,000 | $4,500 | $4,500 | $500 |
| Major Equipment | 21,000 | - | - | $715 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $9,789 | $9,789 | $9,789 | $315 |
| Minor Equipment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS, DCE | 669,000 | $26,772 | $27,356 | $13,641 | $22,606 | $31,820 | $34,016 | $27,058 | $11,013 | $15,025 | $55,342 | $65,942 | $65,942 | $59,249 | $399,422 | $543,534 | $62,391 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | 1,598,000 | $79,627 | $98,826 | $97,352 | $102,417 | $109,370 | $116,366 | $118,081 | $106,044 | $123,526 | $147,499 | $147,499 | $147,499 | $1,575,253 | $1,123,757 | $1,123,757 | $141,874 |
## Athletic Commission Fund Revenue

**Fund 0326**  
Updated with Revenue Info from Calstars

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FY 2016-17 Total $1,986,000 $1,204,353 $-281,647

*Actual Revenue based on monthly Calstars reports and includes processing lags

## Athletic Commission Expenditures

**Fund 0326**  
Updated with Expenditure Info from Calstars

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California State Athletic Commission Rulemaking Tracking
May 16, 2017

Payment to Contestants
OAL File Number: Z-2016-0801-03

Status:
Final rulemaking package was submitted to DCA on 10/31/16.

Headgear
OAL File Number: Z-2016-0719-11

Status:
Rulemaking file was returned to CSAC by OAL. Additional changes must be made for re-submittal to OAL.
Weighing Time, Time for Physical Examinations, and Dehydration and Rehydration
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**STATUS:**
Final rulemaking package is pending at the Department of Finance.
May 4, 2017

To: California State Athletic Commission

From: California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization, Inc. (“CAMO”)

Re: CAMO UPDATE / DOCUMENT REQUEST

Below please find a CAMO update and report in anticipation of the CSAC meeting scheduled for May 16, 2017 in Anaheim, CA:

1. CAMO SAFETY AND SUSPENSION REPORT:

There have been no injuries of a heightened concern for the commission to review since the last CSAC meeting and report March 16, 2017.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT:

CAMO prepared and submitted a full financial report (“Full Report”) in anticipation of the October 18, 2016 meeting. Since that meeting, CAMO has successfully endured the seasonal slowdown period, as anticipated. CAMO is seeing a strong trend in new athletes and new promoters and we anticipate 15% growth in 2017 over 2016.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFING CHANGE:

The CAMO community has relied heavily on the support of Megan Sonderegger, CAMO’s director of operations. Mrs. Sonderegger has provided tremendous support to promoters and assisted thousands of athletes to become licensed in California. Due to an expanding young family, Mrs. Sonderegger will need to reduce her hours at CAMO and her full-time position will soon be replaced with two part-time positions. Although we will miss having Mrs. Sonderegger in full-time capacity, two part-time positions under Mrs. Sonderegger’s direction may increase the productivity of an already very efficient administrative office. We do not anticipate any disruption in our operations due to this administrative change.

4. RUMBLE ON THE WATER:

CAMO is excited for the launch of a new amateur MMA series: Rumble on the Water, promoted by Roy Englebrecht. Rumble on the Water will be a new signature event at the iconic Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA. Roy Englebrecht Promotions is the first to promote MMA at the Queen Mary event center and we look forward to this summer time series in southern California. Over the years, many promoters have been unsuccessful in efforts to promote at the Queen Mary and we commend Roy Englebrecht for his success and appreciate his commitment to professional and amateur MMA and advancing our sport to new audiences.
5. **EL CENTRO, CA:**

In July 2017, CAMO will regulate amateur MMA in El Centro, CA. This is a notable event because El Centro is a border town and many of the local athletes have chosen to fight south of the border in unregulated events for many years. According to our local promoter, the younger generation of athletes appears to be gravitating towards regulation and there is now demand in the area for regulated MMA. We are proud to regulate MMA in El Centro, CA and look forward to reporting back to this Commission on this event. We will continue our efforts to reach new communities and look for opportunities to expand the protections of regulation.

6. **AB 2007 COMPLIANCE:**

CAMO is not a youth athletic program and does not fall under AB 2007. Nevertheless, CAMO has instituted mandatory concussion training with our officials. The Heads Up program is being used to be consistent with other organizations and has been received well and adopted into our licensing process.

In closing, we look forward to a great 2017 summer season with some exciting new events such as Rumble on the Water. We renew our resolve to collaborate with CSAC and Executive Officer Andy Foster to explore solutions to maximize fighter safety. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

JT Steele

President
California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization, Inc.
May 4, 2017

Andy Foster, Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission
2005 Evergreen St., Suite 2010
Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear Mr. Foster,

USA Boxing is grateful to continue as the delegated entity for amateur boxing by the California State Athletic Commission. The clubs, gyms and recreation programs throughout your state provide safe zones for metropolitan youth as well as physical activity, mental toughness and mentoring to young people all around California. Our volunteers are dedicated and generously give hours of their time to work with children and youth in your state. Having been the Interim Executive Director for several months now, I am able to see firsthand the lives that are improved by participation in boxing. Thank you again for your continual support.

California enjoys a flourishing amateur boxing program. Through May 3, 2017, the collective membership in the state totals 3,409 (2,364 boxers and 1,045 coaches, officials and doctors). A detailed report broken down by LBC is enclosed. 212 club programs held 43 events, contesting over 1,000 bouts with no injuries sustained and ambulances on site for all of these events.

An incident did occur during the Golden Gloves boxing tournament at Lincoln Park in Los Angeles the evening of March 29, 2017. It appears the father of a boxer stepped into the ring to punch the son’s opponent after the last bell was rung. Many other people joined the melee before Southern California LBC President, Joe Zanders resumed order. This incident is still under investigation by USA Boxing and once concluded, the full report will be forwarded to the Commission.

Over the past two years, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) has been working to improve athlete safety by developing a SafeSport Program. The mission of SafeSport is to provide resources and training to promote respect and address all forms of abuse in and through sport. Specifically the Program’s goals are to provide prevention programming and raise awareness with regard to bullying, hazing, harassment, emotional misconduct, physical misconduct and sexual misconduct. With the recent launch of the U.S. Center for SafeSport,
the USOC has taken a huge step to create an entity that handles reports of policy violation from investigation through resolution which may include sanctions against persons found to have violated SafeSport policies. USA Boxing is fully on board with all SafeSport programs and the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

California USA Boxing Coaches and Officials must complete the above mentioned SafeSport Training along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “Heads Up” concussion training before becoming current members. USA Boxing member boxers are required to have a sports physical prior to registration with USA Boxing as well as pre and post bout physicals at every competition. The combination of these requirements helps protect athletes and non-athletes as they participate in the sport of Olympic boxing. Again, we applaud California for taking the lead in concussion awareness and putting in place the requirement for concussion training.

Sanctioned events within California are continually updated and posted on the USA Boxing website (www.usaboxing.org) and the MatchTracker system which records athlete bout records is online and available to all Commission members. We appreciate your input and suggestions to make this system more robust and user-friendly. USA Boxing also appreciates the Commission’s support of MatchTracker and its encouragement of all California LBCs to update boxer records on a regular basis.

I am available to you and the Commissioners and welcome contact regarding questions, comments and concerns.

In your corner,
/s/ Mike McAtee
Mike McAtee
Interim Executive Director
mmcatee@usaboxing.org
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* USA Boxing does not charge a membership fee for Physicians, Master Officials and former Olympians/World Champions

**USA Boxing allows two free sanctions every year to each LBC**
May 2, 2017

To: Andy Foster, California State Athletic Commission
Subj: USFL update:

I. USFL events since last CSAC meeting:
   • April 1, 2017 – San Bernardino, CA
     13 bouts. No Injuries/ Suspensions
   • April 15, 2017 – Sacramento, CA
     9 bouts. No Injuries/ Suspensions
   • Next event Scheduled May 6, 2017 – San Bernardino, CA
     27 bouts scheduled

II. Injury Statistics since becoming a delegated entity:
   First event Oct 18, 2014
   Last event May, 2, 2017
   327 bouts
   654 athlete exposures
   11 Injuries / Medical suspensions:

III. Types of injuries and ages:
   • Knee hyperextension (age 15)
   • Strained Thumb (age 13)
   • Rib contusion (age 11)
   • Broken Arm (age 16)
   • (2) Hyperextended Elbow (age 8 &12)
   • (2) Blows to cheek/ Jaw (age 8 & 13)
   • Fractured index Finger (age 12)
• Lower back strain (Age 13)
• Fractured Clavicle (Age 17)

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IKF CALIFORNIA "SHORT REPORT" FOR THE CSAC
January 1st, 2017 TO May 1st, 2017

Since the last CSAC report (End of 2016) As of, May 1st, 2017, the IKF has regulated 18 Amateur Muay Thai / Kickboxing Events in the State of California. Here are these event details:

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All of the above Bout Details can be found at this web page:
http://www.ikfkickboxing.com/IKFCAPASTEVENTS.htm

- There were a TOTAL of 250 Bouts.
- 4 Events were "IN GYM Training/Sparring Events" with 76 match-ups.
- 14 Events were Actual Full Contact Muay Thai/Kickboxing Events with 174 competition bouts fought.
- Of the TOTAL 250 bouts, the IKF/CSAC Physicians issued 54 Medical Suspensions.
- Of the 4 "In Gym Training" Events there were 2 Medical Suspension issued of the 76 sparring bouts.
- Of these 18 Events, 4 of them were combined Pro & Amateur Bouts with the CSAC.
- Since the beginning of 2017 the IKF has successfully implemented the AB2007 Concussion requirements for all Junior athlete Trainers & Officials who regulate Junior (8-17) bouts. To date, the IKF has over 40 Trainers and 18 Officials take the test and be awarded their AB2007 Certificates. The IKF continues to have all Junior Athlete Chief Trainers attain this certificate prior to any bout (Real or even Sparring) that they participate in. To attain this certificate we direct individuals to: www.ikfkickboxing.com/CAJuniorsAB2007.htm
- In all, since the IKF was delegated to oversee Amateur Kickboxing and Muay Thai in California on March 17th, 2014 by the California State Athletic Commission, the IKF has sanctioned/regulated a total of 149 events. In our last anniversary year, March 17, 2016 to end of Match 2017 the IKF sanctioned/regulated a total of 56 events.

END OF 2017 FIRST QUARTER REPORT
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The Pension Fund Subcommittee is continuing to work on outreach. There are 46 boxers who are eligible for a pension distribution in 2017. The Commission has approved $55,730 in pension payments so far this year.

The following chart shows the pension distributions for the past 10 years.
Agenda Item #8
MEMORANDUM

DATE May 16, 2017

TO Commissioners
California State Athletic Commission

FROM Andy Foster, Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission

SUBJECT Agenda Item #8 - Review and Approval of Commission 10 Point Plan to address severe dehydration from extreme weight cutting in Mixed Martial Arts

In combative sports like Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), athletes are placed in weight class categories in order to provide a fair match between contestants and to protect the health and safety of the athletes. The goal to meet the threshold of a certain weight class is often met primarily by dehydrating the body. While this issue is practiced by many within MMA, not all athletes are cutting dangerous amounts of weight. This creates a safety and competitive issue regarding the fairness of the bout and effectively circumvents the purpose of the weight classes. Many athletes that should be in a heavier weight class gain a competitive advantage at the expense of those athletes who naturally belong in that weight class. In addition, many athletes who would be satisfied to fight in a weight class closer to their natural walking weight are essentially forced to cut large amounts of weight because they are concerned that their opponent will be.

Consequently, weight cutting is a common and dangerous procedure used by athletes in combative sports for competitive advantage. Just in the past two years, two athletes have died cutting weight, many others, including athletes in California, have been hospitalized, and major events have been impacted by the loss of significant bouts. Because of this issue the Commission pursued emergency regulations to curb severe dehydration. Those emergency regulations were the first step in a more comprehensive policy. This is an industry-wide health and safety concern and measures to prevent athletes from using severe dehydration as a method to make the contracted bout weight at events regulated in California should be considered. I have invited participation from MMA industry stakeholders and have received a lot of feedback which has been helpful in establishing a consensus.

The recommended 10 point plan for MMA outlines measures that can be taken to ensure the health and safety of professional athletes. These steps can occur without the use of additional regulations, as regulatory authority currently exists.

1. Licensing by Weight Class - Requesting the MMA athlete to select the lowest weight class they intend to compete. Following up with a series of questions related to dehydration and weight cutting will allow the Commission to better approve matches and track critical weight information. The Physical Examination associated with the Commission’s licensing application requires that the licensing physician certify that the requested weight class is safe for the athlete. (Authority – Rule 210, 280 & 298)
2. Changes to the bout agreement to obtain parity with boxing - Draft and approve a contract that fines the contestant that fails to make the contract weight 20% of his compensation equally distributed to the Commission and the opponent, as well as 20% of all bonuses (including win bonuses) to the opponent. This will force fighters to compete at weights closer to their natural walking weight. It will also reward fighters who take a fight against a larger opponent and lose. (Authority – Rule 220)

3. Additional weight classes. 165, 175, 195, 225. Along with licensing by weight class and physician certification, the new weight classes are essential so that each individual athlete has more options to choose a class that is suitable for them. (Authority – Association of Boxing Commissions)

4. Implement policy changes to the way matches are approved with an emphasis on appropriate weight class. A formal request has been made to the Official Database of the ABC to add a weight class category as a required field. (Authority – Rule 240 & 281)

5. Weight Class restrictions for fighters who miss weight more than once. A fighter who misses weight more than once may be required to compete in a higher weight class until a physician certifies the weight is appropriate and is approved by the Commission for competition in the weight class. (Authority – Rule 283 & 298)

6. Continue early weigh-ins to allow maximum time for rehydration and mental preparation for the combat sports competition. (Authority – Rule 297)

7. A second weight check the day of the event to ensure fighters have not gained more than 10% of their body weight back in the 30 hours between the official weigh in and the event. Fighters who gain so much weight between weigh in and the fight may be recommended to move to the next weight class for future bouts as directed by the ringside physician. (Authority – Rule 285)

8. Checks for Dehydration by specific gravity and/or physical by Ringside Physicians at both the official weigh in and the second day weight check. (Authority – Rule 281 & 299)

9. A recommendation of a 30-day and 10-day weight check for advertised high level title fights. The WBC has success with this approach in boxing, and it provides for safe benchmarks. While this “weight check” could be manipulated because a Commission inspector is not always available to supervise this, we can do it by Skype or other electronic means. While not perfect, this is simply a way for the Commission physicians to keep track of the fighter’s progress to the intended weight class. (Authority – Rule 285)

10. Matchmaker, Promoter, Trainer, and Athlete examination and Education regarding weight cutting and dehydration as it relates to offering, accepting, and contracting of bouts. (Authority – Rule 217)

RECOMMENDATION
I have determined this issue to be one of the Commission’s primary health and safety concerns and recommend the approval of these measures to prevent athletes from using severe dehydration as a method to make the contracted bout weight at events regulated in California. I further recommend that the Commission consider immediate implementation of this plan with a six-month review period, during which time the Commission can invite stakeholder feedback and revise the plan where appropriate.
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| FROM    | Paul Wallace, M.D.  
Chair, Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards  
Board Member, Association of Ringside Physicians  
Member, Association of Boxing Commissions Medical Committee |
| SUBJECT | 10 Point Plan to Curb Severe Dehydration and Weight Cutting in MMA |

During the March 25, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards (MAC), the MAC addressed the proposed recommendations of the 10 Point Plan to curb severe dehydration and weight cutting in mixed martial arts athletes. The MAC reviewed the plan and made some minor alterations including raising the second day maximum weight gain allowance to 10% before review by the ringside physician is prompted for possible weight class reassessment. The MAC unanimously voted to recommend this plan to the full Commission for immediate implementation in mixed martial arts. The MAC and Commission staff are studying the weight change numbers in boxing, and a recommendation for boxing regarding this subject may be forthcoming in the future.

Please contact me if you have any questions.
There is a push to expand a weight-cutting reform plan outside the state where it originated.

The Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (ABC) medical committee voted this week to recommend a sweeping California weight-cutting plan to the full ABC body at the annual conference in July, MMA Fighting has learned.
California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) executive officer Andy Foster and his team wrote up a 10-point plan which attempts to curtail severe dehydration and extreme weight cutting earlier this month. Foster presented it to the CSAC medical advisory committee last week and will bring it up for a vote at the next commission meeting May 16.

The plan includes a fight-day weight check, additional weight classes and making repeat weight miss offenders go up in division. It was written in response to countless instances of extreme weight cutting affecting the health of fighters and loss of scheduled bouts.

"I didn’t have anything to do with formulating this 10-point plan, but I read it and kind of dissected it and I think it’s pretty genius," said Association of Ringside Physicians (ARP) president Dr. Larry Lovelace, who is on the ABC medical committee. "It’s not perfect, but it’s pretty close to perfect. I think it’s gonna create a safe environment for the fighters and ultimately that’s what it’s all about."

The ABC medical committee approved the plan for recommendation to the full ABC body unanimously. Foster is the chair of the committee. The full ABC membership will vote on the plan at the conference, which will be July 22-26 at the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut.

Of course, even it passes through the ABC, that does not mean it’ll automatically become rule in every state and province. The ABC passed changes to the Unified Rules of MMA last year and not every jurisdiction has adopted them. Each commission will have to enact the plan individually, which is no guarantee.

"I applaud Andy Foster and the CSAC proposing changes to stop dangerous weight-

MEMORANDUM
DATE: March 28, 2017
TO: Members of the Medical Advisory Committee to the California State Athletic Commission
FROM: Andy Foster, Executive Officer, California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT: Agenda Item 10C: Discussion and Update on Landing Application and Physical as it Relates to Dehydration and Appropriate Weight Class

In combat sports like Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), wrestling and boxing, athletes are placed in weight class categories in order to provide a fair match between competitors and to protect the health and safety of the athletes. The goal is to meet the breakdown of a certain weight class when not achieved by dehydrating the body. While the issue is present in every state and province, not all states are cutting dangerous amounts of weight. This creates a safety and competitive issue regarding fairness of the game and effectively undermines the purpose of the weigh-ins. Many athletes that should be in a heavier weight class gain a competitive advantage by tapering or dehydrating themselves into the next weight class. In addition, weight cutting is a dangerous practice that can lead to long-term health issues and problems. Athletes are essentially forced to cut large amounts of weight because they are concerned that their opponent is cutting large amounts of weight. Consequently, weight cutting is a common and dangerous procedure used by athletes in combat sports for competitive advantage. Therefore, the Commission has determined that it is necessary to take additional measures to prevent athletes from using extreme weight cutting practices that are detrimental to their health and safety.

As a result, the Commission has developed a 10 point plan that outlines measures that can be taken to ensure the health and safety of professional athletes.

1. Listing by Weight Class - Requiring the athlete select the lowest weight class they plan to compete at. Following up with a series of procedures related to dehydration and weight cutting will prove the Commission is following proper machine and track weight procedures and the athlete is meeting the minimum weight requirements.

2. Changes to the Legislative Agenda to include a new bill that makes it mandatory for the requested weight class to be noted in the application form and the license issuance process. The Commission has established a new procedure for the Licensing of Athletes in the California State Athletic Commission.

3. Changes to the Board Meeting to include a vote on the above bill. - Draft and approve a contract that sets the criteria and the terms that will be met for weight cutting and minimum weight requirements. The draft will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

4. Changes to the Licensing Application process to include the following: - The Licensing application form will include a statement that all information provided is true and correct.

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cutting,” said Dr. Margaret Goodman, who sits on the ARP board of directors and the ABC medical committee. “For years now, I’ve recommended serial weigh-ins including one the morning of the fight allowing only a certain percent gain. We have to stop waiting to see if a fighter passes out at the weigh-in to make a determination to cancel a bout.”

The 10-point plan calls for weight checks on fight day to see if athletes gained more than 10 percent of their body weight back in between the weigh-ins and the fight. Any fighter who gained more than 10 percent back will be asked to move up in weight class for his or her next bout or cleared by a doctor to compete in the lower division. (The number was initially 8 percent, but that was changed by CSAC doctors last week.)

One of the best things about this part of the plan, Lovelace said, is it’s not eliminating fights at the 11th hour, which would be a nightmare for promoters.

“If a guy doesn’t make weight, he’s not automatically disqualified,” said Lovelace, who is the head ringside physician in Oklahoma. “He’s just going to have to move up a weight class for the next time, for the next show. It’s not too strict; it’s not gonna be a promotion buster or anything like that. But at the same time, it does add quite a good element of safety to the risk of the weight cutting.”

Another thing Lovelace likes is the overhauled medical forms that fighters and doctors will have to fill out as part of the licensing process. On the new forms, athletes must fill out what they intend to be their lowest intended weight class and the doctor will evaluate whether that is possible based on the athlete’s weight at the moment and the physical examination.

There’s even a guide on the form that informs doctors the MMA weight classes and what weight is 10 percent above them. That 10 percent figure is what doctors have said is the beginning of the danger zone in terms of extreme weight cutting and severe dehydration.

EXAMINING PHYSICIAN:

Unhealthy and dangerous weight loss practices continue to be a serious problem in combat sports. One recent study found that 39% of MMA fighters were entering competition in a dehydrated state. Heat injury and death in athletes have already happened in the sports of wrestling and MMA. It’s been shown that excessive weight loss, rapid weight loss, and repeated cycling of weight gains/losses causes decreased performance, hormonal imbalance, decreased nutrition, and increased injury risk. Other life-threatening problems associated with improper weight loss and dehydration include:
ABC medical committee will recommend weight-cutting reform plan ...


*Decreased Muscular Strength and Endurance*
* Decreased Heart and Cardiovascular Function
* Decreased Energy Utilization, Nutrient Exchange and Acidosis
* Heat Illness
* Decreased Kidney Function

*Electrolyte Problems*
* Mood Swings and Mental Changes
* Blurred Vision and Dry Eyes
* Increased Risk of Brain Injury

"It is the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for Medical and Safety Standards that an athlete not attempt to lose more than 10% of their normal or "walking" weight in order to compete.

Physician Note: The below chart is for informational purposes only and specifically depicts Mixed Martial Arts weight classes.

**10% Weight Loss Chart- MMA MALE**

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**10% Weight Loss Chart- MMA FEMALE**

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"As a doc that has sometimes dealt with other docs that don't know anything about combat sports, all the help you can get is great," Lovelace said. "I think that form that they gave for fighters to take to the doc is a good one."

The 10-point plan also includes the inclusion of a fighter's win bonus in the fine if that fighter misses weight and the addition of new weight classes (in 10-pound intervals), which has already been passed by the ABC rules committee and medical committee.

"Weight cutting is a big deal," Lovelace said. "We've seen deaths and near deaths with people cutting too much weight. In a perfect world, we would know what everyone's walking around weight is. They would weigh-in every month or go to a place every couple of months just to see what they really weigh when they're just not training. And then we can limit how much they can lose. But with privacy laws and things like that, you just can't do that anymore."

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May 10, 2017

John Carvelli, Chairman
California State Athletic Commission
2005 Evergreen Street, #2010
Sacramento, California 95815

RE: CSAC’s “10-Point Plan”

The UFC wishes to formally offer its support of the California State Athletic Commission’s “10-Point Plan” to insure safe weight management practices for mixed martial artists competing at events hosted throughout the state, to be voted upon by the Commission on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. The UFC has worked closely with CSAC Executive Director Andy Foster over the last several months to provide input on this plan.

CSAC and Executive Director Foster have been leaders among Athletic Commissions in the area of promoting safe weight management practices for its combatant athletes. In June of 2016, CSAC offered UFC the opportunity to conduct its official weigh-ins for UFC 199 during the morning hours at its host hotel, where all UFC athletes were residing during fight week. UFC accepted the offer of this new procedure, with the belief that this would promote a higher degree of safety for all UFC athletes.

The two most important factors of this new process centered on the longer time frame between the weigh-in and competition, which insured proper rehydration and optimal nutrition levels coupled with limiting the amount of time UFC athletes eliminated water from their bodies before their official weigh-in. Since UFC’s first “morning weigh-in” on Friday, June 3, 2016, in Manhattan Beach, California, UFC has conducted similar host hotel morning weigh-ins at events around the world. Following this implementation, the resulting health and safety benefits of this new process, as well as feedback from UFC athletes and camps, have been overwhelmingly positive.

UFC is encouraged that further steps to assure safe weight management practices, as outlined in CSAC’s “10-Point Plan”, will result in additional health and safety benefits and positive feedback from promoters and combat athletes and their camps. UFC also supports input from licensing physicians to certify that an athlete is competing at their proper weight class. Additionally, UFC believes that using weight measurements leading up to and directly before competition provide an optimum level of education for UFC athletes while recommending proper weight classes, as needed, for future bouts. UFC firmly believes this will have a positive impact on safer weight management awareness and practices in the future.

UFC also supports the offering of additional weight classes as outlined in CSAC’s “10-Point Plan”. UFC recently unveiled the implementation of two new female weight classes at 125 and 145 pounds, respectively, as the global brand now offers competition at four 10-pound increment weight classes. By adding these additional divisions, UFC believes it is providing more weight-specific options for UFC athletes to promote safer weight management goals.
UFC also anticipates that regional talent, who are regularly scouted and imported to UFC’s roster, will soon be robust enough to support these additional weight classes with world-class talent that will eventually be promoted by the global brand. Further positive steps will include financial deterrents and physician sign-offs on weight class decisions for missing weight on more than one occasion.

Similar to the implementation of the morning weigh-ins, UFC hopes that California’s further leadership to insure safe weight management practices as outlined in the “10-Point Plan” will be adopted and implemented by Athletic Commissions throughout the world. UFC looks forward to continuing to work closely with CSAC in strengthening health and safety initiatives for combat sport athletes and commends the Commission for its leadership.

Sincerely,

Jeff Novitzky
UFC Vice President of Athlete Health and Performance
May 10, 2017

Andy Foster, Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2010
Sacramento, CA 95815

RE: Ten Point Plan to Combat Dehydration

Dear Andy,

Thank you for soliciting Bellator’s input on the Commission’s proposed Ten Point Plan to Combat Severe Dehydration/Extreme Weight Cutting.

At Bellator, our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our fighters. We value our partnership with CSAC and are pleased to stand with the Commission in support of your endeavor to regulate the practice of extreme weight cutting.

Our team at Bellator has met and reviewed the Commission’s memorandum of proposed changes. By and large, we are steadfastly supportive of these initiatives, with comment reserved of course for their logistical implementation at a later date. After careful consideration, we present the following specific constructive comments, categorized by bullet title:

1. **Additional Weight Classes** – We respectfully stress the importance of a slow roll out of any additional weight classes. Even with these additional weight classes remaining optional for promoters’ adoption, their existence may potentially lead to both (a) internal disputes with fighters/their camps and promoters as to what weight class a fighter should be competing in at direct odds with their contracts, as well as (b) the inevitable dilution of depth in each promoter’s weight classes – depth that promotions like Bellator have fought tooth and nail to build.

2. **Recommendation of a 30-Day and 10-Day Weight Check Advised for High Level Title Fights** – Although this has been explained to us as a permissive initiative for promoters to either avail themselves to or not, we prefer that this paragraph initiative be stricken. It creates liability issues for both the promoters and, we believe, for the Commission.

3. **Matchmaker, Promoter, Trainer and Athlete Examination and/or Education** – We stress that we believe the most important education here is for both trainers and their athletes, especially with respect to the deleterious effects of extreme weight cutting and its detrimental effect on athlete performance. We otherwise support all education and examination of the named parties.
As always, please reach out to me anytime at all if I can provide further detail or explanation, or if I can be of any further assistance in this matter. We are continually appreciative of your great work on behalf of our sport in the State of California and beyond.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tracey Lesetar-Smith
VP Business and Legal Affairs
MAY 9, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

As an organization, the continued safety of Invicta’s athletes is of primary importance. As such, Invicta supports the proposed 10 point plan and the measures proposed within to minimize dangerous weight cutting practices and reduce the associated risks.

Further initiatives to protect mixed martial artists should be considered not just for events regulated in California, but across the board. Healthy and fair competition is a collective effort between the athletes, trainers, promoters, and regulatory bodies involved in our great sport, and the proposed 10 point plan is a step in the right direction for all parties.

Sincerely,

Shannon Knapp
President/CEO
To: Andy Foster, Executive Officer, CSAC  
May 6, 2017

I want to response to your Ten Point Plan for Mixed Martial Arts that address Extreme Weight Cutting/Severe Dehydration, with my comments below.

But I first want to express how extremely proud I am as a stakeholder that you and the Commission are leading the way in creating guidelines in this critical area that for too long has been "kicked down the road."

1. Agree completely

2. I believe the fine amount should be increased to 50%, as 20% is not really an incentive for fighter to make weight, as they just as soon take the fine. For a $1,000 purse it is only $200!! But in saying this with a 50% fine the promotion could lose a bout as the fighter who is heavy would just walk away instead of fighting for $500. So what is too little and what is too much???

3. and 4. and 5. I agree completely

6. Perhaps look at opening the Weigh-In window from 36 to 48 hours prior to show time

7. I agree completely and I understand that this is just a "weight check" procedure, but it will give you a lot of statistics to use for weight comparisons.

8. Agree completely

9. Agree completely for high level fights only.

10. Agree completely

Roy Englebrecht, CEO
Roy Englebrecht Promotions
MEMORANDUM

DATE | May 16, 2017
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TO | Commissioners
California State Athletic Commission
FROM | Andy Foster, Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT | Agenda item #9 - Review and possible action of Petition to Change the Decision for Josh Thompson vs. Patricky Friere at the Bellator event on February 17, 2017, in San Jose, CA

BACKGROUND

This is an appeal from Josh Thompson regarding his bout with Patricky “Pitbull” Freire on February 18, 2017. This event took place at the SAP Center in San Jose, California. The Thompson vs. Pitbull match was originally scheduled to be the Co-Main event of the evening, but when Matt Mitrione had to withdraw from his scheduled bout with Fedor Emelianenko due to kidney stones, this bout became the main event.

APPEAL DETAIL SUMMARY

Mr. Thompson is alleging that an accidental clash of heads in the second round of the bout caused him to become disoriented which led to his knockout loss. During the second round of the bout, a clash of heads occurred quickly and was not observed by the referee, any of the three judges, or myself at ringside. Following the accidental clash of heads, Mr. Thompson quickly got up and proceeded to continue the fight. He then appears to shoot for a takedown or some other form of offensive attack, and Mr. Freire hits Mr. Thompson with a quick and short right hand uppercut counterpunch that knocks Thompson down and leaves him unable to intelligently defend himself. Freire quickly follows up with two hammer fists to the face and referee John McCarthy steps in and ends the contest. Because of this reason, he is asking for the bout to be ruled a no decision/no contest.

After multiple reviews of the video, we determined that an accidental clash of heads did occur, which caused Mr. Thompson to fall to the ground, but this was before he stood back up and continued the fight only to be countered with an uppercut causing the knockout.
March 8, 2017

Request for Commission Review

Bellator 172
Josh “the Punk” Thomson vs. Patricky “Pitbull” Freire

On February 18, 2017, I competed in a bout against fighter Patricky “Pitbull” Freire. In the second round, I received a head-butt which was an unintentional foul that put me in a trans state. I anticipated that the foul would be called and paused to look at the referee for direction. However, no foul was called. Immediately following the foul, I took a punch that took me to the ground which then resulted in a KO.

One issue in question is whether the foul changed the momentum of the fight that resulted in my KO.

The other issue in question is, should my fight be ruled a Technical Draw as the injury I sustained by foul allowed my opponent to win by contributing to the injury I sustained when fouled.

California Rule 4 CCR § 522 states

(a) Fouls in kickboxing and martial arts. The following tactics are fouls in both kickboxing and martial arts and are forbidden. Use of these tactics shall result in a warning and loss of points as determined by the referee.

(1) Head-butts.

The Rule also states in 4 CCR § 519 “If an injury occurs due to a suspected foul that the referee was unable to see, the referee may, in his sole discretion, confer with the judges to determine where the foul may be placed. He may consider any, all, or none of the opinions expressed in making his determination. The referee may, in his sole discretion, ask for a replay, if television equipment is available, of the technique in question before rendering his decision.”

Rule 4 CCR § 518§ of Unintentional Fouling states

(a) When a bout is interrupted due to an injury caused by an unintentional foul, the referee, in consultation with the ringside physician, shall determine whether the fighter who has been fouled can continue or not. If the referee sees, or if after consultation with the judges, determines that a fighter is unintentionally fouled and if the fighter’s chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of a foul, the referee may order the bout continued after a reasonable interval, not to exceed five minutes.

(b) If the referee and/or the ringside physician determines that the bout may not continue because of an injury suffered as the result of an unintentional foul or because of an injury inflicted by an unintentional foul which later becomes aggravated by fair blows, the bout shall be declared a draw, if according to the score cards, the bout was determined to be a draw at the time the foul occurred. If, according to the score cards, the fighter committing the foul was winning prior to the foul, the bout shall be declared a technical draw. If, according to the score cards, the fighter being fouled was winning prior to the foul, then that fighter shall be declared the winner.

(c) When an unintentional foul causes the bout to be interrupted for the purpose of allowing the injured fighter time to recover, the referee shall penalize the fighter guilty of the foul one or more points.
According to Rule 4 CCR § 522, a head-butt is a foul. This unintentional foul should have resulted in a pause in the bout for a maximum of five minutes by Rule 4 CCR § 518§. Due to this being an injury, the referee, in consultation with the ringside physician, should have determined whether I who had been fouled could continue or not. I should have been given the maximum time to recover before resuming the bout.

If, according to the score cards, the bout was determined to be a draw at the time the foul occurred, the bout shall be declared a technical draw. If, according to the score cards, the fighter committing the foul was winning prior to the foul, the bout shall be declared a technical draw. 4 CCR § 518§

If, according to the score cards, the fighter being fouled was winning prior to the foul, then that fighter shall be declared the winner. 4 CCR § 518§(b)

This unintentional foul should have interrupted the bout allowing me to recover. After speaking with the referee of my fight and discussing the foul, I was encouraged to file my complaint. I would like to ask the Commission to review my bout and change my result to a Technical Draw.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Josh Thomson

Relevant articles attached:
- Semerzier vs. Peralta (UFC on Fox 1)
- Stewart vs. Barroso (UFC Fight Night 100 San Paulo)
- Brazilian Athletic Commission Approves Instant Replay with help from Big John McCarthy

Bellator 172 video footage
- Thomson vs. Freire bout
UFC NEWS – UFC on FOX 1’s Semerzier vs. Peralta Ruled A No Contest By CSAC

December 13, 2011 12:20 pm by Pedro Carrasco

If you failed to tune in on Facebook for the UFC on Fox 1 preliminary card bouts than you missed a very controversial stoppage in the fight between Mackens Semerzier and Robert Peralta.

The two bantamweight fighters went back and forth throughout the majority of the fight, with an edge conceivably given to Mackens for his efforts. That is until in a violent exchange of punches sent Semerzier down and we all watched his opponent Peralta capitalize with a flurry of ground strikes to earn the stoppage victory in the third frame of action.

A replay on the big screens of that last flurried exchange of stand-up action showed that it was not a punch that dropped Mackens to the canvas as originally thought, but an illegal head butt. While unintentional, head butts in Mixed Martial Arts are illegal and as a result, had the referee, in this case Big John McCarthy, noticed the infraction the bout would have still been stopped short, but it would have gone to the judges’ scorecards for a decision announcement.

Today it was announced that the California State Athletic Commission did in fact rule the bout a no-contest due to the infraction of the rules and as a result, the loss that was previously on Mackens record has been removed.

Justice has been served!

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Stewart's win at UFC Sao Paulo overturned due to accidental foul

by Alexander K. Lee on Nov 22, 2016

Darren Stewart is going to have to wait a little longer for his first UFC win.

The Englishman appeared to make a successful debut at UFC Fight Night 100 this past Saturday when he defeated Francimar Barroso by first-round TKO. However, the Brazilian MMA Athletic Commission (CABMMA) has overturned the result to a no-contest after reviewing an accidental foul that occurred during the bout.

Footage showed that Stewart's head connected with Barroso's cheek as he pushed him against the cage, and the Brazilian fighter immediately reacted as if he was injured by the illegal headbutt. Referee Eduardo Herdy did not see Barroso's reaction and he waved the fight off shortly after as Stewart took Barroso down and finished him with ground-and-pound.

CABMMA issued a statement Tuesday via Guillermue Cruz of MMA Fighting that stated the foul did have a direct impact on the outcome of the bout and was only discounted because Herdy was at a disadvantageous angle to properly call the action.

CABMMA COO Cristiano Sampaio also noted in the statement that instant replay was not used properly, making it impossible to evaluate the result on fight night.

Stewart's professional record remains at 7-0, while Barroso officially avoids a second straight loss.
Brazilian athletic commission approves instant replay with help from 'Big' John McCarthy

Instant replay would have helped longtime referee "Big" John McCarthy make the correct call in a 2011 fight between Mackens Semerzier and Robbie Peralta.

After Peralta caught Semerizer with a flurry of punches at UFC on FOX 1, he was awarded a TKO victory. When arena monitors replayed the ending sequence, however, McCarthy realized an accidental headbutt had set the finish in motion.

McCarthy successfully lobbied the California State Athletic Commission (http://mmajunkie.com/2011/11/mackens-semerzier-appeals-headbutt-loss-to-robbie-peralta-at-ufc-on-fox) to overturn the decision. Now, he's helping the UFC-backed Brazilian athletic commission, also known as CABMMA, put instant replay in place for future MMA events it regulates.

CABMMA announced today that McCarthy helped set guidelines for the new policy. While the tool rarely gets deployed for major events, its implementation further aligns the Brazilian commission with major Stateside commissions - among them, the Nevada State Athletic Commission - that have used it for several years.

According to a press release, instant replay won’t be available for smaller events that lack the technology to make it possible. But for major events, it will be available when it’s suspected a fight ends from a foul, whether intentional or unintentional.

While a fight can’t be restarted, the referee can request the sequence be replayed so he or she can make the correct decision in declaring the official results. Referees can now evaluate whether or not a fight was stopped at the right time, whether a foul brought an end to the fight, or whether a tap was missed.

"Once the referee reviews the replay, the referee can confirm (whether) or not an offense has been committed and has caused the end of the fight," the release stated. "It should be noted that the instant replay is not to be used to evaluate the actions of referee."

In the case of an accidental foul like the one seen in Semerzier vs. Peralta, the bout should have gone to the scorecards. Per the unified rules, if a accidental foul ends a bout in the third round of a non-title fight, judges score it on the first two rounds and the portion of the third round that took place. Instead, the bout was changed to a no-contest.

McCarthy has long pointed to that call as an error that could have been solved on the spot. A member of the Association of Boxing Commissions’ rules and regulations committee, he and others have pushed to make instant replay a requirement for ABC member commissions.

The tool might help CABMMA from making needless mistakes. Then again, instant replay also is responsible for handing UFC interim light heavyweight champ Jon Jones his only professional loss (http://mmajunkie.com/2009/12/ufcs-jon-jones-at-peace-with-tuf-10-finale-disqualification) - via disqualification from an illegal 12-6 elbow. The rules and regulations committee is working to change that one, too.

For more on the UFC’s upcoming schedule, stay tuned to the UFC Rumors (http://mmajunkie.com/rumors”) section of the site.
To the Commissioners of the CSAC,

I am writing this letter in response to the request for appeal sent by Mr. Josh Thompson in regards to his February 18, 2017 fight against Patricky Pitbull Feirere. I was the referee in charge of his fight that night.

In the second round of the fight there was an exchange that took place while I was standing to the left rear of Josh Thompson. Josh moved forward at the same time as Pitbull and I observed Pitbull throw a left hook, which looked as if it landed to the right side of Josh Thompson's head. I observed Josh starting to fall backwards, but also observed him reaching his right hand out to brace his fall, which told me that he was still functioning and able to control his physical movements. I did think at the time that there was a possibility that both fighters' heads had come together in an unintentional clash of heads, but I did not see the actual contact. At this time Josh Thompson used good technical skill to get himself back up to a standing position and attempted to change levels as if shooting for a takedown on Pitbull. I observed Pitbull throw a quick right uppercut, which landed cleanly to the left side of Josh Thompson's face. I observed Josh drop to the ground, not being able to control his fall. Pitbull quickly came after Josh and landed two hammerfist to Josh before I stopped the fight.

After ending the fight I went to the judge closest to the action that had just occurred and asked him if the first knockdown was due to a clash of heads or the left hand. He told me that it was the left hand that caused the knockdown. I went over to the commission table and called the fight a KO giving the table the time ending the fight. Upon watch a replay of the fight I can see that the first knockdown was caused by both fighters coming together and Pitbull's head coming in contact with the right cheek area of Josh Thompson. I can understand why the judge I polled said the left hand caused the knockdown, however it is clear that the unintentional clash of the heads had more to do with the knockdown than did the left hand.

The real question here is how hurt was Josh Thompson due to the unintentional clash of heads. This type of activity happens frequently in MMA, but many times the fighters just continue with the action of the fight. Only Josh knows how much the clash affected him. It is clear when you watch a replay of the fight that Josh quickly and skillfully gets himself back to his feet from the knockdown and that the blow, which brought an end to the fight, was completely legal. It should be noted that when Josh was fully back and functioning after the KO he came to me and said "Damn John I got headbutted".

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

John McCarthy
DECLARATION OF PATRICKY FREIRE

1. PATRICKY FREIRE, DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am a mixed martial artist who resides in Paranaíba, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. I submit this declaration in opposition to Josh Thomson’s appeal of our February 18, 2017 bout in San Jose California.

2. At 29 seconds of the second round, Thomson throws a left jab and a right cross which I avoid by leaning to the side and ducking under but he keeps coming forward, projecting himself and his head at me. His head hits the top of my head while I was still lowering myself. That indicates he is the one committing a foul, not me. I then hit him with body punches and a glancing left hook to the temple.

3. Thomson breaks his own fall without any issue and keeps his eyes focused on me. He keeps himself active and even tries to land an upkick to my face. I give him space and he stands up still not showing any signs of being hurt. All the time he keeps focused on me, still in the fight like nothing happened. Thomson then shoots for a takedown, I connect an uppercut to his jaw that knocks him down and follow up with punches that knocks him out.

4. The fight video, which can be seen for free at Bellator’s website (http://bellator.spike.com/fight/tvgxg8/bellator-172-josh-thomson-vs-patricky-pitbull) shows everything clearly, even from multiple angles. In fact, by looking at the first replay of the action in slow motion you can see Thomson is stepping in when he projects his head at mine and his back leg is still in the air. He seems to lose his step, which can be the reason for him falling after hitting my head with his own. The way he fell seems more like it happened due to a loss of balance than due to the impact of him hitting me. Thomson doesn’t complain or makes any motion to the referee or me at any moment, doesn’t show any moment of distraction either. He appears completely fine and while I looked at his eyes and expression at that moment there was nothing telling otherwise.

5. At the post fight press conference he says at the 16 minute mark of the video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTcq4HieuWc) that people came to tell him it was a pretty big headbutt and at the time he felt it but thought “ok, I can still go” and then got hit again. The fight video shows Thomson hits his head at mine while I was in the midst of lowering myself, not generating any power or resistance. I question his reasoning that it was a pretty big headbutt as well because I didn’t even know that had happened until I saw the video in the locker room, I didn’t feel it. I start talking about it at the 16:43 mark. If it was such a big headbutt, I would have felt it too.

6. I strongly disagree with Josh’s statement of him being fouled. If anything, I was the one fouled. He projected his head at mine, albeit unintentionally, while rushing inside to hit me with his punches and ended up clashing with me while I was

DECLARATION OF PATRICKY FREIRE
lowering and distancing myself from him. The video is clear to show that I only start to position myself upwards after the clash.

7. I saw referee John McCarthy talk about a previous fight he was the referee in on which there was a headbutt involved and the result was overturned. However, that fight between Robert Peralta and Mackens Semerzier, had both fighters projecting their heads at each other and Semerzier’s body going limp during his fall, with Peralta completely overwhelming him while he tried to recover (https://www.ufc.tv/video/robert-veralta-vs-mackens-semuzier-ufc-fight-night). In this situation Peralta committed a foul and Semerzier fell in a bad way, clearly rocked. A very different situation than my fight with Thomson. I repeat, even though Thomson was the one that fell afterwards, 1) Thomson was the one hitting me with a headbutt and 2) Thomson didn’t show any signs of being fazed by the resulting clash.

8. There have also been circumstances on which Athletic Commissions upheld results. Urijah Faber’s fight against Francisco Rivera in the UFC, on which Faber hit Rivera with an eye poke and despite Rivera’s complaints the referee let the fight go. Rivera ended up getting submitted, but the Nevada Comission didn’t feel it impacted the result of the fight and kept it (http://www.sherdog.com/news/news/NAC-Denies-Francisco-Riveras-Appeal-to-Overtur-Loss-to-Urijah-Faber-at-UF0C-181-81981). The Nevada Comission also upheld the No Contest between Alex Oliveira and Tim Means, also in the UFC, even with Means’ admission that he intentionally fouled. Also in the UFC, Anthony Johnson hit Alexander Gustafsson with a headbut right before stopping him with strikes (http://www.bloodyelbow.com/2015/1/28/7921303/ufc-on-fox alex-gustafsson-vs-anthony-rumble-johnson-headbut-controversy) and Jussier da Silva submitted Scott Jorgensen after an accidental clash of heads knocked down Jorgensen and da Silva took his back. On the Johnson-Gustafsson fight there was no appeal, but on the Silva-Jorgensen one there was an appeal but the Commission decided the headbutt had no impact on the fight’s result (http://www.mmaworlding.com/2014/4/4/5582864/brazilian-commission-wont-overtur-jussier-formiga-vs-scott-jorgensen).

9. I believe it is pretty clear the situation in my fight with Thomson is much different and less harmful than any of these examples as repeatedly stated. Also, the video shows clearly it wasn’t a moment of two fighters moving at each other and clashing heads, but one fighter (Thomson) projecting his head towards the other’s and getting the worst of it. Therefore, I respectfully ask that the Commission uphold the fight result.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed this 5th day of May, 2017, at Parabiirim, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil.

[Signature]

Patrick Freire

DECLARATION OF PATRICKY FREIRE
MEMORANDUM

DATE | May 16, 2017
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TO | Commissioners
California State Athletic Commission
FROM | Andy Foster, Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT | Agenda item #10 - Review and possible action of Petition to Change the Decision for Ivan Redkach vs. Algenis Mendez at the TGB Promotions event on May 2, 2017, in Studio City, CA

BACKGROUND

This is an appeal from Ivan Redkach regarding his bout with Argenis Mendez on 5/2/2017. This event took place at the Sportsman’s Lodge in Studio City, California. This bout was the main event on the “Toe to Toe Tuesdays” Premier Boxing Champions broadcast on Fox Sports One.

APPEAL DETAIL SUMMARY

Mr. Redkach is alleging that the referee, Raul Caiz Jr., erred on at least two occasions during the bout. The first was in the 3rd round when Redkach accidently clashed heads with Mendes and Referee Raul Caiz Jr. penalized Redkach by taking a point without providing a visible and/or verbal warning. The second alleged referee error was at the end of the 6th round when the Southpaw Redkach threw a straight left hand causing Mendes to fall. Referee Caiz Jr. ruled this a slip instead of a knockdown which Mr. Redkach is alleging a violation of rule 350. Mr. Redkach believes this to be a clear error by the referee, which affected the outcome of the bout.

Mr. Redkach believes that had either the point not been deducted for the accidental head butt or that the knockdown been counted instead of being ruled a slip, that the bout would have resulted in a split draw. Had both the point not been taken and the knockdown not ruled a slip, Mr. Redkach would have won the bout by split decision. Mr. Redkach is seeking a change of decision pursuant to rule 368(a)(3) and asking the bout to be changed from a split decision loss to a split draw.
May 4, 2017

BY EMAIL
Andy.Foster@dca.ca.gov

Mr. Andy Foster
Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission
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Sacramento, CA

APPEAL OF IVAN REDKACH RE BOUT OF MAY 2, 2017

Dear Mr. Foster:

We are counsel for Ivan Redkach (“Redkach”). In accordance with Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, §368(b), we hereby appeal the decision rendered in Redkach’s bout of May 2, 2017, with Argenis Mendez (“Mendez”). We submit that the circumstances warrant a change of decision pursuant to §368(a)(3). The change of decision we are seeking would effectively change the outcome from a 2-1 split decision loss for Redkach to a 1-1-1 draw.

The basis for this Appeal stems from the actions of referee, Raul Caiz, Jr. (“Caiz”). Specifically, Caiz erroneously failed to credit Redkach with a knockdown of Mendez at the end of the 6th round. Instead, Caiz inexplicably ruled it a mere “slip.” This error constituted a clear violation of §350 and proved costly to Redkach.

Caiz, by wrongfully waiving off the knockdown (and despite the fact that Mendez went down as a result of a punch to his head as opposed to a mere misstep) effectively deprived Redkach of an inevitable 10-8 round by Judge Zachary Young. Instead, Judge Young scored the 6th round 10-9 for Redkach.

The only reasonable deduction is that Caiz never actually saw Redkach’s punch to Mendez’s face. Thus, when Mendez went to the floor in the 6th round, Caiz naturally assumed it was because of Mendez’s own misstep. What makes this scenario even more plausible is that earlier in the fight, Mendez stumbled and fell (and clearly not the result of any contact by Redkach). Therefore, having previously witnessed Mendez stumble and fall, Caiz naturally

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1All further references are to the Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4.
assumed that Mendez’s fall in the 6th was also the result of his own missteps (as opposed to the reality of Redkach actually landing a punch).

Without question, everyone is entitled to an off night, referees included, and no one is perfect. Yet whatever the true reason/explanation, the fact is that an error was made, and its significance to Redkach cannot be overstated. Had Caiz ruled correctly, Judge Young’s scoring totals would have been 94-94, and the fight would have ended in a draw. Unfortunately, and as a direct result of Caiz’s error, Judge Young’s scoring totals ended up 95-94 in favor of Mendez, which when coupled with Judge Max DeLuca’s scoring, caused Redkach to lose the bout.

As devastating as Caiz’s ruling was on the knockdown, it was actually just one of several dubious calls he made during the bout. For example, in the 3rd round, Caiz ruled that Redkach head-butted Mendez. Compounding the ruling was that Caiz actually imposed a one-point penalty against Redkach, which was not only excessive, but was premature. Contrary to established common practice, Caiz assessed the penalty without a prior warning to Redkach. The fact Redkach was not found to have head-butted during the remaining seven rounds thereafter strongly suggests that a simple warning would have been equally effective and sufficed in deterring future conduct as opposed to a ruling that changed the scoring.

Furthermore, the fact that there was no indication of malice on Rekach’s part is also confounding. We recognize that §342 generally allows discretion for a penalty to be imposed irrespective of intent, and indeed, §339(c) expressly provides for a penalty where the offense was unintentional. We submit, however, that the penalty provisions of §339(c) were never triggered in the first instance. Contrary to the requirements of §339(c), Mendez did not need time to recover, and in fact, he was not injured by the head-butt. In this regard, Caiz’s ruling on the head-butt is as baffling as his ruling on the knockdown, and equally contributory to the ultimate outcome given Judge Young’s scoring totals.

In closing, we understand that the Commission would always prefer to have bouts decided without it needing to intervene. In this case, however, the evidence and circumstances strongly demonstrate that Caiz erred, and that at the very least, his errors deprived Redkach of a draw if not an outright win. Redkach came into the fight ranked as the No. 3 contender by the WBA, so it obvious that we cannot ignore this injustice. We implore the Commission to review the bout, which aired on FoxSports1 and is accessible on YouTube. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzEUKBpOLPk)

Attached are print-outs of the aforementioned regulations.
Thank you very much. We appreciate the Commission’s attention to this matter and look forward to a hearing.

Very truly yours,

AGAJANIAN, McFALL, WEISS,
TETREAULT & CRIST LLP

/s/

Philip D. Weiss

PDW:lmr
Enclosures
§ 368. Change of Decision.

(a) A decision rendered at the termination of any boxing contest is final and shall not be changed unless following the rendition of a decision the commission determines that any one of the following occurred:

(1) There was collusion affecting the result of any contest;

(2) The compilation of the scorecard of the judges, and the referee when used as a judge, shows an error which would mean that the decision was given to the wrong boxer;

(3) There was a violation of the laws or rules and regulations governing boxing which affected the result of any contest.

(4) The winner of a bout tested positive immediately after the bout for a substance listed in Rule 303(c).

(b) A petition to change a decision shall be in writing and filed by a boxer or the boxer's manager within five (5) calendar days from the date the decision was rendered.

(c) If a petition to change a decision is not filed in writing within five (5) days of the decision, the commission may, upon the vote of at least a majority of the commissioners present, hold a hearing to change the decision at any time.

(d) If the commission determines that any of the above occurred with regards to any contest then the decision rendered shall be changed as the commission may direct.


HISTORY

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

2. Amendment of subsections (b)-(c) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).
§ 368. Change of Decision., 4 CA ADC § 368

3. New subsections (d) and (e) filed 5-14-96; operative 6-13-96 (Register 96, No. 20).

4. Amendment filed 4-6-2009; operative 4-6-2009 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2009, No. 15).

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4 CCR § 368, 4 CA ADC § 368

A boxer shall be deemed to be “down” when any part of his body but his feet is on the floor, or if he is hanging helplessly over the ropes. A referee may count (see Counting) a contestant out either on the ropes or on the floor.


HISTORY

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

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4 CCR § 350, 4 CA ADC § 350
§ 342. Penalizing Contestant.

The referee may penalize any contestant who fouls his or her opponent during a contest, by charging such contestant with the loss of points, whether such foul or fouls be intentional or unintentional. However, the referee shall use his or her own discretion in determining the number of points, if any, chargeable against the contestant in each instance, depending upon the severity or harmlessness of the foul and its effect upon the opponent. The referee shall, at the time of the infraction, inform each judge and the supervising commission representative of the nature of the foul, the identity of the offending boxer and the number of points deducted. At the conclusion of the round, the referee shall verify with the judges the identity of the boxer causing the foul and the number of points deducted in accordance with the referee's determination.

When necessary to deduct points because of fouls or other infractions of the rules, the referee shall warn the offender and at the end of the round notify both contestants of any penalties which may be assessed against either boxer.

Points deducted for any foul or infraction of the rules shall be deducted in the round in which they occur. No boxer shall be penalized in a later round by virtue of a previous foul or infraction of the rules.


HISTORY

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

2. Amendment filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

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4 CCR § 342, 4 CA ADC § 342
§ 339. Unintentional Fouling.

(a) When a bout is interrupted due to an injury caused by an unintentional foul, the referee in consultation with the ringside physician shall determine whether the boxer who has been fouled can continue or not. If the referee sees, or if after consultation with the judges, determines that a boxer is unintentionally fouled and if the boxer's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of a foul, the referee may order the bout continued after a reasonable interval.

(b) If the referee and/or the ringside physician determine that the bout may not continue because of an injury suffered as the result of an unintentional foul or because of an injury inflicted by an unintentional foul which later becomes aggravated by fair blows, the bout must be declared a draw if the bout is stopped before the bell rings to begin the fourth round. After the bell rings to begin the fourth round, the outcome shall be determined by scoring the completed rounds and the round during which the referee or ringside physician stopped the bout.

(c) When an unintentional foul causes the bout to be interrupted for the purpose of allowing the injured boxer time to recover, the referee shall penalize the boxer guilty of the foul one or more points.


HISTORY

1. Change without regulatory effect of NOTE (Register 87, No. 5).

2. Repealer and new subsections (a)-(c) filed 10-30-95; operative 10-30-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 44).

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### Master Score Sheet

**Date of Event:** 05/02/17  
**Name of Event:** TGB Promotions  
**Location of Event:** Sportsmen's Lounge-12825 Ventura Blvd Studio City, CA

#### Bout #8

**Judge (White):** Max DeLuca  
**Judge (Blue):** Jerry Cantu  
**Judge (Red):** Zachary Young

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**Total Net Points:** 96  
**Total Net Points:** 93

**Results:** SPLIT DECISION - MENDOZA  
**Remarks:** CLOSE FIGHT - GOOD ACTION  
1 POINT DEDUCTION FOR HEAD BUTT

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**Referee's Name:** Paul Caz Jr  
**Signature of Commission Representative:** [Signature]