

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 165 Department or Agency Alabama Athletic Commission
Rule No. 165-X-4-.08
Rule Title: Conduct of Contest
New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? NO

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer Joseph Mill
Date 4/14/18

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ALABAMA ATHLETIC
COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Alabama Athletic Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE:

165-X-4-.08: Conduct of Contest

INTENDED ACTION:

Amend the AAC Rules and Regulations.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Adds rules for weigh-ins, adds weight classes, adds fouls, and adds contest scoring rules.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

The Rules Amendment was voted on by the AAC at the Regularly Scheduled Meeting on Friday, April 13, 2018. The amendment passed Unanimously

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

June 4, 2018

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165-X-4.08 Conduct Of Contest.

(1) Tournament Format. All elimination tournaments must be single elimination. No contestant losing a bout in the tournament may fight again in the same tournament.

(2) Rules of Bouts.

(a) Rounds and Duration.

1. Rounds will be limited to one (1) minute in duration with a one (1) minute rest period between each round.

2. All bouts are limited to three (3) rounds.

(b) Three Knockdown Rule. Any contestant who is down three (3) times in the same round shall lose the bout by Technical Decision.

(c) Standing Eight Count. Referee may, in the referee's sole discretion, issue a standing eight count to a contestant.

(d) Judging. Judges will use a Ten Point Must system. If a bout ends in a tie, Judges shall re-evaluate their scorecards with the input of the referee to determine a winner.

(3) Weight Classifications.

1. Contestants shall not compete against an opponent weighing more or less than ten pounds (10 lbs.) of their official weight.

2. Weigh-ins. Official weigh-ins may completed up to three (3) hours of their assigned time of competition.

(4) Fouls.

(a) In general, a referee has wide discretion in how to punish an offending contestant who fouls his or her opponent.

1. If the referee determines that a foul is unintentional, he or she may simply caution the offending boxer to be attentive to rules concerning fouls.

2. If the foul is determined to be intentional, the referee may issue a warning to the offending boxer, or may deduct one or more points from the offending boxer.

(b) Fouls, whether intentional or unintentional, are defined as follows:

1. Hitting below the belt;

(b) When Contestant Considered Not Knocked Down. A knockdown will not be scored or counted when:

1. The referee indicated that the contestant fell after slipping or being tripped.
2. The referee or the commission supervisor determines that the blow was struck after the bell sounded ending the round.

(c) Deducting Points for Fouls.

1. A judge shall be careful to correctly deduct any point or points from the scorecard as commanded by the referee.
2. When one or more points is to be deducted from a contestant's score, the judge shall first record his or her actual score for the round (gross points before any points are deducted) and shall then deduct the appropriate number of points from that score to arrive at a net score for the round. The net-score for the round, after points are deducted, may result in neither contestant receiving a 10-point score.

(d) The 10 Point Must System.

1. The 10 Point Must system shall be used as the standard scoring of a bout.

(7) Low Blows: Intentional or Unintentional.

(a) Recuperation Time. Any contestant struck by a low blow may, at the discretion and after consultation with the ring physician, be given up to five (5) minutes to recuperate.

1. During such recuperation the injured contestant may sit on a stool inside the ring, or in a neutral corner, but may not rest in his assigned corner.
2. Only the referee is allowed to assist the injured contestant during the five minute rest period.
3. The uninjured fighter, during any such rest period, may not be assisted and shall remain in the neutral corner furthest from the contestant.

(b) Bout Stopped by Low Blow. Except as provided in sub-paragraph (5)(b)(15) of this rule, no contestant injured by a low blow may be awarded the contest.

1. If a contestant falls to the ring floor or otherwise indicates an unwillingness to continue because of a claim of a low-blow, he shall be declared the loser by a technical knockout.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §41-9-1020.

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