

Department of Consumer Affairs
California State Athletic Commission

COMMISSION MEETING

June 2, 2025



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MEEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

**Monday, June 2, 2025
10:00 a.m. - Conclusion of Business**

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum.
2. Welcome - Chairman’s Opening Remarks.
3. Review and **Possible Action** to approve the March 3, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes.
4. Review and **Possible Action** to approve the April 10, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes.
5. Discussion and **Possible Action** on Petition to Change the Decision for Emanuel Navarrete vs. Charly Suarez bout on May 10, 2025 in San Diego, CA.
6. Discussion and **Possible Action** on Petition to Change the Decision for Cesar Francis vs. Emiliano Moreno bout on February 19, 2025, in Jamestown, CA.
7. Discussion regarding Commerce Casino’s proposed fee increase on combative sports promoters and update on other alternative venues in the area.
8. Discussion about the incorporation of the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports unified rules for all combat sports that the Commission oversees and regulates.
9. Strategic Planning Session.
10. Executive Officer’s Report
 - a. Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund, Pension Program and MMA Benefit Fund.
 - b. Update on the Specialty License Plate.
 - c. Status Update of Delegated Entities
 - California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organizations (CAMO)- J.T Steele
 - USA Boxing (USA Boxing)- Mike McAtee

- United States Fight League (USFL)-Joe Stevenson
- International Kickboxing Federation (IKF)- Toni Fossum
- World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO)- Thomas Henniger
- International Sport Karate Association (ISKA)- Cory Schafer

d. Staffing update.

e. Upcoming Event Schedule.

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 sections 11125 and 11125.7(a))

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AGENDA

ITEM #3

**Review and Possible Action to
Approve the March 3, 2025, Meeting
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COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. - Conclusion of Business

Location:

IN-PERSON LOCATION:	REMOTE LOCATION:
Ronald Reagan State Building	Zoom
Auditorium 300 S Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90013	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87647947691?pwd=YDsfSi4FDDbZVqzpv4BgCzqA0rezlm.1

Commissioners Present

Chair Peter R. Villegas

Vice Chair Dr. Vernon Williams

Commissioner Ronald Fiore

Commissioner Doug Hendrickson

Commissioner Dr. AnnMaria De Mars

Commissioner Scott Wetch

Staff Present

Andy Foster, Executive Officer

Patrisha Blackstock, Assistant Executive Officer

Mark Relyea, Chief Athletic Inspector

John Kinn, Legal Counsel

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Villegas. Executive Officer (EO) Andy Foster called roll. A quorum was established. Commissioner Gruwell was absent.

Agenda Item 2 - Welcome – Commission Chairman's Opening Remarks.

Chair Villegas welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025 and thanked all the Commissioners for their continued dedication and work for combative sports in the state.

Agenda Item 3 - Review and Possible action to approve the December 9,2024 Commission Meeting Minutes.

Chair Villegas presented the December 9, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

Commissioner Fiore moved to approve the meeting minutes.

Commissioner De Mars seconded the motion.

No Public Comments.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Election of Officers Pursuant to the Requirements of the Business and Professions Code section 18606.

Legal Counsel Mr. Kinn opened for nominations for Chair. Vice Chair Dr. Williams nominated Chair Villegas. Chair Villegas accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. There were no Commission or public comments.

The implied motion is to elect Chair Villegas as Chair of the Commission.

The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Chair Villegas abstained.

Legal Counsel Mr. Kinn opened for nominations for Vice Chair. Chair Villegas nominated Vice Chair Dr. Williams. Vice Chair Dr. Williams accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. There were no Commission or public comments.

The implied motion is to elect Vice Chair Dr. Williams as Vice Chair of the Commission.

The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Vice Chair Williams abstained.

Agenda Item 5- Discussion and Possible Action regarding Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship Request for a Promoter License in order to hold events using Bare Knuckle Fighting Rules pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 533.

This item was tabled.

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion and Possible Action regarding waiving the requirement for an ambulance to be present at small USA Boxing events pursuant to Business and Professions Code, chapter 2, article 3, section 18646.

EO Foster presented data and information regarding ambulance usage from USA Boxing representatives. USA Boxing representative, Mike McAtee was present as well as other local boxing club officials.

After due consideration of the data, information, and comments, the Commission affirmatively found the rules and enforcement of the delegated and sanctioning organization, USA Boxing, meet or exceed the safety and fairness standards of the Commission without an onsite ambulance at smaller USA Boxing events of less than twenty (20) amateur bouts.

Commissioner Fiore moved that pursuant to Section 18646 of the California Business and Professions Code, the Commission waives direct application of the laws and rules under the State Athletic Commission Act, the Professional Boxing Rules, and the Amateur Boxing Rules to the extent that they require an onsite ambulance at these smaller USA Boxing events of less than twenty (20) amateur bouts, subject to annual review by the Commission at its first quarterly meeting of each calendar year.

Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion.

Public Comments

Joe Zanders with USA Boxing thanked the Commission for taking this item up and asked that the Commission pass the waiver of the ambulance.

Tony Contreras with USA Boxing echoed Mr. Zanders statement and added that the cost of the ambulance to be at each event has increased over the years. He added that he felt this waiver would allow clubs to hold more shows.

Rose Gracie stated that she felt the waiver of the ambulance was a step backwards and not in the best interest.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion and Possible Action regarding opportunities for Referee Uniform Sponsorships.

This item was tabled.

Agenda Item 8 – Budget Update from the Budget Office of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

This item was discussed in agenda item 9.

Due to technical difficulties, a recording of the meeting is not available.

Agenda Item 9 – Executive Officer’s Report

a. *Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund, Pension Program and MMA Benefit Fund.*

EO Foster stated that the Commission has deposited \$1,636,362.90 to the support fund as of February 19, 2025. He added that the support fund is slightly below of where he would like the Commission to be at but felt confident that it would be made up based on the event schedule.

The Commission has deposited \$52,005.88.00 into the boxer’s pensions fund, \$44,695.35 into the MMA Retirement fund and \$65,396.80. The pension investment account is currently at \$4.807 million as January 31, 2025

b. *Update on Boxers Pension Distributions.*

EO Foster presented a distribution chart that showed the number of boxers who had received a pension since 2013, and amount of money paid to boxers from 2013 to February 21, 2025. The chart can be found in the meeting materials.

c. *Update on the Specialty License Plate.*

EO Foster stated that Commission staff would be submitting the specialty license plate application to the DMV for review and approval this week.

d. *Status Update of Delegated Entities*

- ***California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organizations (CAMO)- J. T Steele:*** Mr. Steele has submitted CAMO’s quarterly report which can be found in the meeting materials.
- ***USA Boxing (USA Boxing)- Mike McAtee:*** Mr. McAtee has submitted USA Boxing’s quarterly report which can be found in the meeting materials.
- ***United States Fight League (USFL)-Joe Stevenson:*** Mr. Stevenson has submitted USFL’s quarterly report which can be found in the meeting materials.
- ***International Kickboxing Federation (IKF)- Toni Fossum:*** Mrs. Fossum has submitted IKF’s quarterly report which can be found in the meeting materials.
- ***World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) - Tom Henninger:*** Mr. Henninger has submitted WAKO’s initial quarterly report which can be found in the meeting materials.
- ***International Sport Karate Association (ISKA)- Cory Schafer:*** Mr. Schafer has submitted ISKA’s quarterly report which can be found in the meeting materials.

e. *Staffing Update*

f. Upcoming Event Schedule

g. Update on the upcoming August 2025 ABC Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

EO Foster stated that the next ABC Conference would be held from August 1st to August 7th. He added that as the Chair of the MMA Rules Committee and Co-Chair of the ABC Medical Committee he had been asked to speak at the conference.

Agenda Item 10 – Public Comments Not on the Agenda

No public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item 11- The Commission will meet in closed session as authorized by Government Code §11126, subdivision (c)(3) to deliberate on disciplinary matters and petitions; and subdivision (e)(1) to confer with and receive advice from its legal counsel regarding the following pending and threatened litigation: Sanchez v. City of Ontario, San Bernardino County Superior Court, Case No. CIVSB2423351; Walker v. Fox Theater Partners, et al., San Mateo County Superior Court, Case No. 24-CIV-03883; and Suarez v. Sweet Science Boxing, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24TRCV03983.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 12- Next Commission Meeting will be Monday, June 2, 2025, with the location to be determined.

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 1:30 PM.



AGENDA

ITEM #4

**Review and Possible Action to
Approve the April 10, 2025, Meeting
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COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

2 p.m. - Conclusion of Business

Location:

The State Athletic Commission held a public meeting and via teleconference at the following locations:

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| 1. State Athletic Commission
2005 Evergreen St., Suite 2010
Sacramento, CA 95815 | 2. 238 Townsend St
San Francisco, CA 94107 |
| 3. 10500 Civic Center Dr.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 | 4. 6801 Park Terrance
Los Angeles, CA 90045 |
| 5. 1231 I Street, Suite 2016
Sacramento, CA 95814 | 6. 244 Kearny Street, 9th Floor
San Francisco, CA
Abner Hotel-Business Center
15 West St
Litchfield, CT 06759 |
| 7. 11461 W Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049 | |

Commissioners Present

Chair Peter R. Villegas

Vice Chair Dr. Vernon Williams

Commissioner Ronald Fiore

Commissioner Christopher Gruwell

Commissioner Dr. AnnMaria De Mar

Commissioner Scott Wetch

Staff Present

Andy Foster, Executive Officer

Patrisha Blackstock, Assistant Executive Officer

Mark Relyea, Chief Athletic Inspector

John Kinn, Legal Counsel

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM. Executive Officer Andy Foster called roll. Commissioner Hendrickson was absent. All Commissioners in attendance joined via Webex.

Agenda Item 2 - Discussion and Possible Action regarding Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship Request for a Promoter License in order to hold events using Bare Knuckle Fighting Rules pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Section 533

The Commission discussed extending the trial period for bare knuckle fighting events. The Commission has observed a decrease in drug test failures at bare knuckle fighting events. The Commission will continue monitoring drug testing and compliance by the fighters. Some commissioners expressed concerns about the safety and integrity of bare knuckle fighting as a sport. Dr. Wallace, founding member of the Association of Ringside Physicians, has extensive experience in combat sports and spoke to various states that held BKFC events and found that the number of serious injuries (hospitalizations, deaths) that occurred was low. Vice Chair Dr. Williams mentioned data he had seen that suggested that the number of concussive head injuries were reduced due to lacerations that ended the fights early. Dr. Wallace added that he noticed the occurrence of hand injuries was also reduced. The Association of Ringside Physicians is currently collecting data on bare knuckle fighting injuries.

Commissioner Gruwell *moved* to grant BKFC a temporary license for 6 events or one year, whichever comes first. The promoter and the event data from California shall then be reviewed by the Commission.

Commissioner Dr. De Mars *seconded* the motion.

Public Comments

Tom Martinez stated that if approved he would like to hold an event at the State fairgrounds.

No further Commission or Public Comments

Motion passed 5-1 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 3 - Public Comment on Items Not on The Agenda

No public comment

Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 2:40 PM



AGENDA

ITEM #5

**Discussion and Possible Action on Petition to
Change the Decision for Emanuel Navarrete
vs. Charly Suarez bout on May 10, 2025 in San
Diego, CA.**



MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 2, 2025
TO	Chairman Peter Villegas and Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5- Discussion and Possible Action on Petition to Change the Decision for Emanuel Navarrete vs. Charly Suarez bout on May 10, 2025, in San Diego, CA

BACKGROUND

On May 10, 2025, the Commission received a petition to change decision from Ricardo Navalta on behalf of Charly Suarez. The bout occurred at the Pechanga Arena in San Diego on May 10, 2025. In round 6 at 2:45, Referee Ed Collantes calls a timeout due to a laceration above Mr. Navarrete's left eyebrow. Referee Collantes states that the laceration was caused by an accidental headbutt. Ringside Physician, Dr. Ruelaz, was asked by Referee Collantes to step onto the ring apron and look at the laceration during the timeout. It was ruled that Mr. Navarrete could continue, Referee Collantes gave a verbal warning to both boxers to watch their heads and time in was called. Jack Reiss was serving as the replay officer during this bout and reviewed the action that caused the laceration. The camera views available to Mr. Reiss did not provide conclusive evidence to reverse the referee's ruling of an accidental headbutt. Referee Collantes started round 7 and called a timeout for Dr. Ruelaz to look at the laceration again. It was ruled that Mr. Navarrete could continue and time in was called. Referee Collantes started round 8 and called a timeout for Dr. Ruelaz to look at the laceration again. It was ruled that Mr. Navarrete could not continue; the fight ended at :01 of round 8. Due to the foul causing the end of the fight before the completion of scheduled rounds, the fight went to the scorecards and a technical decision win was awarded to Emanuel Navarrete.

APPEAL DETAIL SUMMARY

Mr. Navalta, on behalf Mr. Suarez, alleges that the laceration that was ruled to be caused by a headbutt was actually caused by a clean, legal punch. Mr. Navalta states that video evidence clearly shows the injury resulting from a punch and that the decision given that night contradicts the Unified Rules of Boxing. Mr. Navalta is requesting that the Commission change the decision to either a technical knockout (TKO) win for Mr. Suarez or to a no contest.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached for your review is:

- The petition submitted by Mr. Navalta on May 10, 2025
- Additional documentation submitted by Mr. Navalta on May 20, 2025
- Documentation submitted by Mr. Brito on behalf of Mr. Navarrete.
- Boxing Instant Replay Rules.
- Navarrete vs Suarez scoresheet.
- Unified Rules of Boxing.

EO RECOMMENDATION

The Commission followed proper procedure during the review of foul in the time allotted by the replay procedure. Additionally, I do believe that if the Commission would have been provided with the complete camera angles to view during the replay review that the decision rendered could have been different. If additional evidence beyond was what provided during the replay review confirms that the laceration was caused by a legal punch, then in the best interest of boxing and under the laws, rules, and regulations governing boxing, I would recommend ruling the bout a no contest.



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MASTER SCORE SHEET

DATE 05/10/25 NAME OF EVENT Top Rank, Inc.

LOCATION Pechanga Arena-3500 Sports Arena Blvd San Diego, CA 92110

BOUT #8

Judge (White) Pat Russell						
Name Emmanuel Navarrete			Name Charly Suarez			
Net Points	Points Deducted	Round Points	Round	Round Points	Points Deducted	Net Points
		10	1	9		
19		9	2	10		19
29		10	3	9		28
39		10	4	9		37
49		10	5	9		46
58		9	6	10		56
68		10	7	9		55
78		10	8	10		75
			9			
			10			
			11			
			12			
78	< Total Net Points			Total > Net Points		75

Judge (Blue) Fernando Villarreal						
Name Emmanuel Navarrete			Name Charly Suarez			
Net Points	Points Deducted	Round Points	Round	Round Points	Points Deducted	Net Points
		10	1	9		
19		9	2	10		19
28		9	3	10		29
38		10	4	9		38
48		10	5	9		47
57		9	6	10		57
67		10	7	9		66
77		10	8	10		76
			9			
			10			
			11			
			12			
77	< Total Net Points			Total > Net Points		76

Judge (Red) Lou Moret						
Name Emmanuel Navarrete			Name Charly Suarez			
Net Points	Points Deducted	Round Points	Round	Round Points	Points Deducted	Net Points
		10	1	9		
19		9	2	10		19
28		9	3	10		29
38		10	4	9		38
48		10	5	9		47
58		10	6	9		56
67		9	7	10		66
77		10	8	10		76
			9			
			10			
			11			
			12			
77	< Total Net Points			Total > Net Points		76

Results: UNANIMOUS

Remarks:

EDWARD COLLANTES

Referee Name Edward Collantes

Mark Reyes

Signature of Commission Representative



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May 12, 2025

Charly Suarez, boxer
Ricardo Navalta, manager

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING – Emanuel Navarrete vs. Charly Suarez

Dear Mr. Suarez,

The California State Athletic Commission (Commission) has received your request to appeal the result of a bout which occurred on May 10, 2025, between yourself and Emanuel Navarrete at The Pechanga Arena in San Diego, California. The Commission will hear this item at its next scheduled meeting where you are welcome to appear, however it is not mandatory. You may submit additional written materials or videos to the Commission no later than May 20, 2025. Absent extraordinary circumstances, no new written materials or videos will be accepted at the actual hearing. If you need a translator, one will be provided telephonically, free of charge. A translator, including the language needed, must be requested no later than 10 days before the scheduled hearing. The meeting details are as follows:

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Sincerely,

Patrisha Blackstock,
Assistant Executive Officer
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May 12, 2025

Emanuel Navarrete, boxer
Alejandro Brito

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING – Emanuel Navarrete vs. Charly Suarez

Dear Mr. Navarrete,

The California State Athletic Commission (Commission) has received a request to appeal the result of a bout which occurred on May 10, 2025, between yourself and Charly Suarez at The Pechanga Arena in San Diego, California. The Commission will hear this item at its next scheduled meeting where you are welcome to appear, however it is not mandatory. The items submitted by Mr. Suarez are included and you may submit written materials or videos to the Commission no later than May 20, 2025. Absent extraordinary circumstances, no new written materials or videos will be accepted at the actual hearing. If you need a translator, one will be provided telephonically, free of charge. A translator, including the language needed, must be requested no later than 10 days before the scheduled hearing. The meeting details are as follows:

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May 12, 2025

Edward "Ed" Collantes

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING – Emanuel Navarrete vs. Charly Suarez

Dear Mr. Collantes,

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Sincerely,

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Assistant Executive Officer
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May 13, 2025

Dr. Robert Ruelaz

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING – Emanuel Navarrete vs. Charly Suarez

Dear Dr. Ruelaz,

The California State Athletic Commission (Commission) has received a request to appeal the result of a bout which occurred on May 10, 2025, between Emanuel Navarrete and Charly Suarez at Pechanga Arena in San Diego, California. The Commission will hear this item at its next scheduled meeting where you are requested to appear. The items submitted by Mr. Suarez are included and you may submit written materials or videos to the Commission no later than May 20, 2025. Absent extraordinary circumstances, no new written materials or videos will be accepted at the actual hearing. If you need a translator, one will be provided telephonically, free of charge. A translator, including the language needed, must be requested no later than 10 days before the scheduled hearing. The meeting details are as follows:

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May 12, 2025

Top Rank, Inc.

Francisco Meneses, Director of Regulatory Affairs

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING – Emanuel Navarrete vs. Charly Suarez

Dear Mr. Meneses,

The California State Athletic Commission (Commission) has received a request to appeal the result of a bout which occurred on May 10, 2025, between Emanuel Navarrete and Charly Suarez at Pechanga Arena in San Diego, California. The Commission will hear this item at its next scheduled meeting where you are welcome to appear, however it is not mandatory. The items submitted by Mr. Suarez are included and you may submit written materials or videos to the Commission no later than May 20, 2025. Absent extraordinary circumstances, no new written materials or videos will be accepted at the actual hearing. If you need a translator, one will be provided telephonically, free of charge. A translator, including the language needed, must be requested no later than 10 days before the scheduled hearing. The meeting details are as follows:

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Assistant Executive Officer
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Ricardo Navalta
Manager, Charly Suarez
Manila, Philippines

May 10, 2025

To:
Andy Foster
Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2010
Sacramento, CA 95815
Email: [REDACTED]

Subject: Formal Request for Review – Navarrete vs. Suarez (May 10, 2025)

Event Location: Pechanga Arena San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Foster and Members of the California State Athletic Commission,

On behalf of my fighter, Charly Suarez, I am writing to respectfully submit this formal request for review of the outcome of the WBO World Junior Lightweight Championship bout between Emanuel Navarrete and Charly Suarez, held on May 10, 2025, at Pechanga Arena San Diego, under the jurisdiction of the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC).

This request is submitted in accordance with California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 2, Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 368, which authorizes the Commission to investigate and address any contest in which there is evidence of irregularities or misapplication of rules affecting the outcome of the match.

Undisputed video evidence clearly shows that the injury which led to the ringside physician stopping the bout—a laceration on Mr. Navarrete’s forehead—was the direct result of a clean, legal punch delivered by Suarez.

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Despite this, the fight was sent to the scorecards, and a decision was rendered in favor of Navarrete. This ruling appears to contradict the above regulation and significantly impacted the rightful outcome of a world championship match.

We respectfully request that the CSAC:

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This appeal is submitted in good faith, with the shared goal of protecting the integrity of the sport, ensuring that CSAC regulations are properly applied, and that fighters are awarded outcomes consistent with the rules under which they compete.

Thank you for your time, service, and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RNavalta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ricardo" and last name "Navalta" clearly distinguishable.

Ricardo Navalta
Manager of Charly Suarez

20 May 2025

ANDY FOSTER

Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

2005 Evergreen St.

Suite 2010

Sacramento, CA 95815

Subject: **Additional submission for the Formal Request for Review of Charly Suarez in relation to his fight against Emanuel Navarrete on May 10, 2025**

Dear Mr. Foster:

On behalf of Mr. Charly Suarez, we respectfully file this additional submission, as allowed by the California State Athletic Commission ("CSAC"), in support of Mr. Suarez's request for a review and correction of the official result of the May 10, 2025, WBO Jr. Lightweight World Championship Bout (the "Bout") between Charly Suarez and Emanuel Navarrete, held in Pechanga Arena, San Diego, California.

I. Material facts

The Bout was officially stopped by ringside physician Dr. Robert Ruelaz in the 8th round due to a cut sustained by Mr. Navarrete located at the left side of his forehead and above the left eyebrow (the "Cut").

The Cut was earlier ruled by referee Edward Collantes to be the result of an accidental clash of heads sustained by Mr. Navarrete at the 2:50 mark of the 6th round of the Bout. Thereafter, the Bout went to the scorecards which eventually led to a unanimous technical decision in favor of Mr. Navarrete (78-75, 77-76 and 77-76) (the "Decision").

Enhanced replay with multiple angles and slow-motion revealed that Navarrete's cut was caused by a legal punch, particularly, a left hand from Suarez.

II. Issues

- (a) The primordial issue in this matter is whether the cut sustained by Mr. Navarrete was caused by a legal punch or an accidental clash of heads;

- (b) Whether the replay and other video evidence show that referee Edward Collantes erred in ruling that the cut of Mr. Navarrete was caused by an accidental clash of heads; and,
- (c) Whether the CSAC should exercise its authority to rectify the Decision and change it to a technical knockout victory in favor of Charly Suarez, per CSAC rules.

III. Mr. Suarez's position

- (a) The Cut was caused by a legal punch at the 2:50 mark of the 6th round of the Bout.

Replay official Jack Reiss noted post-fight that the initial angles reviewed were inconclusive, leading to an incorrect confirmation of the headbutt ruling. However, widely available footage from alternate broadcast angles—reviewed by numerous analysts—clearly shows a clean left-hand landing at the site of the injury.

A careful review of the replays show that the Cut was caused by a clear left hand by Mr. Suarez which caught Mr. Navarrete at an angle (the “Punch”), as the latter was attempting to evade the punch. Notably, at the point of collision (between Mr. Suarez's left hand the location of the Cut), Mr. Suarez's head was positioned almost at the back (left side) of Mr. Navarrete which makes the Cut physically impossible to have been caused by a head clash.

- (b) Referee Edwards Collantes erroneously ruled that the cut of Mr. Navarrete was caused by an accidental clash of heads

Video evidence shows that Referee Edward Collantes had clear and unobstructed view of the point of contact of the Punch which caused the Cut. This notwithstanding, the Referee erroneously ruled the Cut as caused by an accidental clash of heads in violation of his duty under Section 18730, Article 7 of the Boxing Act.

Notably, under the CSAC rules, if a fight is stopped due to a fighter's inability to continue, due to injury or damage caused by a legal blow, the fight should be ruled a technical knockout in favor of the fighter who caused the legal blow.

- (c) The CSAC, under its mandate, has the authority to review decisions and made by referees and judges if there are errors that affected the outcome of the fight. This is especially true when there is new video evidence, as is the case here, which indubitably shows that an overturning of an erroneous decision is warranted.

In view of the foregoing, the Decision of the referee to submit the Bout to a technical decision before the ringside judges, instead of a TKO victory in favor of Mr. Suarez, should be rectified in favor of Mr. Suarez because the assailed Decision was anchored on the erroneous ruling of Referee Edwards Collantes regarding the cause of the Cut.

IV. Prayer for Corrective Action

In the interest of fairness and upholding the integrity of California's combat sports, we humbly request the Honorable Commission to **review** the Decision and thereafter, **rectify** the same and unequivocally **declare**: (a) Mr. Suarez as still undefeated with a new record of 19 wins (11 KOs) and 0 losses; (b) Mr. Suarez as winner by 8th round TKO over Emanuel Navarrete; and (c) Mr. Suarez as the new WBO Jr. Lightweight World Champion.

Additionally, we implore the Honorable Commission to revisit its decision in the fight of Timothy Bradley versus Nate Campbell (01 August 2009). In the said fight, Bradley was initially awarded a TKO victory but was later changed to a "no-contest" after a review revealed that the proximate cause of the stoppage was a clash of heads at the expense of Campbell.

While we are aware of the rumors and speculations that the CSAC is inclined to do the same in Mr. Suarez's Protest, we are of the position that the same is not in order in the instant Protest. In the Bradley fight, a "no-contest" decision was proper because the review revealed that, although the initial award of TKO to Bradley was improper, there was nothing that warranted an award of a win in favor of Campbell.

In Mr. Suarez's case, however, the crux of the controversy was the proximate cause of the cut and the erroneous ruling of the referee that caused the stoppage, which, after review, can justify the award of a TKO win for Mr. Suarez.

In support of the above, we submit the following in support of Mr. Suarez's position:

1. Full video evidence with time stamps:

- (a) Top Rank Broadcast Replay – Round 6 Punch Impact: URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNciydIH4o>

Timestamp: Approximately 2:39 – Left hook lands directly above Navarrete's left eyebrow, resulting in visible damage.

- (b) Still Frame Capture from Round 6 which shows the proximate cause of the Cut being a left hand from Mr. Suarez.



(c) Supplementary video evidence of reactions and commentaries from boxing analysts and experts, with corresponding time stamps:

Details	Details	Link
Top Rank Official Video of the Fight Timothy Bradley (commentator)	Top Rank Boxing Navarrete vs Suarez, fight highlights May 11, 2025 Timestamp: 2:40 to 3:25	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNciydIH14o
Teddy Atlas – Review and Analysis	“The Fight with Teddy Atlas” May 14, 2025 Timestamp: 0:32 to 4:42	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3kaPx8t0Ec
Mikey Garcia	“ES News” May 13, 2025 Timestamp: 2:41 to 2:47	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yM7RIIoRTbw
Robert Garcia <i>“It was a punch”</i>	“ES News” May 12, 2025 Timestamp: 15:55 to 17:15	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nB02xvqel-o
Sean Zittel / Radio Rahim	May 14, 2025 Timestamp: 4:35 to 8:34	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2ciCn9kJ5Q

2. Statement from Mr. Suarez.
3. Professional opinion from a physician or expert to affirm the proximate cause of the Cut to be presented/submitted during the hearing.

We respectfully request that this Protest with its attachments and supporting evidence be reviewed during the CSAC hearing on 02 June 2025. We manifest that Mr. Suarez's representatives and witnesses will be available to attend in person on the said hearing.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to upholding the principles of fairness and integrity in boxing.

Sincerely,



Ric Navalta
Manager of Charly Suarez



May 13, 2025

CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2010
Sacramento, California

Through : **Mr. PETER VILLEGAS**
Chairman

Re : **SUAREZ vs. NAVARRETE**

Dear Chairman Villegas:

Warm greetings from the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) of the Republic of the Philippines!

As you are aware, GAB is the government agency mandated to regulate and supervise the conduct of professional sports in the Philippines, including boxing.

In this regard, we respectfully endorse the *Appeal* submitted by a duly GAB-licensed professional boxing manager, **Mr. DELFIN D. BOHOLST**, who raised serious concerns regarding the outcome of the match between the professional boxer under his wing, **Mr. CHARLY SUAREZ**, against **Mr. EMANUEL NAVARRETE**, during their **WBO WOLRD JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT** held on May 10, 2025, at the Pechanga Arena, San Diego, California, U.S.A. Enclosed, you will find Mr. Boholst's detailed account of the bout along with supporting documents.

We respectfully request your esteemed Office to review the attached *Appeal* and inform us of the results of your evaluation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Atty. FRANCISCO J. RIVERA
Chairman

Copy furnished:

Mr. DELFIN BOHOLST

Encls.: A/a:

1. Letter of Appeal from Mr. Delfin Boholst, video footage, copy of the master score sheet, and other pertinent documents/evidence.

12 May 2025

GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD

2/F Legaspi Tower 200,
Paseo de Roxas St., Legaspi Village, Makati City
Philippines, 1226

Attention : Atty. Francisco J. Rivera
Chairman

Subject : Formal Request for Support to our Appeal Re:Navarrete vs Suarez
(May 10, 2025, Pacific Time)

Event Location : Pechanga Arena, San Diego, California

Dear Sir,

On behalf of my fighter, Charly Suarez, I am writing to respectfully submit this formal request for the assistance and support of the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) in relation to our appeal to the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) and the World Boxing Organization (WBO).

The subject appeal is for the review of the outcome of the WBO World Junior Lightweight Championship bout between Emanuel Navarrete (Mexico) and Charly Suarez, held on May 10, 2025, at Pechanga Arena, San Diego, CA, under the jurisdiction of the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC).

The appeal we submitted to the CSAC and WBO is in accordance with California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 2, Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 368, which authorizes the Commission to investigate and address any contest in which there is evidence of irregularities or misapplication of rules affecting the outcome of the match.

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This appeal was submitted in good faith, with the shared goal of protecting the integrity of the sport, ensuring that CSAC regulations are properly applied, and that fighters are awarded outcomes consistent with the rules under which they compete.

We are humbly seeking the assistance and support of the Philippine Games and Amusements Board on this matter.

Thank you for your time, attention, and unwavering support and service to the Filipino boxers.

Sincerely,



Delfin D Boholst
Manager

[Gabriel Alejandro Brito Rodríguez]
[Manager of Emanuel Navarrete]

[May 20th, 2025]

Executive Officer Andy Foster
California State Athletic Commission
[2005 Evergreen St #2010]
[Sacramento, California 95815]

Subject: [Emanuel Navarrete's opposition to appeal for reversal of fight outcome]

I am writing in reference to the notice of hearing scheduled for June 2nd in Sacramento, California, regarding the petition submitted by Charly Suarez's management team to modify the official result of the fight held on May 10th in San Diego, California.

As the manager of WBO World Champion Emanuel "Vaquero" Navarrete, I would like to submit the following considerations for the Commission's review ahead of the hearing. The first and clearest consideration is that the guidelines for instant review are very clear: If the arguments to overturn a call are not clear and indisputable within the time given, the Referee's call stands.

The fight was stopped after eight rounds, with a technical decision in favor of Navarrete, due to a severe cut sustained on the left side of his forehead, not the eyebrow, the forehead. The referee determined at the time that the injury resulted from an accidental clash of heads, a decision that was later corroborated via instant replay analysis by the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) officials present.

Suarez's team filed their petition later that same evening, citing a video broadcast on ESPN (Video 1) as evidence that the injury was caused by a clean punch. However, we contest this argument based on the following points:

1. Timing and Basis of the Appeal:

- The petition was filed only after the ESPN broadcast (Video exhibit 1) , hours after the initial decision was made.
- The clip presented does not provide 100% definitive evidence that the punch in question was the only thing responsible for the cut.

2. Nature of the Injury:

- The injury involved a deep laceration extending through two layers of skin, requiring seven stitches (as documented in Video exhibit 2).
- Never in my 20+ years in the boxing industry, have I ever witnessed a similar injury on the forehead, not the eyebrow, caused exclusively by a clean punch with the padded portion of the glove.
- No representatives from Suarez's team were present during the Commission's medical procedures performed on Navarrete.
- We did not request a review of Suarez's hand wraps because we were and still are confident that the laceration on the forehead was not solely the result of a punch with the padded part of the glove.

3. Video Evidence Analysis:

- The video referenced by Suarez's team shows that after the punch, a head clash occurs, culminating in a scratch caused by the tape on the right glove. It is at this exact moment that Navarrete visibly shows discomfort for the first time, not after the initial left-hand punch.
- Between seconds :04 and :08 (Video exhibit 3), it is clear that Navarrete's left ear moves as a result of the head clash. At the same moment, the first trace of blood is visible, corresponding with the trajectory of Suarez's right glove scratching across Navarrete's forehead.
- Despite the punch indeed being visible in the video referred by team Suarez, the magnitude of the cut suggests additional factors were at play.
- Following a left hook delivered by Suarez, (Video exhibit 4 from 0:16 and 0:22) there is no visible evidence of blood on his left glove immediately after the punch. If the punch had been solely responsible for causing the cut that required six stitches, one would expect to observe blood on the glove immediately. after. However, no such trace is visible.

4. Commentary and Additional Observations:

- An ESPN commentator also noted the absence of visible blood on Suarez's glove, further casting doubt on the claim that the cut was caused exclusively by a clean punch.

- Navarrete recalls that after Suarez's punch, he clearly felt a clash with Suarez's head, followed by a scrape or scratch from the tape on the right glove.
- We submit to the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) a medical diagnosis by Dr. Alfredo Delgado Flores, an ENT surgeon specializing in aesthetic and functional surgery. Dr. Delgado conducted a medical evaluation of Navarrete's laceration and stitches on May 17th (Photo #1). According to his findings, the wound measures approximately 3 centimeters in length and is located 5 to 7 millimeters above the left eyebrow, requiring six stitches. The absence of superficial skin burns indicates that the laceration cannot conclusively be attributed solely to a punch. Instead, it is highly likely to have been caused by a clash involving the shoulder or head.

I would like to emphasize that no representatives from Team Suarez were present during the medical procedures performed on Navarrete in his locker room, during which six stitches were required to close the wound. Furthermore, they lack the video evidence demonstrating the actual depth of the cut. They do not possess this conclusive evidence, whereas we do.

While we are not medical professionals or specialists in the field, we are submitting the testimony of a specialized surgeon who had direct access to the wound and the relevant videos. This surgeon has concluded that the wound cannot be conclusively attributed solely to a punch delivered by the opposing fighter. (See attached medical diagnosis #1)

Let me be clear: Team Suarez may present their own arguments, but they never had access to the wound's size or depth. Their claims rely solely on video footage and statements from reporters, trainers, and fighters, none of which carry sufficient authority to determine whether the cut was caused by a punch, a clash of heads, or a scratch from the glove's tape. I reiterate, they had **no access** to the wound itself.

Additionally, their only proof is one video, in which it also provides clear evidence of a head clash followed by a scratch caused by the glove's tape. Only after these two incidents does Navarrete visibly exhibit discomfort and pain for the first time—not immediately after the punch.

Based on the evidence presented, the arguments established by team Suarez stating that the cut was caused exclusively by a clean punch lacks the clarity and definitive proof required to warrant a reversal of the fight's outcome.

5. Boxing Instant Replay Rules

- In accordance to the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) instant replay rules, effective as of March 1, 2022, Rule 1 stipulates that an executive officer will assign an Instant Replay Official to oversee boxing matches held in California.

- Rule number six specifies that: “change of calls must be clear and indisputable or the Referee’s call stands”. In the arguments provided by team Suarez, they declare that the Instant Replay Officer, Jack Reiss made a note in which establishes that the initial angles reviewed were inconclusive.
- Rule number seven establishes that the review must be completed under the one-minute rest period or the Referee’s call stands.
- Additionally, rule number eleven clarifies that if a determination can not be made in the time allotted, the Referee’s call stands.
- The CSAC rules are explicit: unless the arguments are clear and indisputable within the prescribed timeframe under the Instant Replay regulations, the Referee’s original call prevails.

We trust the integrity and judgment of the Commission and respectfully request that the original decision be upheld unless irrefutable evidence is provided. If such clarity is absent, we urge the Commission to maintain the existing result. We kindly ask for you to stick to your own rules and not the arguments of videos and statements from characters who were not directly present or involved in the situation. The rules shall prevail.

In the absence of 100% clarity in the arguments, we respectfully ask that the possibility of reversing the result shall be considered thoroughly 1000 times.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Alejandro Brito
Manager of Emanuel “Vaquero” Navarrete





POLICY AND PROCEDURE

TITLE: Boxing Instant Replay Rules	SUPERSEDES: None	POLICY #: 2021-01
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DISTRIBUTE TO: All CSAC Officials and Inspectors	ORIGINAL APPROVED BY: Executive Officer	
ISSUE DATE: March 1, 2022		

Policy:

Boxing Instant Replay Rules

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide procedures as to when and how instant replay can be used during a boxing event in California.

Procedure:

1. The Executive Officer or their designee will assign an Instant Replay Official to boxing matches in California.
2. Instant Replay can only be used when needed at the Referees discretion, and when the necessary television review equipment is available and for one of the following reasons:
 - Punch, elbow or headbutt causing a cut
 - Knockdown, trip or slip
 - Punch landing after the bell
 - Illegal blow causing a knockdown or KO
3. The Instant Replay Official will be provided a monitor and a headset at ringside next to Commission table.

Policy and Procedure: Boxing Instant Replay Rules

Policy # 2021-01

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4. If a replay is required, the Referee or the Instant Replay Official immediately notifies the production/broadcast crew of the need for instant replay and the replay must be made available for viewing by the end of the round.
5. The Instant Replay Official and Lead Athletic Inspector or their designee watch the replay together.
6. Change of calls(or lack thereof) must be clear and indisputable or the Referee's call stands.
7. The review must be completed during the one-minute rest period or the Referee's call stands.
8. The Instant Replay Official notifies the Referee and the Lead Athletic Inspector of their findings and if the Referee agrees, they will notify the Judges and Commission score table of the decision prior to the start of the next round.
9. If the incident occurs in the final round, the Instant replay official has up to 3 minutes from the conclusion of the round to make a determination.
10. An additional 30 seconds may be added to the rest period, if needed, for notification of the change of a call.
11. If a determination cannot be made in the time allotted, the referee's call stands.



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Unified Boxing Rules

ASSOCIATION OF BOXING COMMISSIONS UNIFIED RULES OF BOXING

As Approved August 25, 2001. Amended August 2, 2002, Amended July 3, 2008.

Amended July 24, 2012, Amended July 29, 2014, Amended August 3, 2016

1. Each round shall consist of a three (3) minute duration, with a one (1) minute rest period between rounds.
2. The referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and is the only individual authorized to stop a contest. This rule shall not preclude a video or other review of a decision under the procedures of the applicable regulatory authority if a protest is filed claiming a clear rule violation.
3. All bouts will be evaluated and scored by three (3) judges.
4. The 10 Point Must System will be the standard system of scoring a bout.
5. The Mandatory Eight (8) Count after knockdowns will be standard procedure in all bouts.
6. All professional boxers are required to wear a mouthpiece during competition. The round cannot begin without the mouthpiece. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the referee will call time and have the mouthpiece replaced at the first opportune moment, without interfering with the immediate action. Points may be de-



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ducted by the referee if he feels the mouthpiece is being purposely spit out.

7. There is NO Standing Eight (8) Count.

8. There is NO Three (3) Knockdown Rule.

9. A boxer shall receive a twenty (20) second count if the boxer is knocked out of the ring. The boxer is to be unassisted by spectators or his/her seconds. If assisted by anyone, the boxer may lose points or be disqualified with such a decision being within the sole discretion of the referee.

10. A boxer who has been knocked down cannot be saved by the bell in any round.

11. If a boxer sustains an injury from a fair blow and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout, the injured boxer shall lose by TKO.

12. Injuries sustained by Fouls:

A. Intentional Fouls

1. If an intentional foul causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the boxer causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.
2. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the authorities and deduct two (2) points from the boxer who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls will be mandatory.
3. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, and the injury results in the bout being stopped in any round after the fourth (4th) round, the injured boxer will win by TECHNICAL DECISION if he is ahead on the score cards; and the bout will result in a TECHNICAL DRAW if the injured boxer is behind or even on the score cards.

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4. If the boxer injures himself while attempting to intentionally foul his opponent, the referee will not take any action in his favor, and this injury shall be the same as one produced by a fair blow.
5. If the referee feels that a boxer has conducted himself in an unsportsmanlike manner, he may stop the bout and disqualify the boxer.

B. Accidental Fouls

1. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout, the bout will result in a NO DECISION if stopped before four (4) completed rounds. Four (4) rounds are complete when the bell rings signifying the end of the fourth round.
2. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout after four (4) rounds have occurred, the bout will result in a TECHNICAL DECISION awarded to the boxer who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped.

a. Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored. If no action has occurred, the round should be scored as an even round. This is at the discretion of the judges.

13. A fighter who is hit with an accidental low blow must continue after a reasonable amount of time but no more than five (5) minutes, or he/she will lose the fight.



AGENDA

ITEM #6

**Discussion and Possible Action on Petition to
Change the Decision for Cesar Francis vs.
Emiliano Moreno bout on February 19, 2025, in
Jamestown, CA.**



MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 2, 2025
TO	Chairman Peter Villegas and Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6- Discussion and Possible Action on Petition to Change the Decision for Cesar Francis vs. Emiliano Moreno bout on February 19, 2025, in Jamestown, CA

BACKGROUND

On February 21, 2025, the Commission received a petition to change decision from Cesar Francis. The bout occurred at the Chicken Ranch Casino and Resort in Jamestown on February 19, 2025. At 2:44 of round 7 of a scheduled 10 round bout, Referee Dan Stell called a stop to the bout, ruling Emiliano Moreno the winner by knockout.

APPEAL DETAIL SUMMARY

Mr. Francis believes that the stoppage by Referee Dan Stell was premature as he wasn't hurt or defenseless. He also states that while he did stumble briefly after taking a clean shot, he was fully aware, responsive and actively defending himself. Mr. Francis is requesting for the Commission to overturn the results of the bout to a no contest.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached for your review is:

- The petition submitted by Mr. Francis
- Moreno vs. Francis scoresheet.

EO RECOMMENDATION

While I believe the referee acted in good faith and made a judgment call that he felt was appropriate at the time, the stoppage of the bout appears to have been premature. Mr. Francis did not seem to be in immediate danger or unable to intelligently defend himself. Therefore, I recommend that the result of the bout be changed to a no contest.

To watch this fight, you will need to go to proboxtv.com, create a free account, chose the Future Stars Flores Jr vs. Arellano, go to 1:50:00.



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Commissioner Peter Villegas, Chair | Executive Officer, Andy Foster

**MASTER SCORE SHEET**

DATE
02/19/25

NAME OF EVENT
House of Champions

LOCATION
Chicken Ranch Casino: 9100 People of Mountain Road, Jamestown, CA 95327

BOUT #4

Judge (White) Brian Tsukamoto						
Name Emiliano Moreno			Name Cesar Francis			
Net Points	Points Deducted	Round Points	Round	Round Points	Points Deducted	Net Points
		9	1	10		
18		9	2	10		20
27		9	3	10		30
36		9	4	10		40
46		10	5	9		49
56		10	6	9		58
			7			
			8			
			9			
			10			
			11			
			12			
< Total Net Points			Total > Net Points			

Judge (Blue) Michael Rinaldi						
Name Emiliano Moreno			Name Cesar Francis			
Net Points	Points Deducted	Round Points	Round	Round Points	Points Deducted	Net Points
		9	1	10		
18		9	2	10		20
27		9	3	10		30
37		10	4	9		39
47		10	5	9		48
57		10	6	9		57
			7			
			8			
			9			
			10			
			11			
			12			
< Total Net Points			Total > Net Points			

Judge (Red) David Hartman						
Name Emiliano Moreno			Name Cesar Francis			
Net Points	Points Deducted	Round Points	Round	Round Points	Points Deducted	Net Points
		9	1	10		
18		9	2	10		20
27		9	3	10		30
36		9	4	10		40
46		10	5	9		49
56		10	6	9		58
			7			
			8			
			9			
			10			
			11			
			12			
< Total Net Points			Total > Net Points			

Results:

Moreno by KO

Remarks:

2:44 of Round 7

George Ramos Jr.
Signature of Commission Representative

Referee Name **Dan Stell**



PETITION FOR CHANGE OF DECISION UNDER 4 CCR § 368

This request is to be forwarded to the Commission office at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2010, Sacramento, California 95815 or via email at csac@dca.ca.gov and must be received by the office within five (5) days of the decision per 4 CCR § 368¹. This form is recommended but optional. The only requirements are that the petition be in writing and timely delivered to the Commission.

Petitioner Name: _____

Petitioner Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date of Decision/ Bout: _____ Bout Results: _____

Manager Name: _____

Under which subsection(s) of 4 CCR § 368 are you requesting a change of decision (please check all that apply):

- ☒ (a) There was collusion affecting the result of the contest;
- ☐ (b) 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;
- ☐ (c) There was a violation of the laws or rules and regulations governing boxing which affected the result of the contest.

If requesting a change of decision under subsections (a) or (b), please explain in detail the facts showing you qualify for a change of decision under that section (attach additional sheets if necessary). Please also attach to this form any further factual support in support of your position.

¹ Note that 4 CCR 368, subd. (e), allows the Commission, on a vote of at least a majority of the commissioners present, to hold a hearing to change a decision at any time.

If requesting a change of decision under subsection (c), please answer the following questions and also attach to this form any further factual information in support of your position:

- What Laws, Rules or Regulations governing boxing were violated in your bout?

- How did the violation of those Laws, Rules or Regulations affect the result of your bout?

Will you require the services of an interpreter at a hearing if one is scheduled? ☐ Yes* ☒ No

*If yes, please state what language: _____

Are you relying on any videos, photos or other multi-media in support of your position?

☒ Yes* ☐ No

*If yes, please attach and/or otherwise send videos/photos or other multi-media to the Commission along with this form.

No new videos/photos or multi-media [or other evidence] will be allowed, absent extraordinary circumstances, at the hearing unless it is submitted beforehand to the Commission.



Petitioner Signature

Date

From: [Cesar Francis](#)
To: [Blackstock, Patrisha@DCA](mailto:Blackstock_Patrisha@DCA)
Subject: Re: Appeal for Fight Decision Review
Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:47:20 PM
Attachments: [PA015 - Petition to Change Decision 11.19.pdf](#)

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On May 15, 2025, at 2:48 PM, Blackstock, Patrisha@DCA
<Patrisha.Blackstock@dca.ca.gov> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I am formally requesting a review of the stoppage in my recent professional bout held in California. The fight was prematurely stopped by the referee despite me not being hurt or defenseless. I stumbled briefly after taking a clean shot something that happens in many competitive fights but I was fully aware, responsive, and actively defending myself. I had trained extensively for this match, traveled across the country, and was ahead on all judges' scorecards at the time of the stoppage. The decision was not only unwarranted but also unfair, and I respectfully ask that the commission review the footage and consider overturning the result.

Sincerely,

Cesar Francis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chris,

Attached is the form, you will need to send the completed form and any videos/images that you have. If possible, please get this to me by tomorrow, May 16th.

Thank you,

Patrisha Blackstock
Assistant Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission
2005 Evergreen St., Suite 2010
Sacramento, CA 95815
Patrisha.blackstock@dca.ca.gov
P: 916-263-2195 (Main Line)
P: 916-263-6130 (Direct Line)
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From: Chris Glover [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:44 AM
To: Blackstock, Patrisha@DCA <Patrisha.Blackstock@dca.ca.gov>
Cc: Foster, Andy@DCA <Andy.Foster@dca.ca.gov>; Cesar Francis [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Appeal for Fight Decision Review

Can you resend I will fill out

On Thu, May 15, 2025 at 9:22 PM Blackstock, Patrisha@DCA
<Patrisha.Blackstock@dca.ca.gov> wrote:

Cesar,

I wanted to follow up on the petition to change decision form and any supporting documents that you have.

Thank you,

From: Blackstock, Patrisha@DCA
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Foster, Andy@DCA <Andy.Foster@dca.ca.gov>; Cesar Francis [REDACTED]
Cc: Chris Glover <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Appeal for Fight Decision Review

Cesar,

I wanted to follow up on the petition to change decision form.

Thank you,

Patrisha Blackstock
Assistant Executive Officer
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From: Blackstock, Patrisha@DCA
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:36 AM
To: Foster, Andy@DCA <Andy.Foster@dca.ca.gov>; Cesar Francis [REDACTED]
Cc: Chris Glover [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Appeal for Fight Decision Review

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Thank you,

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From: Blackstock, Patrisha@DCA

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:54 PM

To: Foster, Andy@DCA <Andy.Foster@dca.ca.gov>; Cesar Francis

[REDACTED]

Cc: Chris Glover [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Appeal for Fight Decision Review

Cesar,

Attached is the petition to change decision form, please complete this and send it back to me.

Thank you,

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Assistant Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission
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From: Foster, Andy@DCA <Andy.Foster@dca.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:51 PM
To: Cesar Francis [REDACTED] Blackstock,
Patrisha@DCA <Patrisha.Blackstock@dca.ca.gov>
Cc: Chris Glover <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Appeal for Fight Decision Review

Patrisha,

Please send Mr. Francis the appeal form and you can place this on the May agenda. He can appear by Zoom.

Respectfully,

Andy Foster

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: Cesar Francis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:49:28 PM
To: Foster, Andy@DCA <Andy.Foster@dca.ca.gov>
Cc: Chris Glover [REDACTED] >
Subject: Appeal for Fight Decision Review

Good afternoon sir,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to formally appeal the referee's decision in my bout against Emiliano Moreno. I believe the stoppage was premature and would appreciate a thorough review of the fight outcome.

Please let me know if there is a formal process I should follow or any additional information you require from me.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Cesar Francis

<PA015 - Petition to Change Decision 11.19.pdf>

From: [Dan Stell](#)
To: [Foster, Andy@DCA](#); [Blackstock, Patrisha@DCA](#)
Subject: Response to Appeal Request Regarding February 19, 2025 Bout
Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 7:05:55 AM

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Dear Andy Foster and CSAC Board Members,

I am writing to provide my response to the request to appeal the result of the bout that took place on February 19, 2025, between Cesar Francis and Emiliano Moreno at The Chicken Ranch Casino in Jamestown, California, by Mr. Cesar Francis.

Regrettably, I am unable to attend the hearing in person as I am currently out of the country for work commitments. I made attempts to change my flight home to be present, as my name and reputation as a veteran referee with over 40 years of experience with the California State Athletic Commission are being called into question. Unfortunately, the options available for rescheduling were prohibitively expensive. I will do my utmost to attend virtually, though I may be in transit during that time.

I want to reaffirm my decision made during the bout. While Francis showed strength in the first three rounds, I observed a marked decline in his performance from the fourth to the seventh rounds. Despite his attempts at defense, he sustained significant punishment. In the seventh round, it was clear that Francis was taking multiple consecutive hits, which notably caused damage. I witnessed his eyes roll back after a straight shot to the head, leading to him stumbling and fall into the ropes to avoid being knocked down, followed by consecutive blows.

In considering the safety of the fighter, I had the option to issue a mandatory eight count or to call a stop to the bout, which I believe was warranted given the severity of the blows being absorbed by Francis. The role of referee is to prioritize the safety of the fighters, and the integrity of the sport must remain paramount.

As a referee, I am responsible for ensuring that each fighter is protected, not only from their opponents but from themselves. Every fighter believes they can endure through the most challenging conditions, yet it is our duty to recognize when a fighter is in decline and to act accordingly. Evaluating body language, responses, and overall defensive capability is essential in making sound judgments in the ring.

The question arises: How much longer should a fight be allowed to continue, especially as a fighter shows signs of decline?

Is it prudent to allow bouts to continue longer, particularly when considering the interests of fight fans and those with a vested stake in the outcome?

While it might seem reasonable to extend a bout until a clear knockout occurs, my primary concern lies with the safety of the fighters and the integrity of the sport.

As we all know, the referee's role is paramount in prioritizing fighter safety. Should we wait until a fighter is flat on the canvas or, worse, unconscious or facing significant injury?

It is crucial to establish a balance between catering to the excitement of fight fans and upholding the responsibility we have, to protect the fighters. The consequences of prolonged bouts can be dire, and it is our duty to ensure that safety remains the foremost priority.

Following the stoppage, there was a significant delay before Francis demonstrated an active response to the doctor's assessment. It took 25-30 seconds, and an arm shake by the Dr. from the time of the stoppage, to the time the Dr. had reached the fighter to assess his faculties until Francis responded to the Dr either by head nod or verbal response. This further supports my decision to intervene for his safety.

Moreover, I wish to address the protest's claim of "collusion affecting the result of the contest." This allegation is profoundly concerning as it implies illegal cooperation or conspiracy. I take these accusations very seriously and must clarify my position to protect my reputation built over 40 years of dedicated service as a professional referee and judge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to any further discussions and the opportunity to clarify my position during the hearing.

Best regards,

Dan Stell

Referee



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May 23, 2025

Cesar Francis

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING – Emiliano Moreno vs. Cesar Francis

Dear Mr. Francis,

The California State Athletic Commission (Commission) has received your request to appeal the result of a bout which occurred on February 19, 2025, between yourself and Emiliano Moreno at The Chicken Ranch Casino in Jamestown, California. The Commission will hear this item at its next scheduled meeting where you are welcome to appear, however it is not mandatory. The items submitted by you are included and you may submit written materials or videos to the Commission no later than May 27, 2025. Absent extraordinary circumstances, no new written materials or videos will be accepted at the actual hearing. If you need a translator, one will be provided telephonically, free of charge. A translator, including the language needed, must be requested no later than 10 days before the scheduled hearing. The meeting details are as follows:

Meeting Time: Monday, June 2, 2025

Meeting Location: Department of Consumer Affairs, Suite 102
1625 North Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Webex: <https://dca-meetings.webex.com/dca-meetings/j.php?MTID=m30a6e4510049e0b59237d5f5d1885cdd>

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Sincerely,

Patrisha Blackstock,
Assistant Executive Officer
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May 23, 2025

Emiliano Moreno

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING – Emiliano Moreno vs. Cesar Francis

Dear Mr. Moreno,

The California State Athletic Commission (Commission) has received a request to appeal the result of a bout which occurred on February 19, 2025, between yourself and Cesar Francis at The Chicken Ranch Casino in Jamestown, California. The Commission will hear this item at its next scheduled meeting where you are welcome to appear, however it is not mandatory. The items submitted by Mr. Francis are included and you may submit written materials or videos to the Commission no later than May 27, 2025. Absent extraordinary circumstances, no new written materials or videos will be accepted at the actual hearing. If you need a translator, one will be provided telephonically, free of charge. A translator, including the language needed, must be requested no later than 10 days before the scheduled hearing. The meeting details are as follows:

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May 23, 2025

Dan Stell

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING – Emiliano Moreno vs. Cesar Francis

Dear Mr. Stell,

The California State Athletic Commission (Commission) has received a request to appeal the result of a bout which occurred on February 19, 2025, between Cesar Francis and Emiliano Moreno at The Chicken Ranch Casino in Jamestown, California.

The Commission will hear this item at its next scheduled meeting where you are requested to appear. The items submitted by Mr. Francis are included and you may submit written materials or videos to the Commission no later than May 27, 2025.

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Sincerely,

Patrisha Blackstock,
Assistant Executive Officer
California State Athletic Commission



AGENDA

ITEM #7

Discussion regarding Commerce Casino's proposed fee increase on combative sports promoters and update on other alternative venues in the area.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 2, 2025
TO	Chairman Peter Villegas and Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #7– Discussion regarding Commerce Casino’s proposed fee increase on combative sports promoters and update on other alternative venues in the area.

Commerce Casino has recently doubled the food and beverage minimum that is being charged to Promoters who hold events at their venue. In an effort to try and reach an agreement and understanding regarding the increased costs associated with holding events there, I met with representatives from Commerce Casino and several Stakeholders.

The Commission has been made aware that many Stakeholders, professional and amateur, are withdrawing from Commerce Casino due to the increase. The Commission is exploring other venues in Orange County that can compete with what Commerce Casino offers; Thunder Studios in Long Beach is interested in holding more combative sporting events.

Commission regulated events held at Commerce Casino.

Year	Events Held
2014	2
2015	4
2016	2
2018	2
2019	4
2020	0
2021	3
2022	20
2023	20
2024	18
2025	7



AGENDA

ITEM #8

Discussion about the incorporation of the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports unified rules for all combat sports that the Commission oversees and regulates.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 2, 2025
TO	Chairman Peter Villegas and Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #8 – Discussion about the incorporation of the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports unified rules for all combat sports that the Commission oversees and regulates.

The Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (ABC) has approved unified rules for the following professional combative sports, these are included in the meeting materials:

- Boxing
- Kickboxing
- Muay Thai
- Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)
- Bare Knuckle

The Commission does utilize the Unified Rules for Boxing on title fights and the California rules for boxing on non-title fights. This difference between the rulesets does cause some confusion for athletes who are not familiar with the California rules. A breakdown with differences between the rulesets is included in the meeting materials.

The Commission does incorporate by reference the Unified Rules for Muay Thai, Kickboxing and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).

The Commission currently utilizes the Unified Rules for Bare Knuckle for BKFC events using the rule below.

California Business and Professions Code Title 4, Section 533

Recognizing that different forms of martial arts exist, notwithstanding any rule in this division to the contrary, the commission may, in its discretion, authorize alternate rules or provisions from time to time for full contact martial arts championships and exhibitions so long as the safety and welfare of the contestants and the public are not jeopardized.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 18640 and 18765, Business and Professions Code



**Association of
Boxing Commissions
and Combative Sports**



Unified Boxing Rules

ASSOCIATION OF BOXING COMMISSIONS UNIFIED RULES OF BOXING

As Approved August 25, 2001. Amended August 2, 2002, Amended July 3, 2008.

Amended July 24, 2012, Amended July 29, 2014, Amended August 3, 2016

1. Each round shall consist of a three (3) minute duration, with a one (1) minute rest period between rounds.
2. The referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and is the only individual authorized to stop a contest. This rule shall not preclude a video or other review of a decision under the procedures of the applicable regulatory authority if a protest is filed claiming a clear rule violation.
3. All bouts will be evaluated and scored by three (3) judges.
4. The 10 Point Must System will be the standard system of scoring a bout.
5. The Mandatory Eight (8) Count after knockdowns will be standard procedure in all bouts.
6. All professional boxers are required to wear a mouthpiece during competition. The round cannot begin without the mouthpiece. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the referee will call time and have the mouthpiece replaced at the first opportune moment, without interfering with the immediate action. Points may be de-



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ducted by the referee if he feels the mouthpiece is being purposely spit out.

7. There is NO Standing Eight (8) Count.

8. There is NO Three (3) Knockdown Rule.

9. A boxer shall receive a twenty (20) second count if the boxer is knocked out of the ring. The boxer is to be unassisted by spectators or his/her seconds. If assisted by anyone, the boxer may lose points or be disqualified with such a decision being within the sole discretion of the referee.

10. A boxer who has been knocked down cannot be saved by the bell in any round.

11. If a boxer sustains an injury from a fair blow and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout, the injured boxer shall lose by TKO.

12. Injuries sustained by Fouls:

A. Intentional Fouls

1. If an intentional foul causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the boxer causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.
2. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the authorities and deduct two (2) points from the boxer who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls will be mandatory.
3. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, and the injury results in the bout being stopped in any round after the fourth (4th) round, the injured boxer will win by TECHNICAL DECISION if he is ahead on the score cards; and the bout will result in a TECHNICAL DRAW if the injured boxer is behind or even on the score cards.

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5. If the referee feels that a boxer has conducted himself in an unsportsmanlike manner, he may stop the bout and disqualify the boxer.

B. Accidental Fouls

1. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout, the bout will result in a NO DECISION if stopped before four (4) completed rounds. Four (4) rounds are complete when the bell rings signifying the end of the fourth round.
2. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout after four (4) rounds have occurred, the bout will result in a TECHNICAL DECISION awarded to the boxer who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped.

a. Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored. If no action has occurred, the round should be scored as an even round. This is at the discretion of the judges.

13. A fighter who is hit with an accidental low blow must continue after a reasonable amount of time but no more than five (5) minutes, or he/she will lose the fight.



1. ABC Unified Rule (2): Sole Arbiter

The Referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and is the only individual authorized to stop a contest.

CA Rule §339(a) §340(a):

Referee and Doctor have equal powers to stop a fight

2. ABC Unified Rule (9): Knocked Out of Ring

A boxer shall receive a twenty **(20) second** count if the boxer is knocked out of the ring. The boxer is to be unassisted by spectators or his/her seconds. If assisted by anyone, the boxer may lose points or be disqualified with such a decision being within the sole discretion of the referee.

CA Rule §351:

A Boxer who is knocked out of the ring will receive a "Mandatory 8 Count" and if up on his/her feet by the count of 8, shall receive "Reasonable Time" to return to the ring and may be assisted by anyone.

3. ABC Unified Rule (10): Saved by The Bell

A boxer who has been knocked down cannot be saved by the bell in any round.

CA Rule §349:

A Boxer who has been knocked down may be saved by the bell in the final round.

4. ABC Unified Rule (A)(2): Intentional Foul-Point deduction

If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the authorities and deduct two **(2)** points from the boxer who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls will be mandatory.

CA Rule §338 (b):

Intentional Foul: Minimum 1 Point or More at Referees Discretion.

5. ABC Unified Rule (A)(3): Intentional Foul - Fight Continues

If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, and the injury results in the bout being stopped in any round after the fourth (4th) round, the injured boxer will win by **TECHNICAL DECISION** if he is ahead on the score cards; and the bout will result in a **TECHNICAL DRAW** if the injured boxer is behind or even on the score cards. Four (4) rounds are complete when the bell rings signifying the end of the fourth round.

CA Rule §339(b):

Due to Intentional foul: If a Bout is stopped once the Bell has rung to start the 4th round it will go to the scorecards.

The Fighter, who is ahead at the time, shall win by Technical Decision, and if the fight is even on the scorecards, it shall be declared a Technical Draw.

6. ABC Unified Rule (B)(1): Accidental Foul

If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout, the bout will result in a **NO DECISION** if stopped before **four (4) completed rounds**.

CA Rule §339(b):

Due to accidental fouls: Bouts Stopped **before** the start of 4th round will be declared a Technical Draw. Bouts stopped **after** the start of the 4th round will be decided on the judges' score cards.

7. ABC Unified Rule (13): Low Blow

A fighter who is hit with an accidental low blow must continue after a reasonable amount of time but no more than five (5) minutes, or he/she will lose the fight.

CA Rule §339(a):

On an accidental Low Blow, the injured Boxer has "Reasonable Time" to recover (the bout may be stopped just like an injury from any other accidental foul)



ASSOCIATION OF BOXING COMMISSIONS AND COMBATIVE SPORTS UNIFIED RULES OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

AS APPROVED APRIL 2001. AMENDED 2010. AMENDED AUGUST 3, 2016. AMENDED WITH PROCEDURES JULY 26, 2017. AMENDED WITH PROCEDURES AUGUST 1, 2018. AMENED WITH PROCEDURE AUGUST 1, 2019. AMENED WITH PROCEDURES AUGUST 1, 2023. AMENDED WITH RULE CHANGES JULY 23, 2024, REQUESTED IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF NOVEMBER 2024.

Note: These are the Official Unified Rules of MMA. Any other form of these rules may not be called the “Unified Rules of MMA” and shall be referred to by the name of the commission sanctioning the/an event.

1. Each round shall consist of a five (5) minute duration (professional), with a one (1) minute rest period between rounds.
 - a. No contests shall exceed five (5) rounds and/or twenty-five (25) minutes.
 - b. Bouts may consist of one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), or five (5) rounds, with a five (5) minute duration.
 - c. No contestant shall exceed competing more than five (5) rounds and/or twenty-five (25) minutes of fighting in a twenty-four (24) hour period.
2. The referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and is the only individual authorized to stop a contest. This shall not preclude a video or other review of a decision under the procedure of the applicable regulatory authority if a protest is filed claiming a clear rule violation.
 - a. The authority of a referee begins when the inspector(s) exit the cage/ring and does not end until the inspector(s) re-enter the cage/ring, upon conclusion of the fight.
3. Instant replay may be used to review a “Fight Ending Sequence” and shall only be used after a fight has been officially stopped. Once instant replay has been used to review a fight ending sequence, the fight shall not be resumed.
4. All fighters are required to wear a mouthpiece during competition. The round cannot begin without the mouthpiece. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the referee will call time and have the mouthpiece replaced at the first opportune moment, without interfering with the immediate action. Points may be deducted by the referee if he/she feels the mouthpiece is being purposefully spit out.
5. If an MMA bout is being conducted in a ring and is a fighter is knocked out of the ring, the fighter must return to the ring unassisted by spectators or his/her seconds. If assisted by anyone, the fighter may lose points or be disqualified with such a decision being within the sole discretion of the referee. Once knocked from the ring, the competitor will have five (5) minutes to return to fighting surface, similar to an accidental foul, but shall be examined by the ringside physician before returning to action.
6. The reapplication of petroleum jelly or another similar substance, to the face, may be allowed between rounds and shall only be applied by an approved cutman or licensed cornerman.
7. In instances where the fight has to be concluded due to unforeseen, non-combat related issues, the fight may go to the scorecards if:
 - a. If the bout is scheduled for 3 rounds, 2 rounds of the contest must be completed
 - b. If the bout is scheduled for 5 rounds, 3 rounds of the contest must be completed

8. Hand Wraps.
- a. A maximum of one roll (no more than 2" wide by 15 yards in length) of white, soft, cloth gauze is permitted per hand. The gauze may not exceed the wrist of the competitor's glove. The exposed thumb is an option to be protected.
 - b. A maximum of one roll (no more than 1.25" wide by 10' in length) of white athletic tape is permitted per hand. The tape may not exceed the wrist of the competitor's gloves. Tape may be placed through the fingers but may not cover the knuckles. The exposed thumb is an option to be protected.
 - c. A single layer of elastic or flex-type tape is allowed to be applied over the completed wrap.
 - d. Approved tape/gauze of all brands may be allowed.
9. Joint/Body Coverings.
- a. Other than the competitor's hands, there will be no taping, covering, or protective gear, of any kind, on the upper body. This includes, but is not limited to: joint sleeves, padding, or any form of brace/body tape.
 - b. A competitor may use a soft neoprene type sleeve to cover only the knee and/or ankle joints. Approved sleeves may not have: padding, Velcro, plastic, metal, ties, or any other material considered to be unsafe or that may create an unfair advantage. Tape, gauze, or any materials other than the approved sleeves are not permitted.
10. Cage/Ring Attire.
- a. All mixed martial artists will be required to wear such protective gear as deemed necessary by the Commission.
 - b. Male contestants shall not wear any form of clothing on their upper body.
 - c. Male and female mixed martial artists shall wear the appropriate trunks, mouthpiece, and gloves. Male mixed martial artists shall also wear the appropriate groin protection.
 - d. Female mixed martial artists shall wear a short sleeved (above the elbow) or sleeveless form fitting rash guard and/or sports bra(s). No loose-fitting tops and/or breast protectors shall be allowed. Female competitors will follow the same requirements for bottom covering as the male competitors, minus the requirement for groin protection.
 - e. The hem of the trunks may not extend below the knee.
 - f. Fighting shorts/trunks shall not have exposed Velcro, pockets, or zippers.
 - g. Mixed martial artists in the same match, contest, or exhibition may wear different color trunks or be designated by glove taping and/or glove coloring to the corner they are assigned.
 - h. Mixed martial artists shall not wear shoes in the cage or ring.
 - i. When deemed necessary by the referee all mixed martial artists shall have their hair secured in a manner that does not interfere with the vision and safety of either contestant.
 - i. No object can be worn to secure the contestant's hair which may cause injury to either contestant.
 - j. The wearing of jewelry will be strictly prohibited during all contests.
 - k. Wearing body cosmetics shall be prohibited during all contests. Wearing facial cosmetics shall be at the discretion of the commission and/or referee.

Standing up or Breaking Fighters

The Referee shall either stand up or break the fighters when neither fighter is able to or fails to demonstrate real, significant and/or sustained effort to advance towards finishing the fight by any method. Simply maintaining what may be perceived as a superior position will not be considered effort to advance towards finishing the fight nor grounds for a guaranteed opportunity to maintain that position.

Fouls

1. Butting with the head;
 - a. The head may not be used as a striking instrument in any fashion. Any use of the head as a striking instrument whether head to head, head to body or otherwise is illegal.
2. Eye gouging of any kind;
 - a. Eye gouging by means of fingers, chin, or elbow is illegal. Legal strikes or punches that contact the fighter's eye socket are not eye gouging and shall be considered legal attacks.
3. Biting or spitting at an opponent;
 - a. Biting in any form is illegal. A fighter must recognize that a referee may not be able to physically observe some actions and must make the referee aware if they are being bit during an exhibition of unarmed combat.
4. Fish Hooking;
 - a. Any attempt by a fighter to use their fingers in a manner that attacks their opponent's mouth, nose or ears, stretching the skin to that area will be considered "Fish hooking". Fish hooking generally is the placing of fingers into the mouth or your opponent and pulling your hands in opposing directions while holding onto the skin of your opponent.
5. Hair pulling;
 - a. Pulling of the hair in any fashion is an illegal action. A fighter may not grab a hold of his opponent's hair to control their opponent in any way. If a fighter has long hair, they may not use their hair as a tool for holding or choking in any fashion.
6. Spiking the opponent to the canvas onto the head or neck (pile-driving);
 - a. Any throw with an arc to its motion is to be considered a legal throw. It does not matter if the opponents head hits the canvas. A pile driver is considered to be any throw where you control your opponent's body placing their feet up in the air with their head straight down and then forcibly drives the opponents head into the canvas or flooring material. It should be noted when a fighter is placed into a submission hold by their opponent, if that fighter is capable of elevating their opponent, they may bring that opponent down in any fashion they desire because they are not in control of their opponent's body. The fighter who is attempting the submission can either adjust their position or let go of their hold before being slammed to the canvas.
7. Strikes to the spine or the back of the head;
 - a. The back of the head starts at the Crown of the head with a one (1) inch variance to either side, running down the back of the head to the occipital junction.
 - b. This area stretches out at the occipital junction (nape of the neck) to cover the entire width of the neck. It then travels down the spine with a one (1) inch variance from the spine's centerline, including the tailbone.
8. Throat strikes of any kind and/or grabbing the trachea;
 - a. No directed throat strikes are allowed. A directed attack would include a fighter pulling his opponents head in a way to open the neck area for a striking attack. A fighter may not gouge their fingers or thumb into their opponent's neck or trachea in an attempt to submit their opponent. If during stand-up action of a fight a strike is thrown and the strike lands in the throat area of the fighter, this shall be viewed as a clean and legal blow.
9. Fingers outstretched toward an opponent's face/eyes;
 - a. In the standing position, a fighter that moves their arm(s) toward their opponent with an open hand, fingers pointing at the opponent's face/eyes, will be a foul. Referees are to prevent this dangerous behavior by communicating clearly to fighters. Fighters are directed to close their fists or point their fingers straight up in the air when reaching toward their opponent.

10. Groin attacks of any kind;
 - a. Any attack to the groin area including, striking, grabbing, pinching or twisting is illegal. It should be clear that groin attacks are the same for men and women.
11. Kneeing and/or Kicking the head of a grounded opponent.
 - a. A grounded fighter is defined as:
A fighter shall be considered grounded and may not be legally kneed or kicked to the head when any part of their body other than their hands or feet is in contact with the canvas (ground).
12. Stomping of a grounded fighter.
 - a. Stomping is considered any type of striking action with the feet where the fighter lifts their leg up bending their leg at the knee and initiating a striking action with the bottom of their foot or heel.
 - b. Axe kicks are not stomping. Standing foot stops are NOT a foul. As such, this foul does not include stomping the feet of a standing fighter.
13. Holding opponent's gloves or shorts.
 - a. A fighter may not control their opponent's movement by holding onto their opponent's shorts or gloves. A fighter may hold onto or grab their opponent's hand as long as they are not controlling the hand only by using the material of the glove, but by actually gripping the hand of the opponent. It is legal to hold onto your own gloves or shorts.
14. Holding or grabbing the fence or ropes with fingers or toes;
 - a. A fighter may put their hands on the fence and push off of it at any time. A fighter may place their feet onto the cage and have their toes go through the fencing material at any time. When a fighter's fingers or toes go through the cage and grab hold of the fence and start to control either their body position or their opponent's body position it now becomes an illegal action. A fighter may not grab the ropes or wrap their arms over or under the ring ropes at any time. The fighter may not purposely step through the ropes. If a fighter is caught holding the fence, cage or ring rope material the referee may issue a one-point deduction from the offending fighters scorecard if the foul caused a substantial effect in the fight. If a point deduction for holding the fence occurs, and because of the infraction, the fouling fighter ends up in a superior position due to the foul, the fighters should be re-started by the referee, standing in a neutral position.
15. Small joint manipulation;
 - a. Fingers and Toes are small joints. Wrists, Ankles, Knees, Shoulders and Elbows are all large joints. Grabbing the majority of fingers/toes at once is allowed.
16. Throwing an opponent out of the ring or caged area;
 - a. A fighter shall not throw their opponent out of the ring or cage.
17. Intentionally placing a finger into any orifice, or into any cut or laceration of your Opponent;
 - a. A fighter may not place their fingers into an open laceration in an attempt to enlarge the cut. A fighter may not place their fingers into an opponent's, nose, ears, mouth, or any body cavity.
18. Clawing, pinching, twisting the flesh;
 - a. Any attack that targets the fighter's skin by clawing at the skin or attempting to pull or twist the skin to apply pain is illegal.
19. Timidity (avoiding contact, or consistently dropping the mouthpiece, or faking an injury;
 - a. Timidity is defined as any fighter who purposely avoids contact with his opponent or runs away from the action of the fight. Timidity can also be called by the referee for any attempt by a fighter to receive time by falsely claiming a foul, injury, or purposely dropping or spitting out their mouthpiece or other action designed to stall or delay the action of the fight.

20. Use of abusive language in the fighting area.
 - a. The use of abusive language is not allowed during MMA competition. It is the sole responsibility of the referee to determine when language crosses over the line to abusive. It should be clear that fighters can talk during a match. The mere use of auditory language is not a violation of this rule. Examples of abusive language would be (Racially motivated or Derogatory language).
21. Flagrant disregard of the referee's instructions;
 - a. A fighter **MUST** follow the instructions of the referee at all times. Any deviation or non-compliance may result in the fighter's disqualification.
22. Unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to opponent;
 - a. Every athlete competing in the sport of MMA is expected to represent the sport in a positive light emphasizing sportsmanship and humility. Any athlete that disrespects the rules of the sport or attempts to inflict unnecessary harm on a competitor who has been either taken out of the competition by the referee or has tapped out of the competition shall be viewed as being unsportsmanlike.
23. Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed combat.
 - a. The end of a round is signified by the sound of the bell and the call of time by the referee. Once the referee has made the call of time, any offensive actions initiated by the fighter shall be considered after the bell and illegal.
24. Attacking an opponent on or during the break;
 - a. A fighter shall not engage their opponent in any fashion during a time-out or break of action in competition.
25. Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee;
 - a. *Once the referee has called for a stop of the action to protect a fighter who has been incapacitated or is unable to continue to compete in the fight, fighters shall cease all offensive actions against their opponent.*
26. Interference from a mixed martial artist's corner or seconds;
 - a. Interference is defined as any action or activity aimed at disrupting the fight or causing an unfair advantage to be given to a corner's combatant. Corners are not allowed to distract the referee or influence the actions of the referee in any fashion.

A. Intentional Fouls

- 1.** If an intentional foul causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the fighter causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.
- 2.** If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the authorities and deduct two (2) points from the fighter who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls will be mandatory.
- 3.** If an intentional foul causes a laceration and/or swelling and the bout is allowed to continue, and the injury results in the fight being stopped in any round after $\frac{1}{2}$ of the scheduled rounds, of the fight has been completed, by either another legal or illegal strike, the injured fighter will win by **TECHNICAL DECISION** if they are ahead on the score cards; and the bout will result in a **TECHNICAL DRAW** if the injured fighter is behind or even on the score cards.
- 4.** If the fighter injures himself/herself while attempting to intentionally foul their opponent, the referee will not act in their favor, and this injury shall be the same as one produced by a fair blow.
- 5.** If the referee feels that a fighter has conducted themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner, they may stop the action of the fight to deduct points or stop the bout to disqualify the fighter.

B. Accidental Fouls

1. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout, the bout will result in either a NO CONTEST or DISQUALIFICATION if stopped before ½ of the scheduled rounds
2. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout after ½ of the scheduled rounds, the bout will result in a TECHNICAL DECISION awarded to the fighter who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped.
 - i. Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored. If no action has occurred, the round should be scored as an even round. This is at the discretion of the judges.
3. If a fighter, during the course of a round, visibly loses control of bodily function (vomit, urine, feces), the fight shall be stopped by the referee and the fighter shall lose the contest by a Technical Knockout (TKO) due to Medical Stoppage.
 - i. In the event a loss of bodily function occurs in the rest period between rounds, the ringside physician shall be called in to evaluate if the combatant can continue. If the combatant is not cleared by the ringside physician to continue, that combatant shall lose by a Technical Knockout (TKO) due to Medical Stoppage.
 - ii. If fecal matter becomes apparent at any time, the contest shall be halted by the referee, and the offending combatant shall lose by a Technical Knockout (TKO) due to Medical Stoppage

C. Foul Procedures: If a foul is committed, the referee shall:

1. Call Time;
2. Check the fouled mixed martial artist's condition and safety; and
3. Assess the foul for potential point(s) deductions and/or time considerations.
4. During all time out procedures, there shall be no coaching of a contestant permitted.

D. Eye Poke Foul Procedure:

1. Once the Referee calls time for the foul, the fighter is permitted the use of a cold compress or wet towel on the injured eye.
 2. Unless the fighter requires immediate medical attention the Referee and Ringside Physician shall allow the fighter time to compose themselves so the fighter can then give a verbal "yes" or "no" that they can see.
- **This procedure does not preclude the Ringside Physician from being able to evaluate the injury at any time during the timeout.**

E. Time Consideration:

1. If a foul to the groin or eye poke occurs and the competitor is able to continue, the fouled contestant may have up to five (5) minutes to recover.
2. Fighters injured severely enough by a foul to require medical consultation may be given up to five (5) minutes, at the referee's discretion, for evaluation by the ringside physician before a decision to continue is rendered.
3. At no time may a referee call a timeout to evaluate the impact of a legal strike, other than when a laceration is present.

F. Utilizing a Cutperson after a foul but during a round:

1. When a Fighter is the recipient of either an accidental or intentional foul and receives a laceration from the illegal action, the Referee in charge after calling time and putting the fighters into neutral corners MAY call upon the cutperson assigned (or in regional shows a corner with no coaching permitted) to the injured fighters corner to enter the cage during the 5-minute break and administer aid to the cut to help stop the bleeding. Then when cleared by the Ringside Physician the fighter can return to the action, with no more than the 5-minute time elapsed. The cutperson may only work on the cut or cuts associated with the foul.

A. Judging Criteria

- a. All bouts will be evaluated and scored by a minimum of three (3) judges.
- b. The 10 Point Must System will be the standard of scoring about.
 - i. Under the 10-Point Must Scoring System, 10 points must be awarded to the winner of the round and nine points or less must be awarded to the loser, except for a rare even round, which is scored (10-10).
- c. Judges shall evaluate Mixed Martial Arts techniques, such as effective striking/grappling(Plan A), effective aggressiveness(Plan B),and control of the fighting area(Plan C).Plans B and C are not taken into consideration unless Plan A is weighed as being even.
- d. Evaluations shall be made in the specific order in which the techniques appear in (c)above ,giving the most weight in scoring to effective striking/grappling, and effective aggressiveness, and control of the fighting area.
- e. Effective striking is judged by determining the impact/effect of legal strikes landed by a contestant solely based on the results of such legal strikes. Effective grappling is assessed by the successful executions and impactful/effective result(s)coming from: takedown(s), submission attempt(s), achieving an advantageous position(s) and reversal(s).
- f. Effective aggressiveness means aggressively making attempts to finish the fight.
- g. Fighting area control is assessed by determining who is dictating the pace, place and position of the bout.

1. The following objective scoring criteria shall be utilized by the judges when scoring a round:
- (i) Around is to be scored as a 10-10 Round when both contestants have competed for whatever duration of time in the round and there is no difference or advantage between either fighter;
 - (ii) Around is to be scored as a 10-9 Round when a contestant wins by a close margin; where the winning fighter lands the better strikes or utilizes effective grappling during the round;
 - (iii) A round is to be scored as a 10-8 Round when a contestant wins the round by a large margin by impact, dominance, and duration of striking or grappling in a round.
 - (iv) A round is to be scored as a 10-7 Round when a contestant is completely dominated by impact, dominance, and duration of striking or grappling in a round.

2. Impact: A judge shall assess if a fighter impacts their opponent significantly in the round, even though they may not have dominated the action. Impact includes visible evidence such as swelling and lacerations. Impact shall also be assessed when a fighter's actions, using striking and/or grappling, lead to a diminishing of their opponent's energy, confidence, abilities and spirit. All of these come as a direct result of impact. When a fighter is impacted by strikes, by lack of control and/or ability, this can create defining moments in the round and shall be assessed with great value.

3. Dominance: As MMA is an offensive based sport, dominance of a round can be seen in striking when the losing fighter is forced to continually defend, with no counters or reaction taken when openings present themselves. Dominance in the grappling phase can be seen by fighter staking dominant positions in the fight and utilizing those positions to attempt fight ending submissions or attacks. Merely holding a dominant position(s) shall not be a primary factor in assessing dominance. What the fighter does with those positions is what must be assessed. In the absence of dominance in the grappling phase, as set forth in paragraph 3 of the promulgated rules, to be considered dominate, there must be a singularly or in combination, some types of submission attempts, strikes, or an overwhelming pace which is measured by improved or aggressive positional changes that cause the losing fighter to consistently be in a defensive or reactive mode

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4. Duration: Duration is defined by the time spent by one fighter effectively attacking, controlling, and impacting their opponent; while the opponent offers little to no offensive output. A judge shall assess duration by recognizing the relative time in a round when one fighter takes and maintains full control of the effective offense. This can be assessed both standing and grounded.

5. Scoring of Incomplete Rounds: There should be scoring of incomplete rounds. If the referee penalizes either contestant, then the appropriate points shall be deducted when the scorekeeper calculates the final score for the partial round

B. Types of Decisions

a. Submission by:

- i. Tap Out: When a contestant physically uses of their body to indicate that he or she no longer wishes to continue; or
- ii. Verbal Tap Out: When a contestant verbally announces or voluntarily/involuntarily screams in pain or distress to the referee that they do not wish to continue;
- iii. Technical Submission: When a legal submission act results in unconsciousness or broken/dislocated bone(s)/joint(s).

b. Technical Knockout (TKO) by:

- i. Referee Stoppage: the referee stops the contest because the combatant IS NOT INTELLIGENTLY DEFENDING HIMSELF/HERSELF;
 1. Strikes
 2. Laceration
 3. Corner Stoppage
 4. Did Not Answer the Bell
- ii. TKO due to Medical Stoppage.
 1. Laceration
 2. Doctor Stoppage
 3. Loss of control of bodily function.

c. Knockout (KO) by:

- i. Referee Stoppage: the referee stops the contest because the combatant CANNOT INTELLIGENTLY DEFEND HIMSELF/HERSELF.
 1. Due to Strikes

d. Disqualification:

- i. When an injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate the contest, multiple fouls have been assessed, and/or there is flagrant disregard for the rules and/or referee's commands.

e. No Contest:

- i. When a contestant is prematurely stopped due to accidental injury and a sufficient amount of time has not been completed to render a decision via the score cards.

f. Decisions:

- i. Unanimous Decision: When all three judges score the bout for the same contestant;
- ii. Split Decision: When two judges score the bout for one contestant and one judge scores for the opponent; or
- iii. Majority Decision: When two judges score the bout for the same contestant and one judge scores a draw;
- iv. Technical Decision: When a bout is prematurely stopped due to injury from an accidental foul and a contestant is leading on the score cards;

g. Draws:

- i. Unanimous Draw – When all three judges score the bout a draw;
- ii. Majority Draw – When two judges score the bout a draw; or
- iii. Split Draw – When all three judges score differently and the score total results in a draw;
- iv. Technical Draw - When an injury is sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul and the bout is allowed to continue, then later the injury requires stoppage from either a legal or illegal strike to the affected area after ½ of the scheduled rounds has been completed, if the injured contestant is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage, the decision is a Technical Draw.

Weight Classes

Atomweight	up to and including 105 lbs.
Straw Weight	over 105 to 115 lbs.
Flyweight	over 115 to 125 lbs.
Bantamweight	over 125 to 135 lbs.
Featherweight	over 135 to 145 lbs.
Lightweight	over 145 to 155 lbs.
Super Lightweight	over 155 to 165 lbs.
Welterweight	over 165 to 170 lbs.
Super Welterweight	over 170 to 175 lbs.
Middleweight	over 175 to 185 lbs.
Super Middleweight	over 185 to 195 lbs.
Light Heavyweight	over 195 to 205 lbs.
Cruiserweight	over 205 to 225 lbs.
Heavyweight	over 225 to 265 lbs.
Super Heavyweight	over 265 lbs.

*a. **Allowances within Division:** there are no allowance restrictions if both combatants weigh-in within the same contracted division.*

*b. **Weight Miss Catch Weight:** If a person misses the contracted weight and the two competitors are in different weight classes, the heavier opponent shall not exceed five (5) lbs. of the lower weighing fighter.*

*c. **Contracted Catch Weight(s):** there is no weight spread allowance between contracted catch weight fighters, so long as both competitors are below the contracted weight. Commissions may deny Catch Weight fights if they see the weight differential as a large enough disparity to the safety of either of the fighters.*



UNIFIED RULES OF PROFESSIONAL KICKBOXING

As approved on July 26, 2017

1. Bouts may consist of a maximum of ten (10) rounds of three (3) minutes each in duration, with a minimum of one (1) minute rest period between each round.
2. The referee and/or the ringside physician are the only individuals authorized to stop the contest, as determined by the presiding commission. This rule shall not preclude a video or other review of a decision under the procedures of the applicable regulatory authority if a protest is filed claiming a clear rule violation.
3. All bouts are evaluated and scored by three (3) judges.
4. Scoring:
 - A. The 10 Point Must System will be the standard system of scoring a bout. Under the 10 Point Must Scoring System, 10 points must be awarded to the winner of the round.
 - B. The fighter who has lost the round may be awarded 9, 8, or 7 points.
 - C. If the round is determined to be an even round, a score of 10/10 may be awarded.
 - D. Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored. If no significant action has occurred, the round shall be scored as an even round. This is at the discretion of the judges.

Scoring Criteria:

Bouts will be evaluated using the following prioritized criteria;

1. Number of Knockdowns.
 2. Cumulative effective Impact on the Opponent.
 3. Number of Clean Scoring Strikes
 4. Ring Generalship or Aggressiveness
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5. In the event of a knockdown the referee shall send the standing fighter to a neutral corner and administer a Mandatory Eight (8) Count to the downed fighter.

A knockdown is defined as when a fighter touches the mat with anything other than the soles of their feet as the result of a legal, damaging strike – or is in a defenseless position grabbing the

opponent, or hanging on or over the ropes. The referee will have sole discretion in determining a knockdown versus a slip.

If a fighter goes down from what the referee indicates is a “slip” but fails to rise after the referee’s repeated commands, the referee will initiate a count, and follow the procedures of a knockdown. If the fighter does not rise at the count of 10, it will be considered a TKO.

If a fighter injures him/herself and then fails to intelligently defend him/herself by turning their back on the opponent, the referee may, in the proper exercise of their discretion either treat the injury the same as one produced by a fair blow from the opponent and follow the procedures for a knockdown, or terminate the bout and declare the opponent winner by TKO.

6. The Three (3) Knockdown Rule is in effect only where a fighter has been knocked down 3 times in the same round by strikes/kicks to the head. In this event, this fighter shall be determined to have lost the bout by **TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT**.
7. There is **NO** Standing Eight (8) Count.
8. A fighter who has been knocked down CANNOT be saved by the bell in any round, including the final round.
9. All fighters are required to wear a mouthpiece during any contest. No round can begin without the mouthpieces in place. If any mouthpiece becomes dislodged during the contest, the referee shall call time and have the mouthpiece rinsed and put back in the fighter’s mouth at the first opportune moment, without interfering with the action. The referee may deduct points if he/she feels the mouthpiece is being intentionally dislodged.
10. A fighter shall receive a 20 second count if the fighter is knocked out of the ring and onto the floor. The fighter shall **NOT** be assisted by anyone, including spectators or his seconds. If the fighter is assisted, he may be deducted points, or disqualified, at the sole discretion of the referee. If the fighter falls or is thrown from the ring the referee shall “stop time”, allow the fighter to return, seek the council of the ringside physician and/or penalize the other fighter if there was a fouling action, where appropriate.
11. Fouls:
 - A. Head butts.
 - B. Groin strikes.
 - C. Thrusting or Linear kicks directed at the knee joint
 - D. Striking the back of the head or the spine – defined as striking any of the area beginning at the back of the head starting at the crown of the head and running directly down the center of the head, spreading from ear to ear in the back of the head, running down the entire rear portion of the neck, and beginning again at the occipital junction and stopping at the top of the trapezius, and again from the trapezius muscle down the spine to the tailbone
 - E. Attacks to the throat.
 - F. Striking a downed fighter (a fighter is considered “down” whenever they have any part of their body other than the soles of their feet touching the canvas).
 - G. Failure to obey the referee’s commands.
 - H. Striking on a break.
 - I. Striking after a bell.

- J. Holding or using the ropes while striking or clinching.
- K. Timidity: Repeatedly, intentionally avoiding engagement or contact with the opponent.
- L. Use of abusive language and/or gestures.
- M. Causing intentional delays in the action: For example, repeatedly spitting out the mouth piece, falling out of the ring to cause delay.
- N. Thumbing
- O. Holding the opponent's leg without executing a legal strike or while executing more than one striking technique. (A fighter may grab the opponent's kicking leg and immediately execute one legal strike while taking one step, and then they must immediately release the leg.)
- P. Any effort to down a fighter by a method other than a legal strike or strikes; this includes, but is not limited to joint locks, submission attempts, sweeps, reaps, takedowns and throws.
- Q. Biting.
- R. Spiting at the opponent.
- S. Striking with the elbow, arm, wrist, or other part of the glove that is not the padded part of the glove
- T. Holding, which is defined as repeatedly grabbing, grasping or tying up an opponent in order to prevent the opponent from striking. Clinching is allowed in order to immediately launch a credible knee attack. If in the referee's estimation the attack and/or counter knee attack is consistent and effective, he may allow it to continue for up to five seconds at which point he will separate the fighters. If within the five seconds the knee attack or counter-attack wanes or appears ineffective the referee will immediately separate the fighters.

12. Permissible Strikes:

- A. All boxing strikes to permissible target areas.
- B. Spinning backhands/fists to permissible target areas
- C. Knee strikes to permissible target areas
- D. All kicking strikes to permissible targets above the belt line
- E. All kicking Strikes executed with the foot or shin directed to the legs (excluding linear or thrusting kicks directed to the knee joint.

Permissible target areas: a) front and sides of the head; b) front and sides of the torso above the belt; c) entire leg, except the knee joint by thrusting or linear kicks.

13. The winner of a match may be decided in the following ways:

- A. Points Decision: When both contestants finish the scheduled rounds, victory is awarded by majority decision of the judging panel.
- B. Knockout: If a contestant is incapable of resuming the fight within the referee's ten-count due to legal strikes.
- C. Technical Knockout :
 - 1. If the official determines a contestant shows no will to, or is incapable of resuming the fight due to a legal technique
 - 2. If the official determines the contestant can no longer intelligently defend him/herself
 - 3. If the contestant does not leave his corner to take part in the fight following the sounding of the bell.
 - 4. If the referee is of the opinion that one contestant is outmatched by the opponent and continuing the match would jeopardize the athlete's health and safety
 - 5. If the bout is terminated for medical reasons due to injury resulting from a legal technique.
 - 6. Where an athlete's corner indicates to the official they no longer wish to continue the contest and "throws in the towel") If a contestant or his coach/corner man gives up the fight. The contestant or his coach/corner man will indicate this to the referee or the regulatory representative assigned to his corner (The corner "throws in the towel").

D. Disqualification :

1. The referee disqualifies the fighter for any reason including intentional, deliberate, flagrant or repeated fouling.
2. The referee disqualifies the fighter if anyone from their corner enters the ring during the bout or touches one of the fighters during the contest, other than during the rest period, or when permitted by the commission representative.

E. Draw :

1. If following the end of all rounds, at least two of the three judges do not pronounce one of the fighters a winner.
2. If both fighters go down at the same time and neither can resume the fight within the referee's ten-count.

F. No Decision:

1. If a fighter cannot continue as the result of an accidental foul and the bell has not yet sounded completing the second round of a three round bout, or completed the third round of a five round bout, or completed the fourth round of a bout scheduled for more than five rounds.
2. If the referee decides both fighters must be disqualified
3. Where the commission determines any other determination would result in a miscarriage of justice.

14. A fighter who has been struck with a low blow is allowed up to five minutes to recover from the foul as long as in the referee and/or ringside doctor's opinion the fighter may continue on in the contest. If the fighter states that they can continue on before the five minutes of time have expired, the referee shall as soon as practical restart the fight. If the fighter goes over the five (5) minute time allotment, the fight cannot be restarted, and the contest must come to an end with the outcome determined by the round and time in which the fight was stopped.

15. Injuries Sustained by Intentional Fouls:

- A. If an intentional foul causes an injury, which is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the fighter causing the foul shall lose by **DISQUALIFICATION**.
- B. If the referee determines that a contest may continue despite an injury caused by an intentional foul, the referee shall immediately inform the Commission's representative and the judges and the judges shall deduct the points as determined by the referee and/or the commission's representative
- C. If an injury caused by an intentional foul results in the contest being stopped later in the bout, or in a later round:
 - (i) If the injured fighter is ahead on the scorecards, he shall be declared the winner by a **TECHNICAL DECISION**, or
 - (ii) If the injured fighter is behind or even on the scorecards, the contest shall be declared a **TECHNICAL DRAW**.
- D. If a fighter injures himself while attempting to foul his opponent, but is able to continue fighting, the referee shall take no action and treat the injury as if produced by a fair blow. If the referee determined fighter who injured him/herself is unable to continue, that fighter will lose by **TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT/KNOCKOUT**.

16. Injuries Sustained By Unintentional Fouls:

- A. If an unintentional foul causes an injury, which is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the contest shall result in a **NO DECISION**, if a bout has not completed the rounds necessary to score a technical decision.
- B. If an unintentional foul causes an injury severe enough to terminate the bout once the bout is considered official, the bout shall be awarded to the fighter ahead on the scorecards, including incomplete rounds, by way of a **TECHNICAL DECISION**.

A bout is considered "official" if completing the second round of a three round bout, or completed the third round of a five round bout, or completed the fourth round of a bout scheduled for more than five rounds.

If the injury from the UNINTENTIONAL foul is not severe enough to immediately stop the bout but later becomes aggravated and causes the bout to be stopped, the bout shall be awarded to the fighter ahead on the scorecards, including incomplete rounds, by way of a **TECHNICAL DECISION** if the bout has been official. Otherwise the bout will result in a **NO DECISION**.

- C. If a fighter injures themselves while attempting to intentionally foul their opponent:
 - (i) and is able to continue fighting, the referee will not take any action;
 - (ii) If the referee feels that a fighter has conducted themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner, the referee may stop the bout and disqualify the fighter
 - (iii) If the offending fighter fails to intelligently defend him/herself by turning their back on the opponent, the referee may, in the proper exercise of their discretion, either treat the injury the same as one produced by a fair blow from the opponent and follow the procedures for a knockdown, or terminate the bout and declare the opponent winner by TKO.

- 17. 8 oz. and 10 oz. boxing gloves are the industry standard for professional kickboxing. All issues pertaining to mandatory and optional equipment will be determined by the presiding commission.
- 18. Male contestants must not wear clothing or other attire on their upper bodies. Female contestants must wear short sleeved (above the elbow) form fitting tops or a sports bra.
- 19. No fighter may leave the ring before the end of the bout. Should the fighter fail to resume the bout following the end of the rest period, the referee shall begin counting as though there were a knock-down. At the conclusion of the count, the opponent shall be awarded the bout by way of **TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT**.



UNIFIED RULES OF PROFESSIONAL MUAY THAI

AS APPROVED JULY 2024, REQUESTED IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF NOVEMBER 2024.

Note: These are the Official Unified Rules of Professional Muay Thai. Any other form of these rules may not be called the “Unified Rules of Professional Muay Thai” and shall be referred to by the name of the commission sanctioning the/an event.

1. Each round shall consist of a three (3) minute duration, with a one (1) minute rest period between rounds.
 - a. Bouts shall ordinarily be scheduled for either three (3) or five (5) rounds.
 - b. When a tournament and/or another format is approved, the total number of rounds allowed to be contested in a day shall be determined by the commission with authority in that jurisdiction.
 - c. At the discretion of the presiding commission, bouts will begin after the completion of any pre-fight rituals, in accordance with Thai traditions.
2. The referee is the sole arbiter of a bout. The referee and/or the ringside physician are the only individuals authorized to stop the contest, as determined by the presiding commission. This rule shall not preclude a video or other review of a decision under the procedures of the applicable regulatory authority if a protest is filed claiming a clear rule violation.
 - a. The authority of a referee begins when the inspector(s) exit the cage/ring and does not end until the inspector(s) re-enter the cage/ring, upon the conclusion of the bout.
3. All fighters are required to wear a mouthpiece during competition. No round can begin without the mouthpieces in place. If any mouthpiece becomes dislodged during competition, the referee will call time and have the mouthpiece replaced at the first opportune moment, without interfering with the immediate action, in accordance with procedure approved by the presiding commission. The referee shall confirm with the fighter that the mouthpiece is inserted correctly before restarting the contest. The referee may deduct points if he/she feels the mouthpiece is being intentionally dislodged.
4. No fighter may leave the ring before the end of the bout without the referee's permission. Should the fighter fail to resume the bout following the end of the rest period, the opponent shall be awarded the bout by way of TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT.
 - a. When a fighter is knocked through the ropes and onto the apron of the ring by a legal blow or blows, that knockdown shall be treated the same as if they were knocked down inside the ring:
 - i. The fighter will receive the Mandatory eight (8) count and must be standing before the count of ten (10).

- ii. The fighter then will be given a reasonable amount of additional time to re-enter the ring.
 - iii. If the fighter stalls while re-entering the ring the referee may continue the count and count the fighter out.
 - b. When a fighter is knocked through the ropes and **off the platform of the ring** and onto a table or the floor by a legal blow or blows:
 - i. The fighter will receive a Mandatory eighteen (18) count and must be standing before the count of twenty (20).
 - ii. The referee shall use their discretion to allow the fighter a reasonable amount of additional time to return to the ring due to mitigating circumstances.
 - iii. If the fighter stalls while re-entering the ring the referee may count the fighter out.
 - iv. The fighter is to be unassisted re-entering the ring by spectators or their seconds.
 - v. If the fighter is assisted by anyone, the fighter may lose points, or be disqualified with such a decision being within the sole discretion of the referee.
 - vi. The referee should consult with the ringside physician to ensure the fighter is able to continue.
 - c. When a fighter is thrown / falls over or through the ropes without a legal blow, blows or technique:
 - i. The referee will call time.
 - ii. The referee will send the standing fighter in the ring to a neutral corner.
 - iii. The referee will give a reasonable amount of time for the fighter to return to the ring.
 - iv. The referee will consult with the ring side physician to ensure the fighter is able to continue.
 - v. The referee will issue discipline (ie. warnings, point deductions, DQ) if the referee deems it necessary.
 - vi. The referee will restart the bout as soon as they can.
5. In the event of a knockdown the referee shall send the standing fighter to a neutral corner and administer a Mandatory Eight (8) Count to the downed fighter.
- a. A knockdown is defined as when a fighter touches the mat with anything other than the soles of their feet as the result of a legal, damaging strike – or is in a defenseless position grabbing the opponent or hanging on or over the ropes. The referee will have sole discretion in determining a knockdown versus a slip. It is the responsibility of the downed fighter to demonstrate the ability and intention to safely continue to avoid being “counted out”.
 - b. If a fighter goes down from what the referee indicates is a “slip” but fails to rise after the referee’s repeated commands, the referee will initiate a count, and follow the procedures of a knockdown. If the fighter does not rise at the count of 10, it will be considered a TKO.
 - c. If a fighter injures him/herself and then fails to intelligently defend him/herself by turning their back on the opponent, the referee may, in the proper exercise of their discretion either treat the injury the same as one produced by a fair blow from the opponent and follow the procedures for a knockdown or terminate the bout and declare the opponent winner by TKO.
6. There is **NO** Standing Eight (8) Count.
7. A fighter who has been knocked down CANNOT be saved by the bell in any round, including the final round.
8. The reapplication of petroleum jelly or another similar substance, to the face, may be allowed between rounds and shall only be applied by an approved cutman or licensed cornerman. The use of Thai liniment, as approved by the presiding commission, is permissible to be applied to the

fighter's body. Application of Thai liniment must be done in the dressing room and must be completely dried prior to entering cage/ring. Reapplication of Thai liniment between rounds is not allowed.

9. Hand Wraps

- a. A maximum of one roll (no more than 2" wide and 20 yards in length) of white, soft, cloth gauze is permitted per hand.
- b. A maximum of one roll (no more than 2" wide and 10 feet in length) of white athletic tape is permitted per hand. Tape may cross the back of the hand twice but may not extend with three-fourths of an inch of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist. Strips of tape may be placed between the fingers but may not cover the knuckles.

10. Joint/Body Coverings

- a. Other than the fighter's hands (as previously listed), there will be no taping, covering or protective gear of any kind on the upper body. This includes, but is not limited to joint sleeves, padding, any form of brace or body gauze/tape.
- b. A fighter may use one soft neoprene type sleeves to cover each ankle joint. Approved sleeves may not have padding, Velcro, plastic, metal, ties, or any other material considered to be unsafe or that may create an unfair advantage. Tape and gauze, or any materials other than the approved sleeves, are not permitted on the lower body. The allowable length and color of sleeves shall be determined by the presiding commission.

11. Cage/Ring Attire

- a. All fighters will be required to wear such protective gear as deemed necessary by the presiding Commission.
- b. Male fighters shall not wear any form of clothing on their upper body.
- c. Male and female fighters shall wear the appropriate trunks, mouthpiece, and gloves. Male fighters shall also wear the appropriate groin protection.
- d. Female fighters shall wear a short sleeved (above the elbow) or sleeveless form fitting rash guard and or sports bra. No loose-fitting tops shall be allowed. The use of breast protectors is optional for female fighters as determined by the presiding commission. Female fighters will follow the same requirements for bottom coverings as the male fighters, minus the requirement for groin protection.
- e. The hem of the trunks may not extend below the mid-thigh. Long pants or leggings are prohibited.
 - i. Compression shorts may be worn under the approved fight trunks, but they may not extend down the leg below the bottom of the trunks.
- f. Fighting shorts/trunks, and sports bras, shall not have exposed Velcro, clasps, pockets, zippers, or other items that may be harmful to the fighter or their opponent.
- g. Fighters shall not wear shoes in the cage or ring.
- h. When deemed necessary by the referee, or presiding commission, all fighters shall have their hair secured in a manner that does not interfere with the vision and safety of either fighter.
 - i. No object can be worn to secure the fighter's hair which may cause injury to their opponent.
- i. The wearing of jewelry will be strictly prohibited during all contests.
 - i. Fighters may wear an inscribed cloth, ad amulet, or an inscribed charm around the upper arm or strung around the waist, but neatly wrapped and covered with cloth. Wrapping the ankles or legs with pieces of cloth is prohibited.
 1. If during the contest, the Pra Jiad (arm band) loosens or moves in a way that may be harmful, or a distraction, it may be removed at the discretion of the referee.
- j. Wearing body cosmetics shall be prohibited during all contests. Wearing facial cosmetics shall be at the discretion of the presiding commission and/or referee.

12. Fouls:

- A. Head butts
- B. Groin strikes
- C. Thumbing or eye gouging
- D. Biting
- E. Spiting at the opponent
- F. Hair pulling
- G. Attacks to the throat
- H. Striking your opponent while grounded
- I. Strikes directed to the back of the head or the spine
- J. Tripping or sweeping an opponent- Using trips and sweeps; it is legal to kick an opponent off their feet. A kick is an action that uses the top of the foot and/or front of the shin. It is possible to hook the foot and kick as long as the top of the foot and/or shin, and not the side of the foot, contact the opponent's leg.
- K. Hip, shoulder, or leg throws (No hip tosses, grape vining, reaping, or lifting an opponent)
- L. Grasping the opponent's lower back while also forcing an opponent's spine to hyperextend
- M. Intentionally falling on a downed opponent, pressing elbow or knee upon him/her
- N. Wrestling, back or arm locks or any similar judo or wrestling hold
- O. Attempting to 'pile-drive' an opponent's head into the canvas
- P. Catching an opponent's kick and pushing an opponent for MORE than two steps in any direction without attempting to deliver an attacking technique. (i.e., permissible to catch your opponent's kick, hold your opponent's leg, and take up to two steps)
- Q. If a fighter's leg is caught while kicking, he/she may not intentionally ground themselves
- R. Striking a downed fighter or fighter entangled in the ropes
- S. Failure to obey the referee's commands
- T. Striking on a break
- U. Striking after a bell
- V. Holding the ropes/cage or using the ropes/cage while striking or clinching
- W. Holding the opponent's shorts
- X. Timidity or causing intentional delays in the action (Repeatedly or intentionally avoiding engagement or contact with the opponent, spitting out the mouth piece, or falling out of the ring to cause delay)
- Y. Unsportsmanlike behavior including use of abusive language and/or gestures.
- Z. Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee;
 - i. Once the referee has called for a stop of the action to protect a fighter who has been incapacitated or is unable to continue to compete in the fight, fighters shall cease all offensive actions against their opponent.
- AA. Interference from fighter's corners or seconds;
 - i. Interference is defined as any action or activity aimed at disrupting the fight or causing an unfair advantage to be given to a corner's fighter. Corners are not allowed to distract the referee or influence the actions of the referee in any fashion.

13. Permissible strikes include punches, kicks, elbows, and knees.

14. The winner of a match may be decided in the following ways:

- A. Points Decisions
 - a. Unanimous Decision: When all three judges score the bout for the same fighter.
 - b. Split Decision: When two judges score the bout for one fighter and one judge scores the bout for the opponent.
 - c. Majority Decision: When two judges score the bout for one fighter and one judge scores the bout a draw.
 - d. Technical Decision: When a bout is prematurely stopped due to injury from an accidental foul and a fighter is leading on the score cards.

B. Draws

- a. Unanimous Draw: When all three judges score the bout a draw.
- b. Majority Draw: When two judges score the bout a draw.
- c. Split Draw: When one judge scores the bout for one fighter, one judge scores the bout for the opponent, and one judge scores the bout a draw.
- d. Technical Draw: When an injury is sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul and the bout is allowed to continue, then later the injury requires stoppage from either a legal or illegal strike to the affected area after:
 - i. A completed 2 rounds of a scheduled 3 round bout
 - ii. A completed 3 rounds of a scheduled 5 round boutIf the injured fighter is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage, the decision is a Technical Draw
- e. Draw: When both fighters go down at the same time, and neither can resume the fight within the referee's ten count.

C. Knockout (KO)

- a. When a fighter is incapable of resuming the fight within the referee's ten-count due to legal strikes or the referee stops the contest because a fighter CANNOT intelligently defend themselves

D. Technical Knockout (TKO)

1. Referee Stoppage:

- a. If the referee determines a fighter shows no will to or is incapable of resuming the fight due to a legal technique.
- b. If the referee determines the fighter is NOT intelligently defending themselves.
- c. If the fighter does not leave their corner to take part in the fight following the sounding of the bell.
- d. If the referee is of the opinion that one fighter is outmatched by the opponent and continuing the match would jeopardize the fighter's health and safety
- e. Where a fighter's or their corner indicates to the referee they no longer wish to continue the contest. If a fighter or their coach/corner decide to give up the fight, the fighter or their coach/corner will indicate this to the referee or the regulatory representative assigned to their corner (also known as "throwing in the towel").

2. Medical Stoppage:

- a. If the bout is terminated for medical reasons due to injury resulting from a legal technique.
- b. If the bout is terminated on the advice of the ringside physician.
- c. Loss of control of bodily function.

E. Disqualification:

- a. When an injury sustained during the bout as a result of an intentional foul is severe enough to terminate the bout, multiple fouls have been assessed, interference from a fighter's corner, and/or there is a flagrant disregard for the rules and/or referee's commands.

F. No Decision/No Contest:

1. When a bout is prematurely stopped due to an accidental injury and a sufficient number of rounds have not been completed to render a decision via the score cards.
2. If the referee decides both fighters must be disqualified.

15. Time Consideration

a. Low Blow

A fighter who has been struck with a low blow, as called by the referee, is allowed up to five (5) minutes to recover from the foul, as long as, in the ringside physician's opinion, the fighter may possibly continue on in the contest. If the fighter states that they can continue before the five (5) minutes of time have expired, the referee shall restart the fight as soon as practical. If the fighter goes over the five (5) minutes time allotment, the fight cannot be

restarted and the contest must come to an end with the outcome determined by how the low blow occurred (Intentional vs Accidental), the round, and time in which the fight was stopped.

b. Eye Poke

A fighter who has received an eye poke as called by the referee, is allowed up to five (5) minutes to recover from the foul as long as the ringside physician confirms the fighter may possibly continue in the contest once recovered. If the fighter states that they can see and wishes to continue before the five (5) minutes of time have expired, and confirmed by the ringside physician, the referee shall restart the fight as soon as practical. If the fighter goes over the five (5) minutes time allotment, the fight cannot be restarted and the contest must come to an end with the outcome determined by how the eye poke occurred (Intentional vs Accidental), the round, and time in which the fight was stopped.

16. Intentional Fouls

- A. If an intentional foul causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the fighter causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.
- B. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the authorities and deduct two (2) points from the fighter who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls will be mandatory.
- C. If an injury caused by an intentional foul results in the contest being stopped after a completed 2 rounds of a scheduled 3 round bout, or a completed 3 rounds of a scheduled 5 round fight, by either another legal or illegal strike, the judges will score the incomplete round and:
 - (i) If the injured fighter is ahead on the scorecards, he shall be declared the winner by a **TECHNICAL DECISION**, or
 - (ii) If the injured fighter is behind or even on the scorecards, the contest shall be declared a **TECHNICAL DRAW**.
- D. If a fighter injures themselves while attempting to intentionally foul their opponent, but is able to continue fighting, the referee shall take no action and treat the injury as if produced by a fair blow. If the referee determined the fighter who injured themselves is unable to continue, that fighter will lose by **TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT/KNOCKOUT**.
- E. If the referee determines that a fighter has conducted themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner, they may stop the action of the fight to deduct points or stop the bout to disqualify the fighter.

17. Accidental Fouls:

- A. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to terminate the bout immediately, the bout will result in either a NO CONTEST or DISQUALIFICATION if stopped before:
 - i. A completed 2 rounds of a scheduled 3 round bout
 - ii. A completed 3 rounds of a scheduled 5 round bout
- B. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to terminate the bout immediately after:
 - i. A completed 2 rounds of a scheduled 3 round bout
 - ii. A completed 3 rounds of a scheduled 5 round boutThe bout will result in a **TECHNICAL DECISION** awarded to the fighter who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped. Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored. If no action has occurred, the round should be scored as an even round. This is at the discretion of the judges.
- C. If a fighter, during the course of a round, visibly loses control of bodily function (vomit, urine, feces), the fight shall be stopped by the referee and the fighter shall lose the contest by a **TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT (TKO)** due to Medical Stoppage.

- i. In the event a loss of bodily function occurs in the rest period between rounds, the ringside physician shall be called in to evaluate if the fighter can continue. If the fighter is not cleared by the ringside physician to continue, that fighter shall lose by a TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT (TKO) due to Medical Stoppage.
 - ii. If fecal matter becomes apparent at any time, the contest shall be halted by the referee, and the offending fighter shall lose by a TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT (TKO) due to Medical Stoppage.
18. Bouts shall ordinarily be contested in a ring with not less than four (4) ropes. Bouts may be approved by the presiding commission to be contested in an alternative format where the size of the enclosure is no less than 16 feet in length and width. Padded surface must be approved by presiding commission.

Judging Criteria

Judges shall consider damage, domination and duration when evaluating the relative merits of each fighter's performance in each round. Towards that end they shall use the following prioritized criteria to establish their scores:

- a. A fighter who has an advantage in the number or quality of knockdowns in a round shall never lose that round.
- b. If there is no advantage in knockdowns, the fighter with a clear advantage in cumulative damage shall win the round.
- c. If there is not a clear advantage in cumulative damage, the fighter with the greater number and/or variety of clean scoring Muay Thai techniques shall win the round.

If the above criterion fails to distinguish either fighter, the round may be awarded to the fighter who was more successful in applying either aggressiveness, control or effective defense in their efforts to win the round.

Judge's Scoring System

1. All bouts will be evaluated and scored by a minimum of three (3) judges.
2. The 10 Point Must System will be the standard system for scoring a bout.
 - a. Under the 10 Point Must Scoring System, ten (10) points must be awarded to the winner of the round.
 - b. The fighter who has lost the round may be awarded nine (9) or less points depending on the margin of advantage.
 - c. In the very rare case that neither fighter has shown even a marginal advantage, a 10-10 round may be awarded.
 - d. Partial or incomplete rounds shall be scored. If no significant action has occurred, the round shall be scored as 10-10. This is at the discretion of the judges.
 - e. Any time the referee penalizes either fighter, then the appropriate points shall be deducted when the scorekeeper calculates the final score (including partial rounds).
3. The following objective scoring criteria shall be utilized by the judges when scoring a round:
 - a. An extremely rare 10-10 round is not a score to be used as an excuse by a judge that cannot assess the differences in the action of a round. It should only be used to score an incomplete round where nothing occurred in the round.
 - b. A round is to be scored as a 10-9 round when there is a slight or clear advantage in overall action favoring one fighter, but not an overwhelming advantage.
 - c. A round is to be scored as a 10-8 round when there is an overwhelming advantage without a knockdown, or a fighter won the round and scored a knockdown.

- d. A round is to be scored as a 10-7 round when a fighter won the round and scored two knockdowns.
- e. A round is to be scored as a 10-6 round when a fighter won the round and scored three knockdowns.

Recommended Weight Classes

Mini-Flyweight	up to and including 105 lbs.
Light-Flyweight	over 105 to 108 lbs.
Flyweight	over 108 to 112 lbs.
Super-Flyweight	over 112 to 115 lbs.
Bantamweight	over 115 to 118 lbs.
Super-Bantamweight	over 118 to 122 lbs.
Featherweight	over 122 to 126 lbs.
Super-Featherweight	over 126 to 130 lbs.
Lightweight	over 130 to 135 lbs.
Super Lightweight	over 135 to 140 lbs.
Welterweight	over 140 to 147 lbs.
Super-Welterweight	over 147 to 154 lbs.
Middleweight	over 154 to 160 lbs.
Super Middleweight	over 160 to 168 lbs.
Light Heavyweight	over 168 to 175 lbs.
Cruiserweight	over 175 to 200 lbs.
Heavyweight	over 200 to 225 lbs.
Super Heavyweight	over 225 lbs.

Association of Boxing Commission and Combative Sports Bare-Knuckle Fighting Unified Rules

These are the Official Unified Rules of Bare-Knuckle Fighting. Any other form of these rules may not be called the “Unified Rules of Bare-Knuckle Fighting” and shall not be referred to by the name of the commission sanctioning the/an event.

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Introduction

The Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (ABC) has developed these Unified Rules for Bare-Knuckle Fighting. As outlined in this document, the Unified Rules serve as the recommended guidelines for Commissions to follow when Bare-Knuckle Fighting occurs in their jurisdiction.

Bare Knuckle-Fighting is not new; however, it has become mainstream in the United States over the past five years. The rules established under the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (ABC) will not override Commissions' Statutory Regulations. Rather, State Commissions should adhere to these Unified Rules as closely as possible to maintain consistency in regulating the sport throughout the United States.

Association of Boxing Commission Bare Knuckle Fighting Committee Members-2023-24

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iv. Mel Valenzuela

v. Bruce Baird

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Page	Subject	Update
8	Count	The Referee should determine whether the Combatant is ready to continue by directing the Combatant to step forward and then step left and right to evaluate cognitive functions.
8	Referee Mechanics	Details for Referee concerning Mandatory Eight Count
8	Knockdown	The three (3) knockdown rule may be applied at the discretion of the Referee, with the permission of the Regulating Commission.
9 -10	Eye Poke	A Combatant that receives an eye poke may be given a cold compress to apply to their eye during the five-minute recovery period. The Ringside Physician is authorized to provide the injured Combatant with a cold compress, ice pack, or pad to which the Combatant may apply to their injured eye.
10	Striking a Downed Opponent	The Referee has the authority to disqualify a Combatant for attempting to commit a foul without prior warning.
10 - 11	Round Scores	In the event that more than 3 knockdowns occur in one round, the score should be reflective of the number of knockdowns that have occurred (e.g. a 10-5 score for a round where 4 knockdowns occurred, and so on).
13 - 14	Approved Attire / Appearance	Breast protectors are optional. Loose-fitting tops are prohibited
16	Code of Conduct	Association of Boxing Commission and Combative Sports Code of Ethics
Entire Document	Terminology	The term fighter and participant, change to “Combatant”
Entire Document	Minor Sentence – Paragraph Change	Edit of sentence and paragraph structure for improved readability.

Rules and Regulations of Bare-Knuckle Fighting

Duration of Rounds

Bare-Knuckle Fighting Bouts **shall not** extend past a total of six rounds and a total of eighteen (18) minutes of competition with a one (1) minute rest period between each non-final rounds. The one-minute rest period does not count towards the 18 minute competition limit.

Promoters are authorized to mix bout cards and schedule bouts for either two or three-minute rounds. The Regulating Commission shall consider the following information when approving bouts:

- Combatant Records
- Prior Combative Sports Experience
- Skill level
- Physical Condition

Rounds are approved for two (2) or three (3) minutes: Example Max Time Allowed.

Rounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	Max
Minutes	3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00	18:00
Minutes	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	12:00
				Pro Debut	Standard	Title	

Combatants making their professional debut **shall not** participate in Bare-Knuckle Fighting Bout, unless they have sufficient combative experience as established by the Regulating Commission.

- **A Combatant making their professional debut shall be restricted to four (4) two (2) minute rounds.**
 - A Combatant making their professional debut is defined as a Combatant that has not previously participated in a professional combative sports contest but has experience participating in Amateur Boxing or Amateur Mixed Martial Arts. The Regulating Commission should adhere to their own statutory regulations/procedures with regard to allowing a Combatant to make their professional debut.
 - Professional Combatants with previous professional experience in Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts, or other Combative Sports **are not** considered to be making their professional debut and may participate in any number of rounds without restriction as approved by the Regulating Commission.
- Female Combatants shall be restricted to two (2) minute rounds.

Amateur Combatants are prohibited from participating in Bare-Knuckle Fighting Bouts.

Referee (Sole Arbiter)

The Referee is the Sole Arbiter of the assigned bout. As the Sole Arbiter of the bout, the Referee is the only individual authorized to stop the bout. In the event of a severe injury or cut to a Combatant, the Referee may seek medical advice from the Ringside Physician to determine if the Combatant should be allowed to continue.

In addition, the Referee is the only individual authorized to:

- Interpret rules and situations inside the ring.
- Determine whether a blow is legal or a foul, and whether a foul is intentional or unintentional.
- Declare that an unintentional injury has occurred and what round.
- Determine whether there has been a knockdown.
- The Referee, must demonstrate clear visual and verbal communication to the Combatant, ensuring that the judges and commission understand what is occurring.

No Referee or Promoter has the authority to override a Ringside Physician's recommendation to stop a bout. In other words, if a Ringside Physician recommends that a bout be stopped for medical reasons, the Referee must stop the bout.

Before the Bell to Start

The Referee shall conduct a final visual check of the Combatants to ensure that any unnecessary clothing, prohibited items, and/or body piercings have been removed before giving final instructions inside the ring. Under no circumstance shall a bout commence or continue without the Ringside Physician(s) present at the Ring/Cage side area at all times. The Ringside Physician(s) shall not leave Ring/Cage Side area until the bout has concluded.

Knockdowns

A knockdown occurs when any part of a Combatant's body touches the canvas other than the soles of their feet following a legal strike or when a Combatant is helplessly hanging on/over the ropes or against the cage, in a manner that would suggest that without support of the ropes or cage, the Combatant would fall to the canvas. The Referee is the only individual authorized to determine whether a knockdown or slip has occurred. If a Combatant falls to the ground for any reason other than a knockdown, the Referee shall stop the action, allow the Combatant to stand up and resume the bout with both Combatants' standing at the spot where the fall occurred. The three (3) knockdown rule may be applied at the discretion of the Referee, with the permission of the Regulating Commission.

Count (Referee Mechanics)

There is **No Standing Eight (8) Count**. When a Combatant is knocked down from a legal strike, the Referee shall signal the knockdown (by commanding "Down" and pointing to the canvas) and order the Opponent ("Standing Combatant") to the farthest neutral ring designation, then the Referee will pick up the count from the Timekeeper. The Referee must announce the count verbally and demonstrate with a finger count to the Downed Combatant at each second of the count (to ensure that the Downed Combatant can clearly see and hear the count). A **Mandatory Eight (8) Count** shall apply anytime a Knockdown occurs (i.e. the bout must not continue until the Referee has reached at least a count of 8).

- If the Standing Combatant leaves the neutral ring designation, the Referee should suspend the count and direct the Combatant to return to the neutral ring designation; once the Combatant returns to the neutral ring designation, the Referee shall resume the count from where it was suspended.
- If the Downed Combatant rises any time before the count of (10) is completed, the Referee, after giving a mandatory (8) count, should determine whether the Combatant is ready to continue by performing the "Referee Gait Test". This may be done by directing the Combatant to step forward and then step left and right to evaluate cognitive functions. In addition, the Referee may ask the Combatant a few questions such as, "Are you OK?", "Do you want to continue?"...
- If the Combatant passes the Referee Gait Test, the Referee may resume the bout.
- If the Combatant does not pass the Referee Gait Test (a general rule is if the Referee has any doubt, stop the bout), the Referee shall waive off the bout and the Combatant will lose by Technical Knockout (TKO).
- If the Combatant fails to rise by the time the Referee reaches the count of ten (10), the Referee shall waive off the

bout and the Combatant will lose by Knockout (KO).

Fouls (Stop Point)

Intentional or unintentional fouls may occur in a bout. If a Combatant is unintentionally hit with a low blow or poked in the eye, they may have up to five (5) minutes to recover. At no time may the recovery period exceed five (5) minutes. A Combatant may be disqualified for a flagrant foul, at the sole discretion of the Referee. Fouls may result in points being deducted from the Combatant who committed the fouls, the Referee may also disqualify the offending Combatant with or without any prior warning(s) for fouls. The number of points deducted may vary depending on the severity of the foul, at the discretion of the Referee. The Referee must clearly indicate to the Judges that a foul has occurred and the number of points to be deducted from the offending Combatant. Judges may not penalize a Combatant for a foul without a prior declaration by the Referee that a foul has occurred.

Eye Poke

Eye pokes may be categorized as either intentional or unintentional, at the discretion of the Referee. A Combatant that receives an eye poke may have up to five (5) minutes to recover.

(1) If the Referee determines the eye poke to be intentional, the Combatant causing the foul shall lose the bout by disqualification, regardless of round number or time:

(2) Unintentional Eye Poke:

- a) If an unintentional eye poke occurs multiple times during the bout, the following actions should occur:
 1. On the first offense, the Referee may or may not deduct a point.
 2. When a second offense occurs in the bout, the Referee may elect to either deduct two points (minimum) or to disqualify the offending Combatant.
- b) The Combatant receiving an eye poke may be given up to five (5) minutes to recover. If the injured Combatant cannot recover from an eye poke by the five-minute mark, the Referee shall call the bout as follows:
 1. The bout shall be ruled a No Contest/No Decision when a majority of the bout has not concluded (i.e. half of the scheduled rounds plus one second (SR: 1/2+1 sec).
 2. Once a majority of the bout has concluded (half of the scheduled rounds plus one second (SR:1/2+1 sec), the decision shall go to the scorecards and be determined as follows:
 - i. If the injured Combatant is ahead on the scorecards at the time of the stoppage, the injured Combatant shall be declared the winner by Technical Decision.
 - ii. If the offending Combatant (the individual who committed the eye poke foul) is ahead on the scorecards at the time of the stoppage, the bout shall be declared a Technical Draw.
- c) At no time shall the Combatant causing the injury of an eye poke be declared the winner of the bout.
- d) A Combatant that receives an eye poke may be given a cold compress to apply to their eye during the five-minute recovery period. The Ringside Physician is authorized to provide the injured Combatant with a cold compress, ice pack, or pad to which the Combatant may apply to their injured eye.

A Ringside Physician must evaluate the injured Combatant at the end of the recovery period or once the injured Combatant signals that they are ready to resume competition.

Striking a Downed Combatant

A “downed Combatant” is when any part of a Combatant's body touches the mat other than the soles of their feet. A downed Combatant should be considered defenseless and unable to protect themselves. Therefore, striking a downed Combatant can result in a severe injury. As the sole arbiter, the Referee must immediately stop the offending Combatant from delivering the strikes and **call a “time-out.”** The Referee should take the following action:

- (1) Direct the offender to the farthest neutral ring designation.
- (2) Attend to the Combatant who received the illegal blow(s).
- (3) Bring the Ringside Physician into the ring to determine the Combatants' ability to continue.
- (4) Give the Combatant up to five minutes to recover. If the Combatant cannot recover by the five-minute mark, the Combatant that delivered the illegal blows shall lose by disqualification (regardless of round number).

The Referee has the authority to disqualify a Combatant for attempting to commit a foul without prior warning.

Instant Replay

Instant replay may be used if the Promotion and Commission have agreed prior to the event and the Promoter provides all necessary instant replay equipment. The use of instant replay shall be limited to the following criteria:

- Only the Referee may determine if the use of instant replay is appropriate.
- The Referee is the sole arbiter of the match and is explicitly permitted to utilize instant replay to conclusively determine whether a foul led to the “bout ending sequence” that concluded the bout before the decision is announced. The review process is authorized and can be conducted by any individual designated by the Regulating Commission.
- Based on the instant replay review, the Referee may make the final call with respect to the bout that could result in one of the following decisions: a winner of the bout by stoppage, a “no contest/no decision” determination, a disqualification, a technical decision, or technical draw.

Judges

All bouts will be evaluated and scored by three (3) judges. The bouts will be scored using the ten (10) point must system to determine the winner. The scorecards shall be collected from each judge between each round of the bout.

Scoring Criteria

Judges shall evaluate the bout based on effective striking (Priority #1), effective aggressiveness (Priority #2), and control of the fighting area (Priority #3). Effective aggressiveness and control of the fighting area are only taken into consideration if effective striking is weighed as being even. Effective striking is judged by determining the impact/effect of legal strikes landed by a Combatant solely based on the results of such legal strikes. Effective aggressiveness means aggressively making attempts to finish the bout. Fighting area control is assessed by determining who is dictating the bout's pace, place, and position.

Round Scores

- 10-9 Round – Combatant routinely won the round by a close or moderate margin.
- 10-8 Round – Combatant won the round by a highly decisive margin (without a knockdown).
- 10-8 Round – Combatant won the round and scores one knockdown.
- 10-7 Round – Combatant won the round and scores two knockdowns.
- 10-6 Round – Combatant won the round and scores three knockdowns.
- 10-10 Round – This is very rare and is not a score to be used as an excuse by a judge that cannot assess the differences in the round. It shall only be used to score an incomplete round where nothing occurred in the bout.

In the event that **more than 3 knockdowns** occur in one round, the score should be reflective of the number of knockdowns that have occurred (e.g. a 10-5 score for a round where 4 knockdowns occurred, and so on).

Decisions

The bell **will not** save a Combatant in any round (i.e. a Combatant is down when the duration of the round has expired). The Timekeeper shall not ring the bell during the Referee's count, and the Referee should continue the count until the Combatant rises or is counted out. Once the Referee ends the count, the Timekeeper may ring the bell to signal the end of the round.

Anytime a Combatant loses control of bodily functions and **Urinate, Defecates, or Regurgitates**, the Referee will stop the bout, and the Combatant will lose by TKO.

The Combatants may win or lose a bout by the following decisions:

- **Technical Knockout**
- **Knockout**
- **Disqualification**
- **Draw**
- **No Contest/No Decision:** A "No Contest/No Decision" shall be rendered for bouts that have not completed **half of the scheduled rounds plus one second (SR:1/2+1 sec)** when stopped by the Referee, including for an unintentional foul causing an injury that does not allow the injured Combatant to continue.
- The Regulating Commission shall promptly notify the Referee to stop the bout in situations that are beyond the control of the Officials or Combatants. Such situations include, but are not limited to, equipment malfunction, ring/cage problems, or incidents not caused by either Combatant. The Referee must immediately halt the bout to ensure the safety and fairness of the competition.
- **Technical Decision:** If the Referee, in their sole discretion, determines that **after half of the scheduled rounds plus one second (SR: 1/2+1 sec)**, the bout must be stopped due to an unintentional foul that causes an injury severe enough to render the injured Combatant unfit to continue, then the bout shall go to the Judges' scorecards, including the partial round when the bout was stopped. The result shall be declared a "Technical Decision". The judges will not score an additional round if the bout is stopped during the one (1) minute rest period.

If the Referee, in their sole discretion, determines that an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue; and the injury later results in the **bout being stopped** after **half of the scheduled rounds plus one second (SR:1/2+1 sec)**, the injured combatant shall win by **Technical Decision**. The bout shall result in a **Technical Draw** if the injured Combatant is behind or even on the scorecards.

If the Referee, in their sole discretion, determines that an intentional foul causes an injury, and the bout is **NOT** allowed to continue, the Referee may disqualify the Combatant who initiated the intentional foul.

If the Combatant injures themselves while attempting to foul their opponent intentionally, the Referee will not take any action in their favor, and this injury shall be the same as one produced by a fair blow. If the Referee feels that a Combatant has conducted himself in an unsportsmanlike manner, they may stop the bout and disqualify the Combatant.

Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored.

Legal Techniques

In Bare Knuckle Fighting, the only legal technique permitted is Bare Knuckle Hand Strikes with a clenched fist, which involves punching with bare fists between opponents. Standard face-to-face punches are allowed from the waist to the top of the head,

including fighting in the clinch. Combatants in the clinch can hold their opponent by the back of the neck or head in a downward position and punch to any legal strike zone. It is important to note that punches to the back of the head and spine are illegal and can lead to disqualification.

Illegal Techniques, Strikes, and Punches

Illegal techniques, strikes, and punches in Bare Knuckle Fighting are as follows but not limited to:

1. Hitting the opponent below the belt.
2. Hitting an opponent who is down or is getting up after being down.
3. Deliberately maintaining a clinch without other action.
4. Wrestling or kicking the opponent.
5. Putting a finger into any orifice of the opponent or into any cut or laceration on an opponent, including fish hooking.
6. Pulling the opponent's hair.
7. Manipulating the opponent's fingers
8. Striking an opponent who is helpless as the result of blows but is supported by the ropes and does not fall
9. Butting the opponent with the head, shoulder, knee, or elbow
10. Hitting the opponent with the elbow or forearm
11. Striking the opponent's body over the kidneys
12. Hitting the opponent on the back of the head or neck
13. Gouging the opponent's eye in any manner
14. Hitting during a break, which is signaled by the Referee's command or physical act to separate the Combatants.
15. Hitting the opponent after the bell has sounded, ending the round.
16. Using the ropes or cage to gain an advantage over the opponent.
17. Pushing the opponent around the fighting area or into the ropes/cage.
18. Timidity, excessive clenching, including intentionally spitting out the mouthpiece, running from an opponent, or other similar behavior.
19. Biting the opponent.
20. Headlocks
21. Throat punches or strikes directly toward the throat of an opponent.
22. Fingers outstretched toward an opponent's face or eyes.
23. No throws or takedowns.
24. Engaging in any other action not described in this subsection that is deemed an intentional foul by the Referee on the basis that the action poses a danger to the safety of either Combatant, impedes fair and competitive play, or is unsportsmanlike.
25. Spinning back fists.
26. Hammer-fists.

Weight Classes

Weight classes shall be approved by Regulatory Commission.

Weight Division / Class	Pounds
Straw-Weight	100-107 lbs.
Fly -Weight	108-115 lbs.
Bantam- Weight	116 - 125lbs
Feather-Weight	126 -135 lbs.
Light- Weight	136-145 lbs.
Welter-Weight	146 -155 lbs.
Middle- Weight	156 -165 lbs.
Super Middle-Weight	166 - 175 lbs.
Light Heavy-Weight	176 - 185 lbs.
Middle Heavy- Weight	186 - 205 lbs.
Cruiser-Weight	206 - 225 lbs.
Heavy-Weight	226 - 265 lbs.
Super Heavy-Weight	266 + lbs.^ No Limit

Approved Attire/Appearance

All competitors must wear protective gear as deemed necessary by the Regulating Commission. Male Combatants shall not wear any form of clothing on their upper body. Male and female Combatants shall wear the appropriate shorts, shoes (boxing or wrestling shoes), and mouthpiece. Male Combatants shall also wear the appropriate groin protection. Female Combatants shall wear the appropriate sports bra and are permitted to wear a short-sleeved (above the elbow) or sleeveless form-fitting rash guard, **breast protectors are optional. Loose-fitting tops are prohibited.** Female Combatants will follow the exact requirements for bottom covering as male Combatants, minus the requirement for groin protection. When deemed necessary by the Referee, Combatants with long hair must secure their hair in a manner that does not interfere with either Combatants ability to compete fairly or hinder the other's vision. No hard material can be used to secure hair. No object can be worn to secure the Combatant's hair, which may cause injury to either Combatant. Inspectors shall ensure that the fingernails are clipped at a length so as not to cause injury to the opponent. **The wearing of jewelry is strictly prohibited during all bouts.**

No Combatant shall wear any products on their body or hair, including but not limited to spray hair dye, body dye/paint, hair gel, skin products, etc.; other than the allowable amount of skin lubricant determined by the Regulating Commission. A Combatant entering the ring or cage to participate with temporary hair or body dye will be rejected from competing.

Hand Wraps

Hand wraps shall include the wrist and are restricted to twelve (12) yards of soft gauze bandage per hand and not more than two (2) inches in width, held in place by not more than ten (10) yards of surgical tape, no more than one (1) inch (25.4 mm) width. The surgical tape shall not be applied within one (1) inch of the knuckles.

- No tape or gauze will extend past the Combatant's knuckle when a clenched fist is made.
- No tape or gauze is allowed between or on the Combatant's fingers (**with the exception of the thumb, as follows.**)
The thumb of a Combatant may include a single wrap of tape when the wrist is being wrapped.
- Wrapping of the wrist shall not extend more than three (3) inches past the wrist juncture.

Mouthpiece

All Combatants are required to wear a mouthpiece during competition.

Combatants must have two mouthpieces at the ring/cage side, if possible. If a mouthpiece is dislodged and lost during the bout, the Combatant with the lost mouthpiece will lose by disqualification (regardless of round or time). If a mouthpiece is dislodged from a legal blow, the Referee must not interfere with the flow of the bout and will call a **time-out** when there is a lull in the action. It is the discretion of the Referee to take the Combatant to the corner and allow the corner to rinse and replace the Combatant's mouthpiece.

This process must be discussed with the commission prior to the start of the event to eliminate any violations of the commission's statutory rules in the state where the event is occurring.

The round cannot begin without both Combatants wearing their mouthpiece. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the Referee will call "time" when there is a **lull** in the bout and have the mouthpiece replaced at the first opportune moment without interfering with the immediate action. The Referee may deduct points if they feel the mouthpiece is being purposefully spit out.

Joint/Body Coverings

Other than the Combatant's hands (as previously listed), there will be no taping, covering, or protective gear of any kind on the upper body. This includes but is not limited to joint sleeves, padding, any form of a brace, or body gauze/tape. A Combatant may use soft neoprene-type sleeves to cover only the knee(s) or elbow(s). Approved sleeves may not have: padding, Velcro, plastic, metal, ties, or any other material considered unsafe or that may create an unfair advantage. The Regulating Commission may impose stricter rules to comply with local Statutes.

Petroleum Jelly

Combatants shall not be permitted to have excessive petroleum jelly or another similar substance on any part of their body, as determined by the sole discretion of the Referee. Petroleum jelly or another similar substance shall be applied to the face prior to the bout by an approved cut-man or licensed cornerman. The reapplication of petroleum jelly or another similar substance to the face may be allowed between rounds and shall only be applied by an approved cut-man or licensed cornerman. (As approved by the Commission or regulatory body).

Fighting Area

A Commission-approved ring or cage that promotes Combatant, Official, and Spectator safety will be used by promoters. All cages/rings must be inspected and pre-approved by the Commission before an event.

Prohibited Substances

All Combatants are prohibited from using any drugs, alcohol, or stimulants that could either impair or enhance their performance pursuant to the rules of the Regulating Commission. The consumption of any substance other than plain water or Commission-approved sports drinks is prohibited during the event. The Regulating Commission has final authority to decide prohibited substances under their jurisdiction.

Commission Considerations

It is mandatory to upload event results to BoxRec and Combat Registry without exception. Additionally, all medical and administrative suspensions must be included in the upload of bout results.

Combatant Federal Identification Cards for Combatants participating in Bare-Knuckle Events will be issued via BoxRec or as directed by the Association of Boxing Commissions.

Regulating Commission should allow for the facilitation of reliable and timely on-site laceration repair.

Bouts between professionals and amateurs are prohibited. Once a Combatant is considered a professional Combatant in one combat sport, they shall only compete as a professional Combatant in all other combat sports.

Any Combatant who engages in a bout that a Commission does not sanction will be subject to suspension for a minimum of thirty (30) days from the date of the Combatant's last non-sanctioned bout. Prior to being allowed to compete in a sanctioned bout, following a suspension for participating in a non-sanctioned bout, the Combatant is responsible for obtaining a written clearance from a Physician and must submit all new medicals to the Regulating Commission. A Regulating Commission may impose stricter punishments.

Association of Boxing Commission and Combative Sports (Code of Conduct)

No official shall in any manner hint directly or indirectly, solicit any promoter, manager, trainer, fighter, or to be appointed as a ring official in any fight.

No official shall hint directly or indirectly, solicit any Commission, Commissioners or member of ANY boxing organization to be appointed as a ring official in any fight.

No official shall accept any gift of significant monetary value from any promoter, manager, trainer, or fighter or solicit from any promoter, manager, trainer or fighter, anything of significant monetary value.

No official shall in any manner publicly criticize the performance of any other official.

No official shall in any manner publicly criticize the performance of any combatant.

No official shall in any manner publicly criticize the appointment of any other official.

No official shall represent or attempt to represent the Commission in any manner other than as an official.

After receiving an assignment work at an event as an official, no official shall prior to the fight have any contact, social or otherwise, with any promoter, manager, trainer or fighter involved in the title fight other than contacts made with the promoter or promoter's employees relating to travel and hotel accommodations, except when accompanied by a Commission member.

Also, an official shall not communicate with ANY form of media, including and not limited to social media, (*Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.*) prior to, during or after the event, without Commission approval.

No official shall engage in any conduct that will discredit the sport of unarmed combat.

Officials must never place wagers of any type on any event or sport involving boxing or combative sports. Officials should advise the local Commission if they are making bets on "other" sporting events.

In the event that an official is contacted by a representative of the local Commission to serve as a ring official for a fight assignment, and if that official has even the slightest reason to feel or believe that he or she cannot be totally fair and impartial to both fighters, the official shall decline the appointment.

At no time should an official ask a licensee or applicant for an autograph or photograph, or any other type of memorabilia, or engage in any other instance of "fandom" at or near any Commission event, including weigh-ins and press conferences.

An official, whether they are working or not, shall not ask any licensee, applicant, or venue for anything of value, including tickets, programs, meals, drinks, gloves, or banners.

No official that is appointed for a fight assignment can be seen in public places, gambling or drinking after 12:00 AM the night prior to the event.

ANY OFFICIAL VIOLATING THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE OF ETHICS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE LIST OF CERTIFIED OFFICIALS AND WILL RECEIVE NO FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ASSIGNMENTS FROM THE ABC TO SERVE AS AN OFFICIAL. IF THE SAID OFFICIAL HAS BROKEN THE CODE OF ETHICS THAT SAID OFFICIAL WILL NOT BE USED.



AGENDA

ITEM #9

Strategic Planning Session



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MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 2, 2025
TO	Chairman Peter Villegas and Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #9- Strategic Planning Session

The SOLID Strategic Planning Team is present to workshop to review, discuss and revise the Commission's goals and objectives for the 2024-2028 Commission Strategic Plan.



Pre-Strategic Planning Session

May 13, 2025



Facilitators

Sarah Irani

- Lead Facilitator

Trisha St.Clair

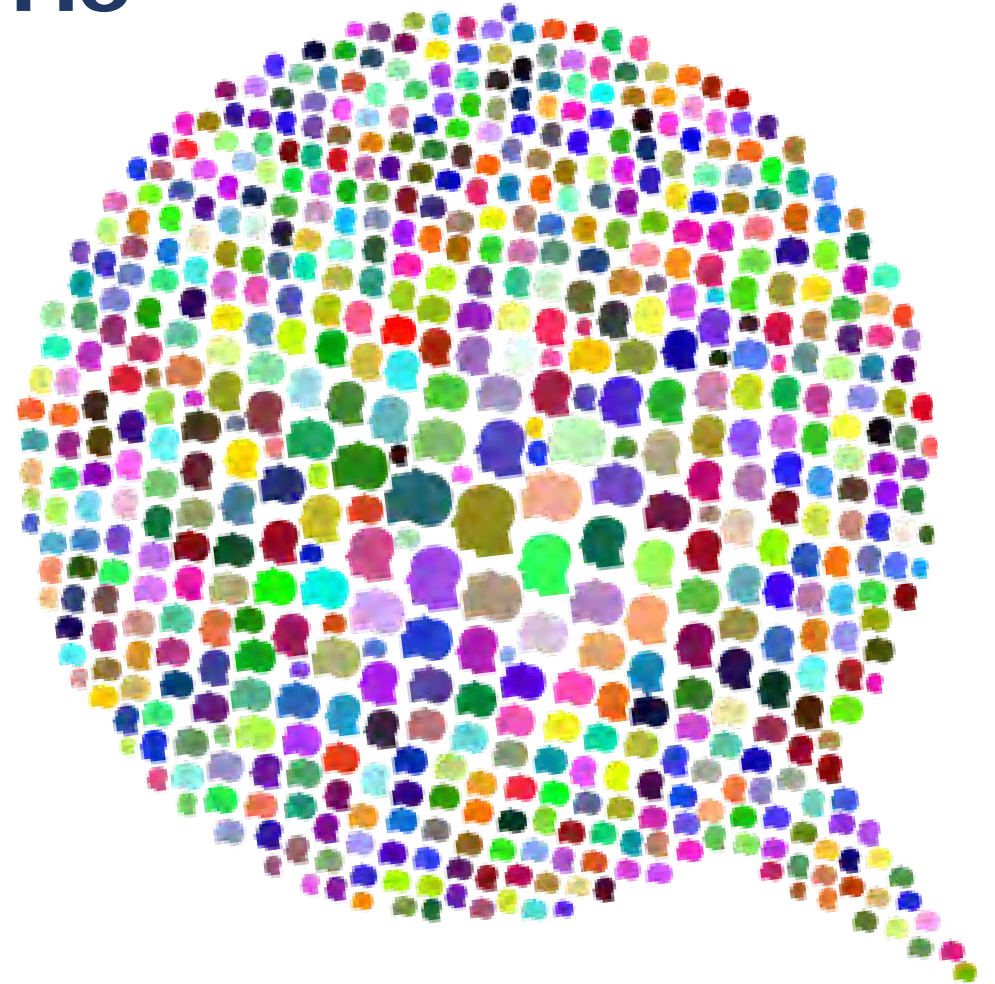
- Co-facilitator

Role

- Act as neutral party
- Provide structure
- Document the discussion
- Check for understanding
- Correct spelling and grammar - later

Participant Expectations

- Minimize distractions
- Respect contributions
- Participate and contribute
- Reach consensus



Agenda

- Watch Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training videos
- Review the strategic planning process
- Review CSAC Environmental Scan 2025
- Develop strategic objectives

DEI in Strategic Planning

Who benefits or
is burdened?

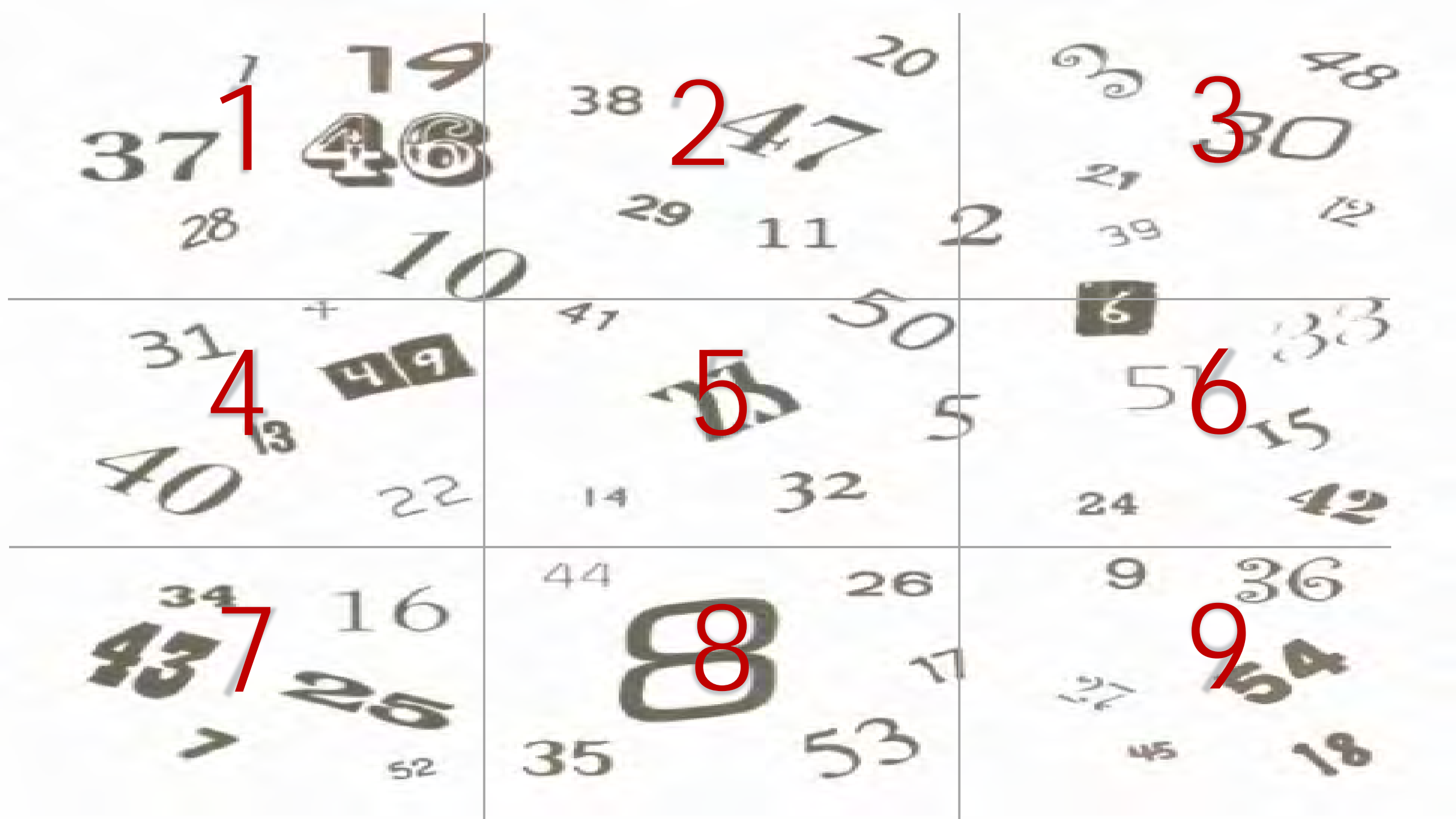
Different needs
for different
groups?

How will we
measure the
effect?

What data can
we use to
measure?



Why Create a Strategic Plan?



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Strategic Planning Answers



**Where are
we now?**

Mission

Values

Environmental
Scan



**Where are
we going?**

Vision

Goals

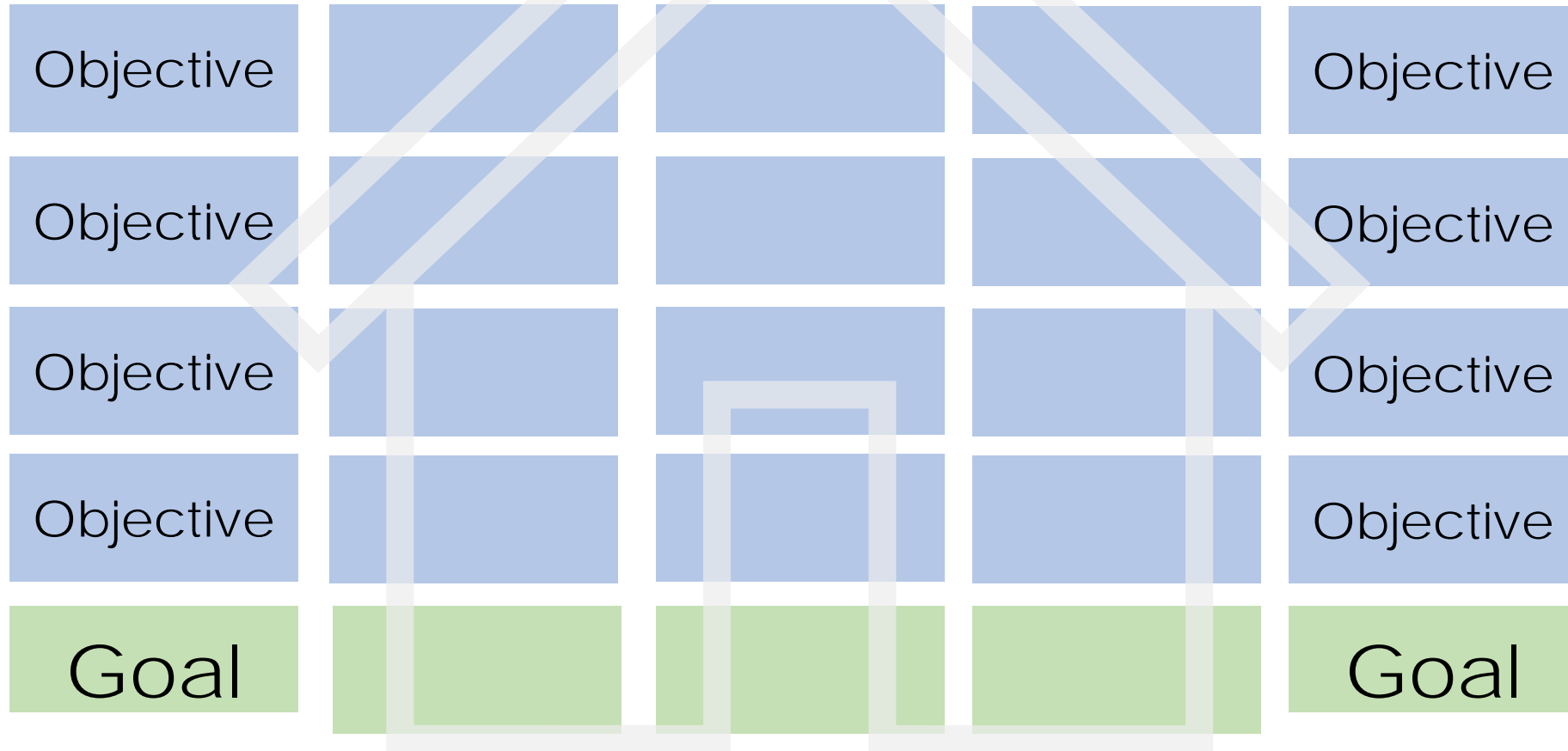
Objectives



**How will we
get there?**

Action Plan

Strategic Plan

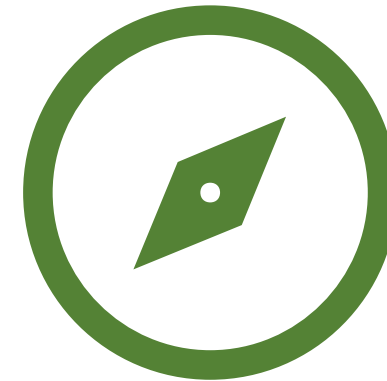


Mission, Values, Vision

Mission

The California State Athletic Commission is dedicated to the health and safety of participants, and the welfare of all stakeholders in regulated combat sporting events, through ethical and professional service.

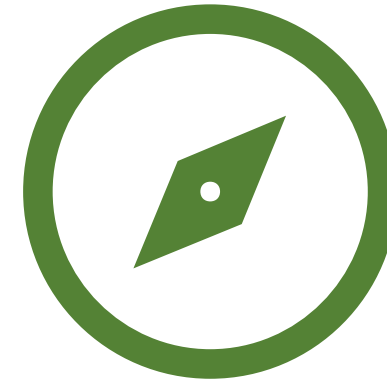
Where are we now?



Values

- Consistency
- Excellence
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Responsibility

Where are we now?



Environmental Scan Defined

Is a study on how stakeholders perceive the Commission:

- Effectiveness when accomplishing its goals.
- Response to the industry it operates in and world trends.

Where are we now?



Vision

California is the premier model for the safety and fairness of regulated combat sporting events.

Where are we going?



Goals

1. Health and Safety
2. Licensing
3. Enforcement
4. Legislation, Regulation, and Policy
5. Organizational Effectiveness
6. Pension Plans
7. Outreach
8. Tribal Relationships
9. Economic Development

Where are we going?



Objectives

Develop about 3 to 6 objectives per goal area.

Where are we going?



Roles and Responsibilities

Consumer Protection



Available Resources

Instructions

- Identify 3 to 6 objectives per goal area.
 - Issue/topic?
 - Why address it?
 - How can Commission solve/address?
 - Desired outcome?

Goal Area 1: Health and Safety

The Commission oversees a safe and healthy environment for participants in regulated combat sporting events.

Summary on pages #10-12

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 1: Health and Safety

- Quicker updates needed.
- More data needed to improve health and safety.
- Lengthy regulation process.
- Lack of resources.
- Athletes not communicating injuries.

External Opportunities

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Different Perspectives

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Outreach and Connection

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Equal Access

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Goal Area 1: Health and Safety

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
1	Drug Testing	Enhance drug testing practices to protect licensees
2	Concussion Protocol	Don't want people beginning to fight with a concussion.
3	Weight Cutting	Don't want someone dying from a weight cut. Don't want promoters losing fights because of weight cuts.

Goal Area 1: Health and Safety

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
4	Educate matchmakers on making appropriate matches	Inappropriate matches are dangerous and bad for the public.
5	Law passed forcing ambulance to transport hurt fighters	Problem in the past with ambulance refusing to transport hurt fighters. Need to educate them about new law so that they do transport hurt fighters.
6	Continuous appropriation/General Fund Supplementation	CSAC needs flexibility to regulate effectively. To achieve a 3.5 million budget allocation.

Goal Area 2: Licensing

The Commission is recognized as an international leader in promoting licensing standards for participants and stakeholders in regulated combat sporting events.

Summary on page #13-16

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 2: Licensing

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Goal Area 2: Licensing

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
1	Online licensing needed	Applicants and licensees want online services.
2		
3		

Goal Area 2: Licensing

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
4		
5		
6		

Goal Area 3: Enforcement

The Commission protects consumers by preventing violations and effectively enforcing laws and regulations when violations occur.

Summary on page #17-20

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 3: Enforcement

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- More promotion of rulings.
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Goal Area 3: Enforcement

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
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2		
3		

Goal Area 3: Enforcement

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
4		
5		
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Goal Area 4: Legislation, Regulation, and Policy

The Commission pursues statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures that strengthen and support their mandate and mission.

Summary on pages #21-22

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 4: Legislation, Regulation, and Policy

- Need for budget increase.
- Regulation timelines.

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Goal Area 4: Legislation, Regulation, and Policy

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
1	Continuous appropriation/General Fund Supplementation	CSAC needs flexibility to regulate effectively. To achieve a 3.5 million budget allocation. To be able to do more enforcement. Need the resources to enforce more.
2	Move all sports regulated by CSAC to use unified rules adopted by The Association of Boxing Commission (ABC). Seek legislation to do so.	All networks use ABC rules. Unified set of rules across the different sports would streamline processes.
3		

Goal Area 4: Legislation, Regulation, and Policy

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
4		
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6		

Goal Area 5: Organizational Effectiveness

The Commission builds an excellent organization through proper governance, effective leadership, and responsible management.

Summary on pages #23-25

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 5: Organizational Effectiveness

- Communication with promoters.
- Need for more resources.
- Slow hiring process.
- Outdated website.

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Goal Area 5: Organizational Effectiveness

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
1	Too much institutional knowledge	Need for succession planning if staff/execs were to leave. Knowledge gaps.
2	Website needs updating	Website is outdated, currently in queue to be updated.
3		

Goal Area 5: Organizational Effectiveness

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
4		
5		
6		

Goal Area 6: Pension Plans

The Commission effectively manages the California Professional Boxers Pension Fund and the Mixed Martial Arts Retirement Benefit.

Summary on pages #26-27

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 6: Pension Plans

- Need for more outreach.
- Need for additional revenue sources.
- Need for better oversight.

External Opportunities

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Goal Area 6: Pension Plans

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
1	Need to increase sponsorships.	To increase pension payouts to athletes.
2	Specialty license plates with DMV	To increase pension payouts to athletes.
3	50/50 raffle	To increase pension payouts to athletes.

Goal Area 6: Pension Plans

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
4	Increased in continued outreach	Make the public aware of that these pension plans exist.
5		
6		

Goal Area 7: Outreach

The Commission proactively communicates its mission, vision, and goals to stakeholders.

Summary on pages #28-30

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 7: Outreach

- Need for more communication with promoters.
- More posts on social media.
- Need for more staff.
- Update website.

External Opportunities

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Goal Area 7: Outreach

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
1	Website update	Website needs updating and is a huge outreach tool.
2	Increase Social Media Presence	To reach more licensees. It's more effective than email.
3	Allow EO to attend more industry events	So EO can build relationships with other governing bodies and so he's on top of things in the industry.

Goal Area 7: Outreach		
#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
4		
5		
6		

Goal Area 8: Tribal Relationships

Proactively reach out to all tribal communities through the state of California to increase the number of tribal collaborations and offer oversight for combat sports on tribal lands while continuing to respect tribal sovereignty.

Summary on pages #31-32

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 8: Tribal Relationships

- Need to establish relationships with more tribal communities.
- Maintain relationships.

External Opportunities

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Goal Area 8: Tribal Relationships

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
1	Incentive Package with Legislature	To get major events here in CA, to utilize the tribe's venues. To help tribes and CA benefit from tourism.
2	Maintain current relationships with tribes	A lot of fights happen on tribal properties. To uphold mandate.
3		

Goal Area 8: Tribal Relationships

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
4		
5		
6		

Goal Area 9: Economic Development

Promote the increased economic benefits at the state and local level through licensed events that the Commission oversees.

Summary on pages #33-34

Internal Weaknesses

Goal Area 9: Economic Development

- Need for increased funds.
- Need to move to general fund.

External Opportunities

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Goal Area 9: Economic Development

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
1	Continuous appropriation/General Fund Supplementation	CSAC needs flexibility to regulate effectively. To achieve a 3.5 million budget allocation. To be able to do more enforcement. Need the resources to enforce more. Resources stretched as thin as possible.
2		
3		

Goal Area 9: Economic Development

#	Issue/topic?	Why address it?
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Proposed Strategic Plan Timeframe

- A total of 22 objectives were identified.
- 5 of years to complete objectives?





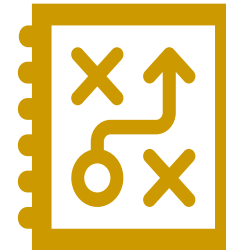
Next Steps

Strategic Planning Session with board members.

Action Planning

- Lists tasks needed to accomplish objectives
- Assigns responsible staff
- Identifies due dates
- Establishes performance measures

How will we get there?



Thank You!

Sarah Irani

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Strategic Planning

Objectives Worksheet

Planning Session:
June 2, 2025

Instructions

As we get ready for the Strategic Planning Session, take a moment to think about what you would like to see CSAC work on over the next few years.

Consider the following:

- Review of the Environmental Scan Report
- Items outlined in Sunset Review
- Experience and previously identified needs

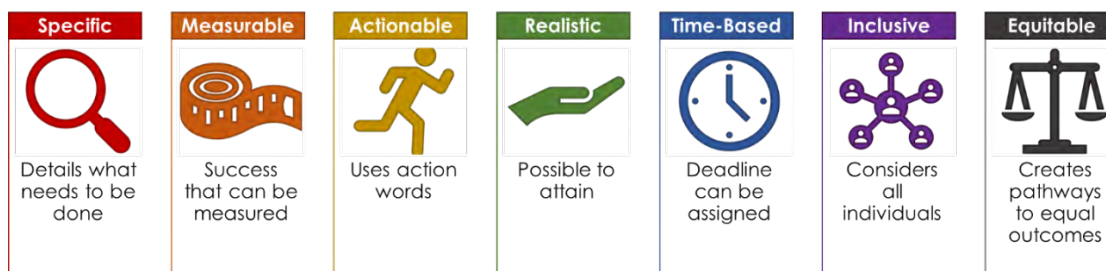
Determine Issues/Areas for Improvement and Brainstorm Solutions

What issues/areas for improvements come to mind for the following strategic goal areas? Record issues/areas for improvement and identify solutions on the attached worksheets.

1. Health and Safety
2. Licensing
3. Enforcement
4. Legislation, Regulation, and Policy
5. Organizational Effectiveness
6. Pension Plans
7. Outreach
8. Tribal Relationships
9. Economic Development

SMARTIE Methodology

For more effective objectives, consider the SMARTIE methodology when coming up with solutions to issues/areas for improvement:



DEI Summary

Different Perspectives About Ideas and Priorities

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Unnecessary Requirements or Barriers to Licensure

- Processing times.
- No unnecessary requirements to licensure.

Outreach and Connection to All Californians

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Furthering Equal Access to Opportunities

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Goal 1: Health and Safety

Goal Area Description: The Commission oversees a safe and healthy environment for participants in regulated combat sporting events.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

Please take a moment to review the weakness summaries on Environmental Scan pages 10 through 12, external environment summaries on pages 35 through 38, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) summaries on pages 39 through 43. Weaknesses are summarized below, and DEI is summarized at the beginning of this workbook for your convenience.

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- Quicker updates.
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Goal 2: Licensing

Goal Area Description: The Commission is recognized as an international leader in promoting licensing standards for participants and stakeholders in regulated combat sporting events.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

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Goal 3: Enforcement

Goal Area Description: The Commission protects consumers by preventing violations and effectively enforcing laws and regulations when violations occur.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

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Goal 4: Legislation, Regulation, and Policy

Goal Area Description: The Commission pursues statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures that strengthen and support their mandate and mission.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

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Goal 5: Organizational Effectiveness

Goal Area Description: The Commission builds an excellent organization through proper governance, effective leadership, and responsible management.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

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- Slow hiring process.
- Outdated website.

Goal 6: Pension Plans

Goal Area Description: The Commission effectively manages the California Professional Boxers Pension Fund and the Mixed Martial Arts Retirement Benefit.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

Please take a moment to review the weakness summaries on Environmental Scan pages 26 through 27, external environment summaries on pages 35 through 38, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) summaries on pages 39 through 43. Weaknesses are summarized below, and DEI is summarized at the beginning of this workbook for your convenience.

Summary of Weaknesses

- Need for more outreach.
- Need for additional revenue sources.
- Need for better oversight.

Goal 7: Outreach

Goal Area Description: The Commission proactively communicates its mission, vision, and goals to stakeholders.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

Please take a moment to review the weakness summaries on Environmental Scan pages 28 through 30, external environment summaries on pages 35 through 38, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) summaries on pages 39 through 43. Weaknesses are summarized below, and DEI is summarized at the beginning of this workbook for your convenience.

Summary of Weaknesses

- Need for more communication with promoters.
- More posts on social media.
- Need for more staff.
- Update website.

Goal 8: Tribal Relationships

Goal Area Description: Proactively reach out to all tribal communities through the state of California to increase the number of tribal collaborations and offer oversight for combat sports on tribal lands while continuing to respect tribal sovereignty.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

Please take a moment to review the weakness summaries on Environmental Scan pages 31 through 32, external environment summaries on pages 35 through 38, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) summaries on pages 39 through 43. Weaknesses are summarized below, and DEI is summarized at the beginning of this workbook for your convenience.

Summary of Weaknesses

- Need to establish relationships with more tribal communities.
- Maintain relationships.

Goal 9: Economic Development

Goal Area Description: Promote the increased economic benefits at the state and local level through licensed events that the Commission oversees.

Issue/Area for Improvement	Solution(s)

Please take a moment to review the weakness summaries on Environmental Scan pages 33 through 34, external environment summaries on pages 35 through 38, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) summaries on pages 39 through 43. Weaknesses are summarized below, and DEI is summarized at the beginning of this workbook for your convenience.

Summary of Weaknesses

- Need for increased funds.
- Need to move to general fund.



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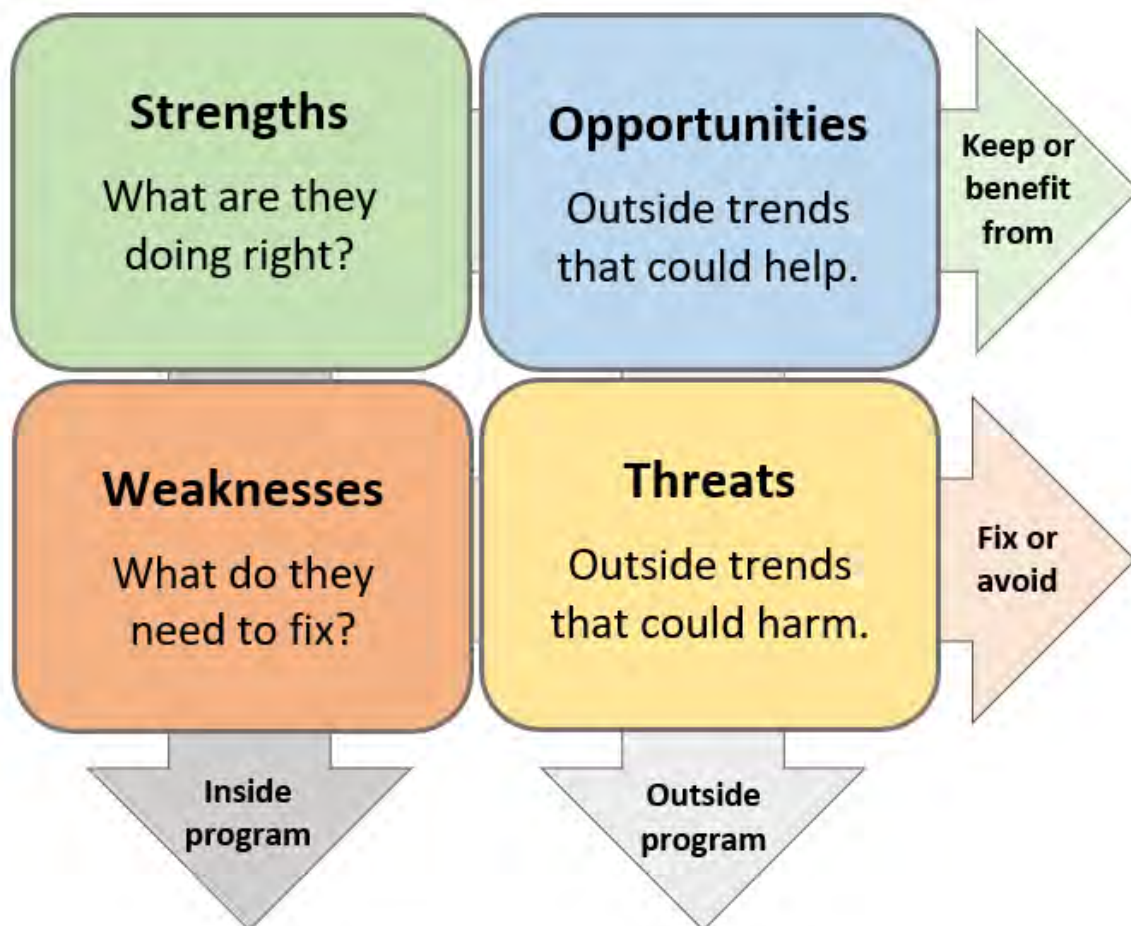
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Introduction

One of the first steps in developing a strategic plan is to conduct a scan and analysis of the internal and external environment in which an organization operates. This analysis allows the organization to look at the factors that can impact its success. This report is a summary of the environmental scan recently conducted by SOLID Planning (SOLID) for the California State Athletic Commission ("Commission" or CSAC) in the months of January and February 2025.

The purpose of this environmental scan is to provide a better understanding of external and internal stakeholder thoughts about the Commission's performance and environment. SOLID followed the SWOT Analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) method to solicit feedback from stakeholders, where strengths and weaknesses refer to the Commission's internal environment and opportunities and threats refer to the Commission's external environment.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Strategic Planning Process

Governor Gavin Newsom, through [Executive Order \(N-16-22\)](#), strengthened the State's commitment to a "California For All" by directing state agencies and departments to take additional actions to embed equity analysis and considerations into their policies and practices, including but not limited to, the strategic planning process.

At the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), we are driven by our consumer protection mission and common goal to support our employees and the people and communities across California. As part of advancing the Governor's Executive Order, DCA's strategic planning process reflects our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), incorporating inclusive public engagement and enhanced data collection and analysis.

DCA DEI Mission Statement: To Advance a Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive California Department of Consumer Affairs for All.

Diversity: The inherent and acquired qualities, characteristics, and experiences that make us unique as individuals and the groups to which we belong.

Equity: Creating pathways to equal outcomes.

Inclusion: A practice to maintain a positive environment where all individuals feel recognized, understood, and valued.

Consider DEI impacts of policy decisions when reviewing the feedback from the environmental scan and when developing strategic objectives.

Feedback

Feedback was solicited from external stakeholders, commission members, and commission leadership and staff regarding the Commission's internal strengths and weaknesses as they relate to its goal areas (listed below) and external opportunities and threats as they relate to the profession and environment in which the Commission operates.

1. Health and Safety
2. Licensing
3. Enforcement
4. Legislation, Regulation, and Policy
5. Organizational Effectiveness
6. Pension Plans
7. Outreach
8. Tribal Relationships
9. Economic Development

This document summarizes trends, including areas where stakeholder groups agree and disagree, while providing insight to assist the Commission in developing objectives for the upcoming strategic plan.

At the strategic planning session, CSAC's executive team and commission members will discuss and evaluate this information as a group to help create the objectives that CSAC will focus on during its next strategic plan period.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Sarah Irani with SOLID Planning at Sarah.Irani@dca.ca.gov.

CSAC's Mission, Vision, and Values

The mission statement, vision statement, and values may be modified or recreated during the planning session.

Mission

The California State Athletic Commission is dedicated to the health and safety of participants, and the welfare of all stakeholders in regulated combat sporting events, through ethical and professional service.

Vision

California is the premier model for the safety and fairness of regulated combat sporting events.

Values

- Consistency
- Excellence
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Responsibility

Overall Effectiveness

External stakeholders¹ and internal stakeholders² rated CSAC's strategic goal areas on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 4 (very effective). The chart below displays the average ratings, with full details contained in the report.



¹ External stakeholders include licensees and people who work in related occupations.

² Internal stakeholders include commission members, commission leadership, and commission staff.

Goal Area 1: Health and Safety

Goal Statement: The Commission oversees a safe and healthy environment for participants in regulated combat sporting events.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	71%	100%
Effective	29%	0%
Poor	0%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	7	9

Summary of Health and Safety Strengths

1. Internal stakeholders agree that the Commission prioritizes fighter safety by ensuring medical checks and weight tracking are inclusive and done regularly.
2. External and internal stakeholders agree that staff and inspectors are knowledgeable in both the combative sports and health and safety issues.
3. External and internal stakeholders say the Commission is responsive, easy to work with, and addresses issues quickly.
4. Internal stakeholders say medical oversight with fighters and referees is good.
5. External and internal stakeholders agree CSAC's Executive Officer (EO) provides great leadership for the Commission in health and safety.

Summary of Health and Safety Weaknesses

1. External stakeholders would like to see quicker updates from the Commission.
2. Internal stakeholders say they would like to have more data on health and safety issues to improve overall safety.

3. Internal stakeholders note the regulation process is lengthy, and it is difficult to update regulations to keep up with advances in medicine.
4. Internal stakeholders say a lack of resources, such as funding, holds the Commission back from doing more in health and safety.
5. Internal stakeholders note that athletes are not communicative about injuries they receive.

Trends in Health and Safety Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Knowledgeable Staff (1)
- Provide Guidelines (1)
- Quality of Executive Officer (1)
- Responsive (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Fighter Safety (4)
- Oversight (3)
- High Medical Requirements (2)
- Inspector Knowledge (2)
- Weight Tracking (2)

Trends in Health and Safety Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- No Weaknesses (2)
- Response Time Too Long(1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- More Data Needed (2)
- Regulations Outdated (2)
- Athlete Injuries (1)
- Continue Consistency (1)
- Limited Resources (1)

Goal Area 2: Licensing

Goal Statement: The Commission is recognized as an international leader in promoting licensing standards for participants and stakeholders in regulated combat sporting events.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	68%	50%
Effective	16%	50%
Poor	16%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	6	8

Summary of Licensing Strengths

1. External and internal stakeholders agree the Commission's staff are a strength, saying staff are polite, knowledgeable, and work the best they can with the resources available to them.
2. Internal stakeholders note that CSAC has an excellent reputation in the industry both nationally and internationally.
3. External stakeholders say the Commission is very organized, licensing process times are quick, and guidelines are easy to understand.
4. Internal stakeholders also mention being pleased with the Commission's high standards, quick processing times, available trainings, and clear website.

Summary of Licensing Weaknesses

1. External and internal stakeholders agree licensing processes could be modernized. External stakeholders would like to have staff available on site to help people fill out license applications digitally. Internal stakeholders mention that online licensing processes and ability to make online payments would make the Commission more efficient.

2. Internal stakeholders mention that license applications are tracked in Microsoft Excel and the spreadsheet is not always updated in a timely fashion, due to lack of available resources.
3. An internal stakeholder would like to see a licensing phone app made to streamline the process.
4. An internal stakeholder mentions a need for more staff to accommodate workloads.
5. An internal stakeholder would like to see more online trainings available for applicants.

Trends in Licensing Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Organized (1)
- Processing Time (1)
- Staff (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Excellent Reputation (2)
- Staff (2)
- Fairness (1)
- High Standards (1)
- Leadership (1)
- Oversight (1)
- Processing Times (1)
- Website (1)

Trends in Licensing Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Lack of Assistance with Licensing (1)
- No Weaknesses (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Business Modernization Needed (4)
- Licensing Spreadsheet Not Always Up to Date (2)
- Licensing App Could Help (1)

- More Online Training (1)
- Need for More Staff (1)

Goal Area 3: Enforcement

Goal Statement: The Commission protects consumers by preventing violations and effectively enforcing laws and regulations when violations occur.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	60%	78%
Effective	40%	22%
Poor	0%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	5	9

Summary of Enforcement Strengths

1. External and internal stakeholders agree that CSAC enforcement staff are knowledgeable on the Commission's policies, rules, and regulations.
2. Internal stakeholders say that the Commission is fair with enforcement and issuing penalties and suspensions.
3. Internal stakeholders believe CSAC is quick to act when issues arise and when notified of illegal events.
4. External stakeholders say the Commission is consistent and appropriate with enforcement and prioritizes fighter safety.
5. Internal stakeholders agree that CSAC has high standards for enforcement and is a model for other states.

Summary of Enforcement Weaknesses

1. External stakeholders believe there are no weaknesses for the Commission.
2. Internal stakeholders see a need for business modernization by having an online database of suspensions and outstanding fines.
3. Internal stakeholders see a need for more resources.

4. Internal stakeholders say promotion of rulings, such as posting on social media, could help with keeping people compliant.
5. Internal stakeholders say a safety exam should be provided to licensees upon renewal to ensure licensees know the basic rules.

Trends in Enforcement Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Consistent (1)
- Enforcement of Rules (1)
- Fighter Safety (1)
- Knowledgeable Staff (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Fair Enforcement (6)
- Address Issues Quickly (2)
- High Standards (2)
- Coaching (1)
- Decrease in Citing Fines (1)
- Drug Testing (1)
- High-Performing Licensees (1)
- Inspectors (1)
- Knowledgeable Staff (1)
- Security (1)

Trends in Enforcement Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- No Weaknesses (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Need for Business Modernization (2)

Goal Area 3: Enforcement

- Better Communication/Onboarding of New Hires (1)
- Need for More Resources (1)
- More Effective Cease and Desist (1)
- Promote Rulings (1)
- Safety Exam Needed (1)
- Social Media Needs Greater Use (1)

Goal Area 4: Legislation, Regulation, and Policy

Goal Statement: The Commission pursues statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures that strengthen and support their mandate and mission.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	60%	89%
Effective	40%	11%
Poor	0%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	5	9

Summary of Legislation, Regulation, and Policy Strengths

1. External and internal stakeholders both cite the Commission's EO as a strength. External stakeholders praise the EO for his proactiveness with new regulations and protecting combative sports in the state. Internal stakeholders appreciate the EO's work getting important health and safety regulations passed.
2. Internal stakeholders praise the commissioners for their knowledge in both the combative sports profession and politics.
3. Internal stakeholders feel that the Commission has a great relationship with legislators.
4. Internal stakeholders say that the regulations unit at DCA has been very helpful in getting regulation packets completed.

Summary of Legislation, Regulation, and Policy Weaknesses

1. External stakeholders believe there are no weaknesses in this area.
2. Internal stakeholders see a need for a budget increase to accommodate more staff to help update regulations.
3. Internal stakeholders say that regulation timelines are a weakness and would like to see these improved.

Trends in Legislation, Regulation, and Policy Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Executive Officer Engagement (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Executive Officer Engagement (3)
- Knowledgeable Commissioners (3)
- Good Relationships with Legislators (2)
- Regulations Unit Helpful (2)

Trends in Legislation, Regulation, and Policy Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- No Weaknesses (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Need for Budget Increase (1)
- Need for More Staff (1)
- Regulations Timelines Need Shortening (1)

Goal Area 5: Organizational Effectiveness

Goal Statement: The Commission builds an excellent organization through proper governance, effective leadership, and responsible management.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	50%	89%
Effective	25%	11%
Poor	25%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	4	9

Summary of Organizational Effectiveness Strengths

1. External and internal stakeholders say that staff are knowledgeable in the industry and are well-trained.
2. Internal stakeholders note the Commission is very efficient in its processes.
3. External stakeholders appreciate that staff respond to all licensees in a timely fashion.
4. Internal stakeholders say leadership at CSAC is strong and the leadership team communicates well with staff.
5. Internal stakeholders believe CSAC has fostered a positive work culture to empower the employees.

Summary of Organizational Effectiveness Weaknesses

1. External stakeholders say that communication to promoters could be improved with updated information on who is who at the Commission.
2. Internal stakeholders see a need for more resources for both staff and revenue.
3. Internal stakeholders say the hiring process is slow and complicated, which delays getting qualified people into positions.

4. Internal stakeholders believe the Commission's website is outdated and needs improvement.

Trends in Organizational Effectiveness Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Knowledgeable Staff (1)
- Response Time (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Efficient (4)
- Leadership (3)
- Knowledgeable Staff (2)
- Positive Work Culture (2)

Trends in Organizational Effectiveness Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Communication Lacking (1)
- No Weaknesses (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Need for More Resources (2)
- Outdated Website (1)
- Slow Hiring Process (1)

Goal Area 6: Pension Plans

Goal Statement: The Commission effectively manages the California Professional Boxers Pension Fund and the Mixed Martial Arts Retirement Benefit.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	50%	56%
Effective	50%	44%
Poor	0%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	2	9

Summary of Pension Plans Strengths

1. An external stakeholder feels CSAC is proactive in identifying athletes who are eligible for pension plans and ensuring that the athletes are paid.
2. Internal stakeholders praise the Commission for being a nationwide leader in providing pension plans for fighters. Internal stakeholders note that California is the only state to provide this service.
3. Internal stakeholders say outreach to athletes promoting the pension plan service, especially on social media, has been great.
4. Internal stakeholders note that communication about pension plans is good, saying the Commission reaches out to retired athletes to inform them of their available funds.

Summary of Pension Plans Weaknesses

1. Internal stakeholders would like to see more outreach being done to promote and communicate pension plans to the athletes.
2. Internal stakeholders feel more revenue sources are needed to improve the pension service.
3. Internal stakeholders would like to see better oversight of the process.

Trends in Pension Plans Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Proactive (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Leader in Pension Plans (5)
- Communication (2)
- Outreach (2)

Trends in Pension Plans Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- No Weaknesses (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- More Outreach Needed (3)
- Better Oversight (1)
- Need for More Funds (1)

Goal Area 7: Outreach

Goal Statement: The Commission proactively communicates its mission, vision, and goals to stakeholders.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	0%	67%
Effective	100%	33%
Poor	0%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	3	9

Summary of Outreach Strengths

1. Internal stakeholders say the Commission has increased its social media presence to different platforms and has been posting more actively.
2. Internal stakeholders feel CSAC has been very transparent with the information it provides to the public.
3. Internal stakeholders praise the Commission's reputation, saying lots of positive press releases and exposure has led to an increase in the public's confidence.
4. Internal stakeholders believe the commission meetings are good, saying they create an open discussion for the public.
5. Internal stakeholders praise the EO's participation in outreach for the Commission, noting that the EO is active in the community.
6. Internal stakeholders agree the Commission is informative with its outreach, providing information on safety that other states use as a resource.

Summary of Outreach Weaknesses

1. External stakeholders would like to see more communication with promoters.

2. Internal stakeholders say more frequent posting on social media is needed.
3. Internal stakeholders also see a need for more personnel to be able to do the level of outreach the Commission desires.
4. An internal stakeholder suggests updates to the website could improve the Commission's outreach.

Trends in Outreach Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

No comments received.

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Social Media (3)
- Commission Meetings (2)
- EO Active in Outreach (2)
- Informative (2)
- Positive Reputation (2)
- Transparent (2)
- Fight Evaluations (1)
- Podcasts (1)
- Website (1)

Trends in Outreach Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Communication with Promoters Lacking (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Continue Social Media Use (2)
- Need for More Resources (2)
- Update Website (1)

Goal Area 8: Tribal Relationships

Goal Statement: Proactively reach out to all tribal communities through the state of California to increase the number of tribal collaborations and offer oversight for combat sports on tribal lands while continuing to respect tribal sovereignty.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	50%	100%
Effective	50%	0%
Poor	0%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	2	9

Summary of Tribal Relationships Strengths

1. An external stakeholder praises the EO for his hard work in being present at tribal events to represent CSAC.
2. Internal stakeholders say the Commission has fostered great relationships with the tribal communities.
3. Internal stakeholders appreciate CSAC's respect towards the tribal communities and governments.
4. Internal stakeholders praise CSAC's promotion of health and safety guidelines at tribal events to keep the sports safe.

Summary of Tribal Relationships Weaknesses

1. Internal stakeholders would like to see CSAC establish and develop relationships with more tribes.
2. Internal stakeholders also would like CSAC to maintain the relationships it has established with the tribal communities.

Trends in Tribal Relationships Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Executive Officer's Hard Work (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Great Relationships (6)
- Respectful (4)
- Promote Health and Safety (2)
- Informative (1)
- Oversee Activities (1)
- Promote Opportunities (1)
- Providing Resources (1)
- Strong Outreach (1)

Trends in Tribal Relationships Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

No comments received.

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Establish More Tribal Relationships (2)
- Maintain Relationships (1)

Goal Area 9: Economic Development

Goal Statement: Promote the increased economic benefits at the state and local level through licensed events that the Commission oversees.

Effectiveness Rating

Rating	External Stakeholders	Internal Stakeholders
Very Effective	50%	67%
Effective	50%	33%
Poor	0%	0%
Very Poor	0%	0%
Total %	100%	100%
Total Responses	2	9

Summary of Economic Development Strengths

1. External stakeholders say CSAC makes it easy to understand how licenses and events help promote economic growth for the state.
2. Internal stakeholders say the Commission helps drive the state economy by bringing events to California and hosting events.
3. Internal stakeholders praise the Commission for keeping costs low despite hosting events on a national level.

Summary of Economic Development Weaknesses

1. Internal stakeholders say the Commission needs increased resources to hire more staff.
2. Internal stakeholders would like to see the Commission move to the general fund, saying it could do more with the additional resources.

Trends in Economic Development Strengths

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Easy to Understand (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Strengths

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Drives the Economy (5)
- Keeps Costs Low (2)
- Relationships (1)
- Volunteers (1)

Trends in Economic Development Weaknesses

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Strengths

No comments received.

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends - Weaknesses

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Need More Resources (2)
- Need to be in General Fund (1)

Opportunities and Threats Summary

There are many factors that may impact the future direction of the industry. These could be opportunities the Commission may want to capitalize on or threats it needs to mitigate or prepare for.

Stakeholders were asked to list potential opportunities and threats in the Commission's external environment that they felt could impact the industry and CSAC's regulatory role. The following are common responses that the Commission might reference when creating its strategic plan.

Summary of Opportunities

1. External stakeholders see an opportunity for bare knuckle fighting to become mainstream in the state.
2. Internal stakeholders see opportunities to:
 - a. Seek additional revenue streams, such as through sponsorships or moving to a general fund.
 - b. Have applications/subscriptions to discuss scores.
 - c. Build relationships outside the United States.
 - d. Increase communication efforts to promote events.
 - e. More promotion in preparation for the Los Angeles Olympics.
 - f. Look into streaming services to increase coverage of combative sports.

Summary of Threats

1. External stakeholders say the shortage of competent officials is low and there is a lack of interest in the profession.
2. External stakeholders say athlete concussions reflect poorly on the sports.
3. Internal stakeholders say athlete deaths during an event could pose a threat.
4. Internal stakeholders believe another pandemic could have a negative impact on sports.
5. Internal stakeholders also see the following threats:
 - a. Health and safety issues.
 - b. Terrorism threats at large events.

- c. Streaming services taking away from people attending live events.
- d. Loss of leadership at the Commission.
- e. Unsanctioned events.
- f. Competition with other states.
- g. Reliance on federal funding.

Opportunity Trends

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Opportunities

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Bare Knuckle Fighting (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends – Opportunities

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Additional Revenue Streams (1)
- Applications (1)
- Build Relationships Outside US (1)
- Communication (1)
- General Fund (1)
- LA Olympics (1)
- Sponsorships (1)
- Streaming (1)

Threat Trends

External Stakeholder Comment Trends – Threats

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Concussions (1)
- Need for More Officials (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends – Threats

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Athlete Deaths (2)
- Pandemics (2)
- Competition with Other States (1)
- Health and Safety Issues (1)
- Loss of Leadership (1)

- Reliance on Federal Funding (1)
- Streaming (1)
- Terrorism Threats (1)
- Unsanctioned Events (1)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Specific questions have been incorporated into the environmental scan surveys to gather demographic data and for strategic planning participants to consider DEI impacts of policy decisions such as regulatory, statutory, and continuing education requirements, when developing strategic objectives. Consider:

- Who will benefit from or be burdened by the particular decision or proposal?
- Are there needs that may be different for demographic or geographic groups?
- Once implemented, how will the Board measure effect on impacted populations?
- What data/metrics will be used to evaluate the impacts?

Summary of Gaining Different Perspectives

Survey question: What are ways CSAC can gain different perspectives about ideas and priorities related to the Commission's activities?

1. External stakeholders say biannual stakeholder meetings could help the Commission gain different perspectives.
2. External stakeholders say offering more trainings for judges and referees could help CSAC gain different perspectives.
3. Internal stakeholders believe that attracting more diverse people into the industry could help gain different perspectives.
4. Internal stakeholders say the following could help foster different perspectives:
 - a. Posting on social media in other languages.
 - b. Reporting demographic data on athletes.
 - c. Creating more surveys.
 - d. Making changes based on feedback received.
 - e. Fostering more collaboration.
 - f. Hosting more late-night meetings.

Trends in Gaining Different Perspectives

External Stakeholder Comment Trends

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- More Trainings (1)
- Stakeholder Meetings (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Diverse People in Industry (3)
- Collaboration (1)
- Demographic Reporting of Athletes (1)
- Late-Night Meetings (1)
- More Social Media in Other Languages (1)
- More Surveys (1)
- Utilizing Feedback (1)

Summary of Unnecessary Requirements or Barriers to Licensure

Survey question: Are there unnecessary requirements or barriers to licensure (e.g., education, experience, examination, continuing education, cost of licensure, processing time)?

1. An external stakeholder believes that the processing times are a barrier to licensure and says they could be more efficient and faster.
2. Internal stakeholders and an external stakeholder agree that there are no unnecessary requirements to licensure.

Trends in Unnecessary Requirements or Barriers to Licensure

External Stakeholder Comment Trends

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- No Unnecessary Barriers (1)
- Processing Times (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- No Unnecessary Barriers (3)

Summary of Ways to Increase Outreach and Connection to All California Communities

Survey question: What are ways that CSAC can increase its outreach and connection to all California communities?

1. External stakeholders say CSAC could advertise the profession more to increase outreach.
2. Internal stakeholders suggest more social media posts in other languages could help foster more connection to all California communities.
3. Internal stakeholders believe that continued outreach to the tribal communities would benefit the Commission.

Trends in Ways to Increase Outreach and Connection to All California Communities

External Stakeholder Comment Trends

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- More Advertising of the Profession (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Continue Tribal Outreach (2)
- Posting in Other Languages (2)
- Media Outreach (1)
- Post Articles (1)
- Social Media (1)

Summary of Other Actions to Take to Further Equal Access to Opportunities

Survey question: What other actions should CSAC take to further equal access to opportunities (e.g., entry into the profession, education/training opportunities, apprenticeships/ mentorships)?

1. External and internal stakeholders agree that apprenticeships could help with furthering equal access to opportunities.
2. Internal stakeholders also see the following as other actions to help with equal access:
 - a. Offering more forms in Spanish.
 - b. Conducting roadshows to recruit more licensees.
 - c. Offering more financial literacy classes for combative athletes.
 - d. Offering more independent trainings.
 - e. Promoting more knowledge sharing.

Trends in Other Actions to Take to Further Equal Access to Opportunities

External Stakeholder Comment Trends

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by external stakeholders.

- Apprenticeships (1)

Internal Stakeholder Comment Trends

The list below displays terms that summarize comments provided by internal stakeholders.

- Apprenticeships/Mentorships (3)
- Financial Literacy Classes (1)
- Knowledge Sharing (1)
- Roadshows (1)
- Spanish Forms (1)
- Training (1)

Appendix A – Acronym List

Acronym	Definition
CA	California
CSAC	California State Athletic Commission
DCA	Department of Consumer Affairs
EO	Executive Officer
LA	Los Angeles
SOLID	Strategic Organizational Leadership and Individual Development
US	United States

Appendix B – Data Collection Method

Data for this report was gathered by surveying stakeholder groups that are important to the success of the Commission. Stakeholders include any individual or group who is influenced by or influences a program. Information for this survey was gathered by surveying external stakeholders and internal stakeholders using the following methods:

- SOLID conducted interviews with leadership during the months of January and February 2025.
- SOLID conducted an online survey for staff during the months of January and February 2025.
- SOLID conducted interviews and an online survey with commission members during the months of January and February 2025.
- SOLID conducted an online survey for external stakeholders during the months of January and February 2025.
 - The survey link was distributed in the following methods:
 - Posted on the Commission's website.
 - Posted on the Commission's social media accounts.
 - Emailed to the Interested Parties email subscription list.

Classification of Stakeholder Relationship with CSAC:

Relationship with CSAC	Number of Responses	Response Rate
Executive Officer and Management	2	100%
Staff	5	100%
Commission Members	3	43%
Licensee	8	¹
Related Occupation	1	¹

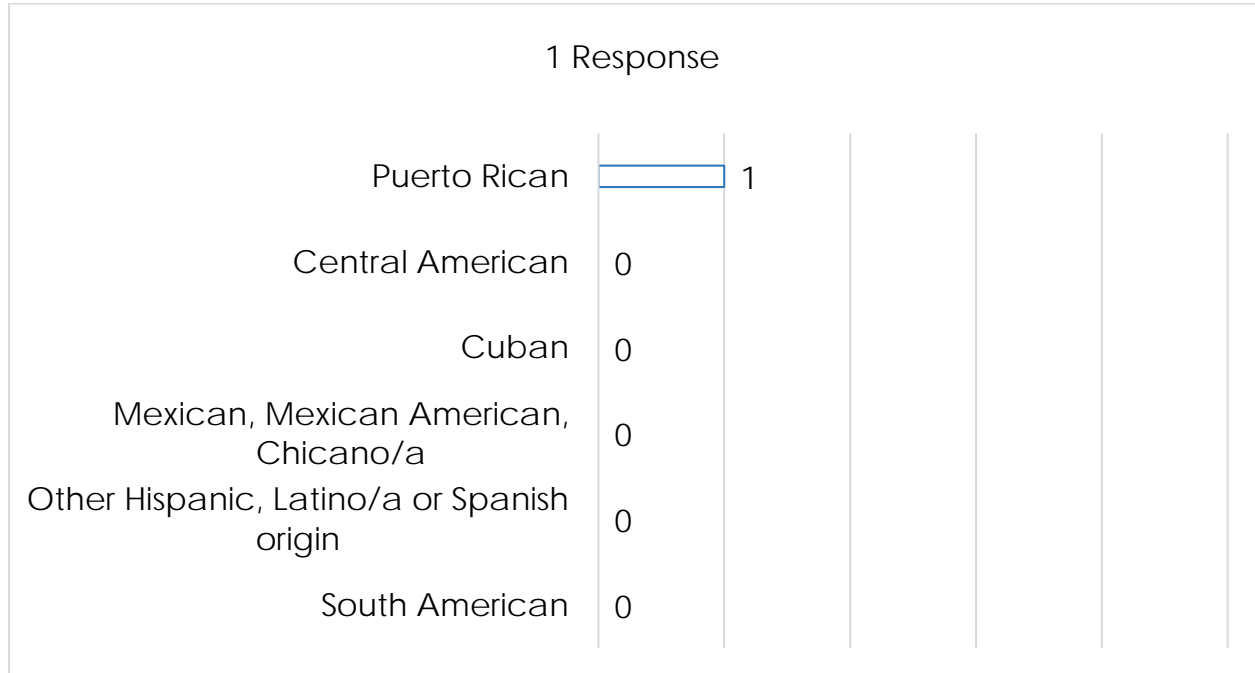
¹ A response rate cannot be determined for these external stakeholders because of the undetermined number having access to the survey link.

3 Responses

Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish	1
Middle Eastern	1
White/Caucasian	1
African	0
African American	0
Alaska Native	0
American Indian	0
Asian	0
Black	0
Decline to State	0
European	0
Native American	0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific...	0
Other (not listed)	0

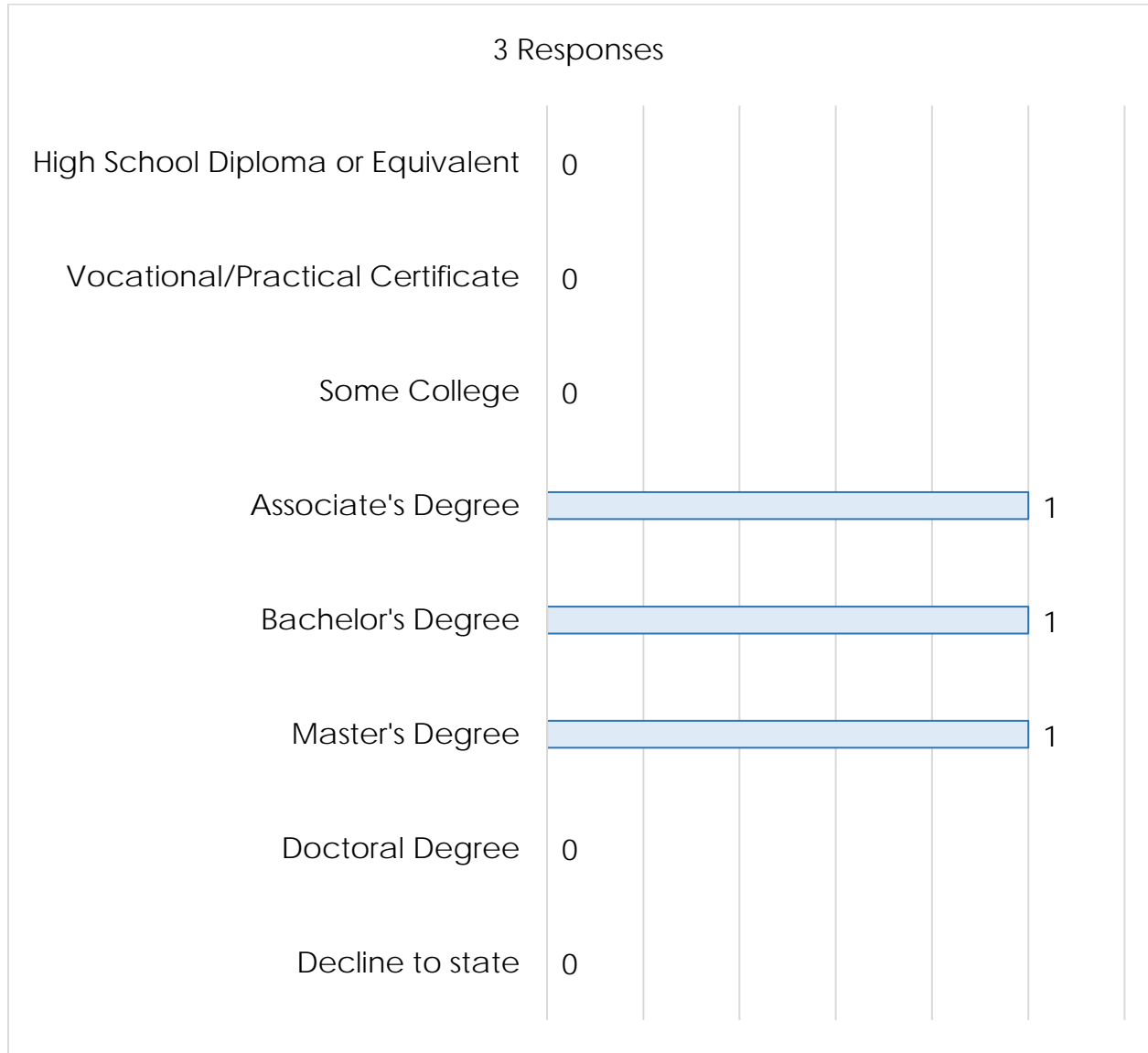
Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish Stakeholders Identified With*

* Multiple options could be selected.



Education

External Stakeholders' Highest Level of Education

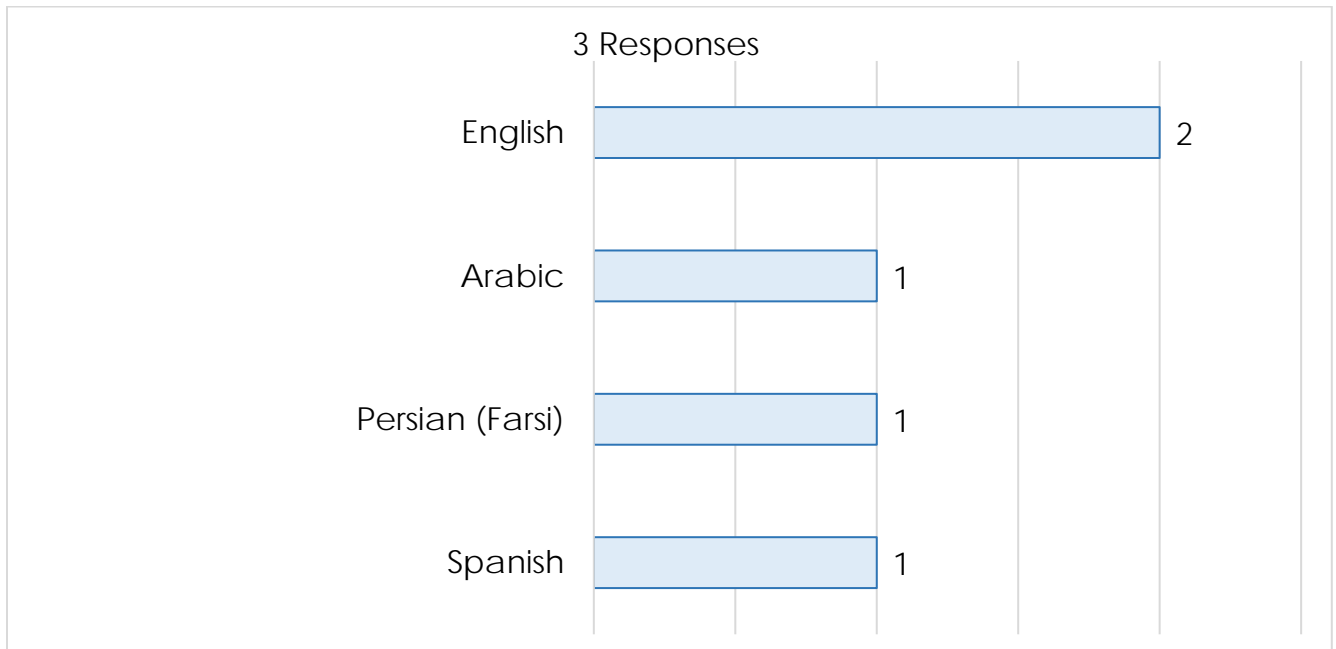


Languages

Languages

Languages Stakeholders Speak Fluently*

- * A total of 58 options (listed in the next page) were provided, including “Decline to State.” Multiple options could be selected. Languages not selected are not shown.

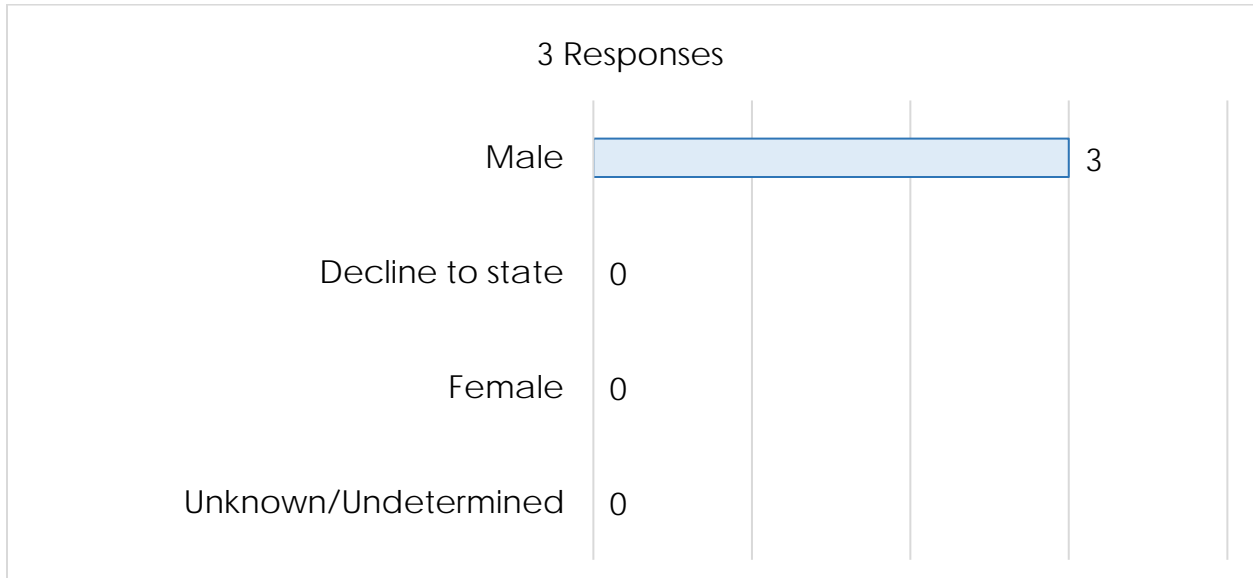


Language Options

- African Languages
- American Sign Language
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Cantonese
- English
- Fijian
- Formosan (Amis)
- French
- German
- Greek
- Gujarati
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hmong
- Hungarian
- Ilocano
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Lao
- Mandarin
- Mien
- Mon-Khmer
- Navajo
- Persian (Farsi)
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Samoan
- Scandinavian Languages
- Serbian
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Tagalog
- Telugu
- Thai
- Tonga
- Turkish
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese
- Xiang Chinese
- Yiddish
- Yoruba
- Other Chinese
- Other Non-English
- Other Sign Language
- Other (not listed)
- Decline to State

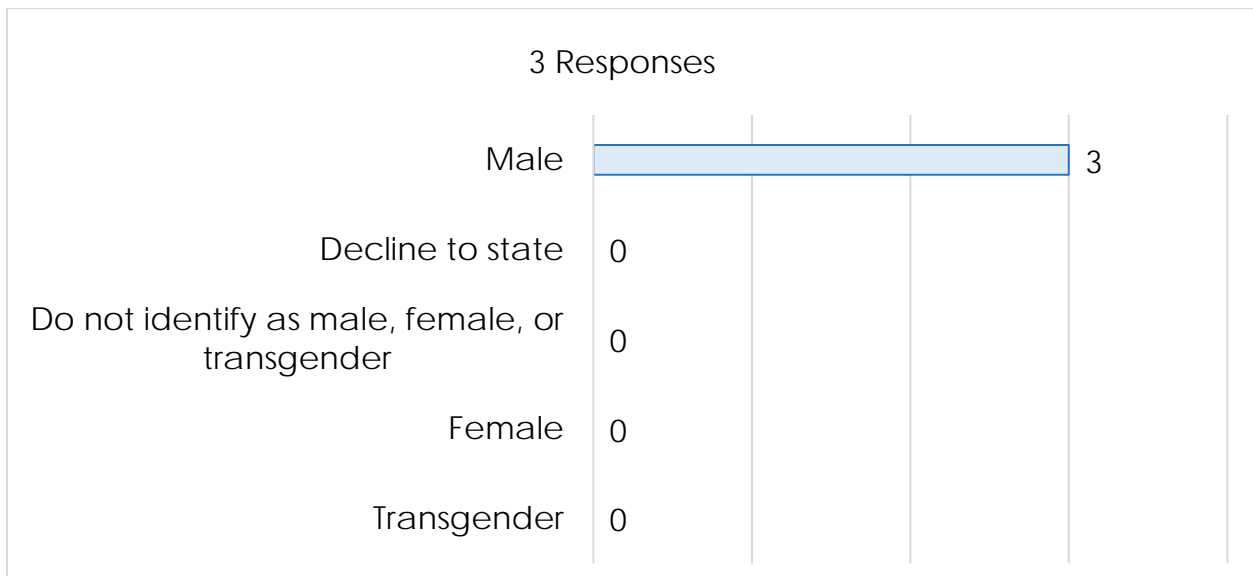
Birth sex

External Stakeholders' Assigned Sex at Birth



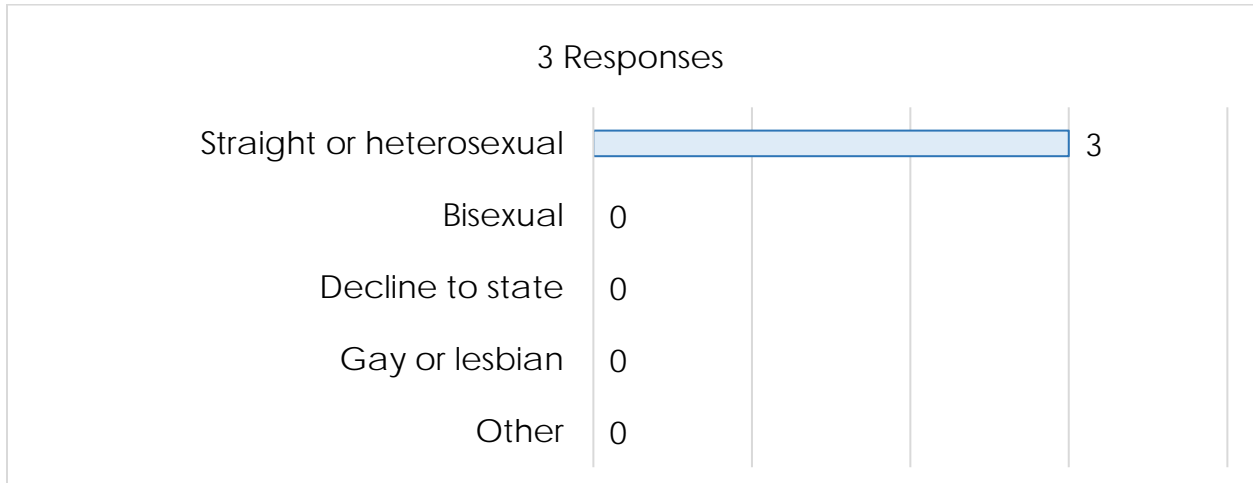
Current gender

How External Stakeholders Describe Themselves



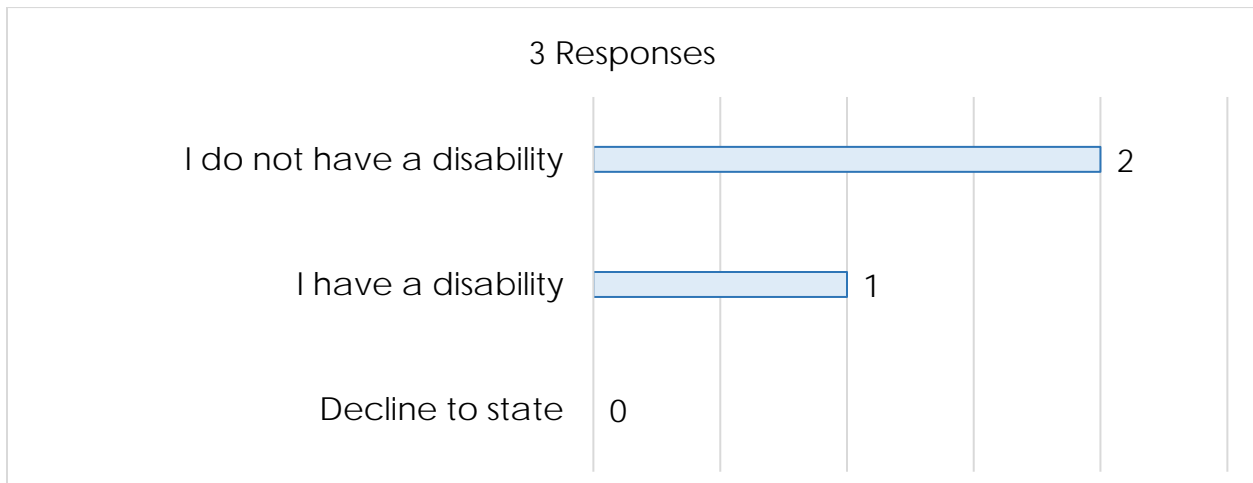
Orientation

External Stakeholders' Orientation



Disability status

External Stakeholders' Disability Status





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AGENDA

ITEM #10

Executive Officer's Report



MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 2, 2025
TO	Chairman Peter Villegas and Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #10- Executive Officer's Report

A. Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund, Pension program and the MMA Benefit Fund.

As of May 22, 2025, the Commission has deposited \$2,000,471.03 to the support fund, \$71,997.91 to the neurological fund, \$270,629.94 to the Boxer Pension Fund, and \$50,336.50 to the MMA Benefit Fund. I am confident that the Commission will meet or exceed the Department's revenue projections for this Fiscal Year.

According to the Raymond James statement, the Pension Investment account has approximately \$4.566 million dollars as of April 30, 2025.

B. Update on the Specialty License Plate

Commission staff submitted the Specialty License Plate application to the DMV on March 10, 2025, upon review by the DMV some additional design mockups were needed. The updated application package was submitted on May 12, 2025, and the application is now in the review and approval process.

C. Status Update of Delegated Entities

- California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organizations (CAMO)- J.T Steele
- USA Boxing (USA Boxing)- Mike McAtee
- United States Fight League (USFL)- Joe Stevenston
- International Kickboxing Federation (IKF)- Toni Fossum
- World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO)- Thomas Henniger
- International Sport Karate Association (ISKA)- Cory Schafer

D. Staffing Update

The Commission is operating with one (1) Associate Analyst, two (2) Staff Analysts, the Chief Athletic Inspector, the Assistant Chief Athletic Inspector, the AEO and myself. The Commission currently has one (1) part-time vacancy.

E. Upcoming Event Schedule

The updated event schedule is included in the meeting materials for review.

California State Athletic Comm Account Summary

Advisory

Account No.

Closing Value \$4,566,040.95

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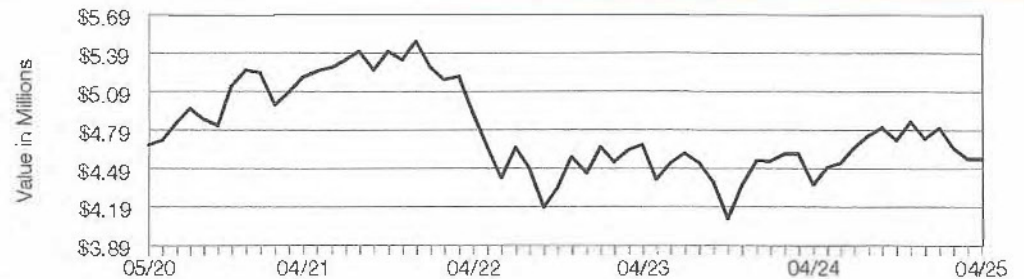
Account Purpose

Wealth Accumulation with a moderately aggressive risk tolerance and a 10 to 20 year time horizon.

Activity

	This Statement		Year to Date	
Beginning Balance	\$	4,568,769.45	\$	4,721,185.53
Deposits	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Income	\$	8,642.40	\$	32,570.77
Withdrawals	\$	0.00	\$	(200,000.00)
Expenses	\$	(5,581.40)	\$	(11,172.81)
Change in Value	\$	(5,789.50)	\$	23,457.46
Ending Balance	\$	4,566,040.95	\$	4,566,040.95

Value Over Time



Time-Weighted Performance

See Understanding Your Statement for important information about these calculations.

Performance Inception 10/24/07

YTD	0.88%
2024	8.49%
2023	12.07%

Assets Allocation Analysis

	Value	Percentage
US Equities	\$ 1,609,046.04	35.23%
Non-US Equities	\$ 484,072.58	10.60%
Fixed Income	\$ 2,302,892.27	50.45%
Real Estate & Tangibles	\$ -	-
Alternative Investments	\$ -	-
Non-classified	\$ 1,389.18	0.03%
Cash & Cash Alternatives*	\$ 168,640.88	3.69%

*Not all Cash & Cash Alternatives are liquid; \$58,183.12 is embedded in investment products.

Morningstar asset allocation information is as of 04/29/2025 (mutual funds & annuities) and 04/17/2025 (\$29s).

Understanding Your Statement (continued)

California State Athletic Comm Account No.

allocation analysis is subject to inherent limitations and is not guaranteed to represent actual asset class exposure(s) within your account(s) at the time of calculation. See <https://clientaccess.rjf.com/faq/#assetallocation> to learn more. Raymond James and Morningstar data are subject to the availability of fund filings as well as internal analysis and may not represent real-time allocations.

The Cash & Cash Alternatives asset class represents cash and money market holdings, as well as cash allocations contained in mutual funds, annuities, and other investment products. For an actual cash value, please refer to the holdings sections of the Client Statement.

Due to rounding, the sum of the broad classes may not exactly match the total assets value.

Product Interest Rate Risk - The performance of your investment can be affected by various risks, including without limitation, interest rate risk. The fixed income portion of your investment is particularly sensitive to interest rate risk. Generally, a rise (fall) in interest rates will reduce (increase) the market value of the fixed income portion of your investment. An overview of this and other risks is available at <https://www.raymondjames.com>, <http://www.finra.org>, <https://emma.msrb.org>, and <http://investinginbonds.com>.



Cash & Cash Alternatives

Raymond James Bank Deposit Program †

Description	(Symbol)	Value	Estimated Income Yield	Estimated Annual Income
Raymond James Bank Deposit Program † - Selected Sweep Option			0.15%	\$165.68
Raymond James Bank		\$110,457.76		
Raymond James Bank Deposit Program Total		\$110,457.76		\$165.68

Your bank priority state: CA

† Please see the Raymond James Bank Deposit Program on the Understanding Your Statement page.

Estimated Income Yield for RJBDP was calculated as of 4/30/2025.

Cash & Cash Alternatives Total	\$110,457.76	\$165.68
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Exchange-Traded Products (ETPs) *

Exchange-Traded Funds

Description	(Symbol)	Quantity	Date Acquired	Unit Cost	Total Cost Basis	Price	Value	Estimated Income Yield	Estimated Annual Income	Gain or (Loss) Pct.	Gain or (Loss)
ISHARES TR CORE US AGGBD ET (AGG)		18,861.000		\$108.380	\$2,006,432.05	\$99.020	\$1,887,616.22	3.75%	\$69,974.31	(6.92)%	\$(138,815.83)
LOT 1		451.000	04/01/2013	\$110.540	\$49,853.45	\$99.020	\$44,658.02	3.75%	\$1,873.21	(10.42)%	\$(5,195.43)
LOT 2		105.000	09/17/2013	\$105.980	\$11,127.89	\$99.020	\$10,397.10	3.75%	\$389.55	(6.57)%	\$(730.79)
LOT 3		3,030.000	02/17/2015	\$110.490	\$334,784.09	\$99.020	\$300,030.60	3.75%	\$11,241.30	(10.38)%	\$(34,753.49)
LOT 4		1,878.000	08/17/2015	\$109.310	\$205,283.99	\$99.020	\$185,959.58	3.75%	\$8,967.38	(9.41)%	\$(19,324.43)
LOT 5		1,338.000	08/16/2016	\$112.460	\$150,471.21	\$99.020	\$132,488.76	3.75%	\$4,963.98	(11.95)%	\$(17,982.45)
LOT 6		1,038.000	01/11/2017	\$108.500	\$112,822.69	\$99.020	\$102,782.76	3.75%	\$3,850.98	(8.74)%	\$(9,839.93)
LOT 7		2,827.000	11/14/2017	\$109.110	\$308,453.40	\$99.020	\$279,929.54	3.75%	\$10,488.17	(9.25)%	\$(28,523.86)
LOT 8		150.000	09/24/2018	\$105.380	\$15,806.99	\$99.020	\$14,853.00	3.75%	\$558.50	(6.04)%	\$(953.99)
LOT 9		428.000	01/27/2021	\$117.607	\$50,335.92	\$99.020	\$42,380.56	3.75%	\$1,587.88	(15.80)%	\$(7,955.36)
LOT 10		834.000	05/03/2022	\$102.760	\$85,701.76	\$99.020	\$82,582.68	3.75%	\$3,094.14	(3.64)%	\$(3,119.08)

Exchange-Traded Products (ETPs) (continued) ^x

Exchange-Traded Funds (continued)

Description	(Symbol)	Quantity	Date Acquired	Unit Cost	Total Cost Basis	Price	Value	Estimated Income Yield	Estimated Annual Income	Gain or (Loss) Pct.	Gain or (Loss)
LOT 11		1,278.000	05/23/2022	\$103.100	\$131,761.80	\$99.020	\$126,547.56	3.75%	\$4,741.38	(3.96)%	\$(5,214.24)
LOT 12		135.000	06/28/2022	\$100.635	\$13,585.73	\$99.020	\$13,367.70	3.75%	\$500.85	(1.60)%	\$(218.03)
LOT 13		1,970.000	08/11/2022	\$103.150	\$203,205.50	\$99.020	\$195,069.40	3.75%	\$7,308.70	(4.00)%	\$(8,136.10)
LOT 14		1,467.000	05/01/2023	\$99.150	\$145,453.05	\$99.020	\$145,262.34	3.75%	\$5,442.57	(0.13)%	\$(190.71)
LOT 15		555.000	02/02/2024	\$98.530	\$54,684.15	\$99.020	\$54,956.10	3.75%	\$2,059.05	0.50%	\$271.95
LOT 16		255.000	03/13/2024	\$97.795	\$24,937.80	\$99.020	\$25,250.10	3.75%	\$946.05	1.25%	\$312.30
LOT 17		1,122.000	12/19/2024	\$96.580	\$108,362.63	\$99.020	\$111,100.44	3.75%	\$4,162.62	2.53%	\$2,737.81
ISHARES TR CORE S&P MCP ETF (IJH)		1,446.000	08/06/2024	\$58.010	\$83,882.46	\$56.910	\$82,291.86	1.46%	\$1,200.18	(1.90)%	\$(1,590.60)
ISHARES TR CORE S&P SCP ETF (IJR)		1,187.000		\$72.210	\$85,713.54	\$100.130	\$118,854.31	2.36%	\$2,802.51	38.66%	\$33,140.77
LOT 1		628.000	01/11/2017	\$68.860	\$43,244.08	\$100.130	\$62,881.64	2.36%	\$1,482.71	45.41%	\$19,637.56
LOT 2		308.000	02/07/2018	\$75.440	\$23,235.49	\$100.130	\$30,840.04	2.36%	\$727.19	32.73%	\$7,604.55
LOT 3		213.000	03/02/2020	\$73.525	\$15,660.83	\$100.130	\$21,327.69	2.36%	\$502.89	36.18%	\$5,666.86
LOT 4		38.000	06/28/2022	\$94.030	\$3,573.14	\$100.130	\$3,804.94	2.36%	\$89.72	6.49%	\$231.80
ISHARES TR MSCI USA MIN VOL (USMV)		1,873.000	11/18/2019	\$64.395	\$120,611.84	\$92.540	\$173,327.42	1.57%	\$2,717.72	43.71%	\$52,715.58
ISHARES TR CORE MSCI EAFE (IEFA)		6,086.000		\$66.236	\$403,109.36	\$78.710	\$479,029.06	3.10%	\$14,849.84	18.83%	\$75,919.70
LOT 1		2,968.000	02/07/2018	\$66.431	\$197,165.93	\$78.710	\$233,611.28	3.10%	\$7,241.92	18.48%	\$36,445.35
LOT 2		1,464.000	05/15/2018	\$67.332	\$98,573.42	\$78.710	\$115,231.44	3.10%	\$3,572.16	16.90%	\$16,658.02
LOT 3		265.000	09/24/2018	\$64.658	\$17,134.26	\$78.710	\$20,858.15	3.10%	\$646.60	21.73%	\$3,723.89
LOT 4		104.000	02/15/2019	\$59.530	\$6,191.07	\$78.710	\$8,185.84	3.10%	\$253.76	32.22%	\$1,994.77
LOT 5		183.000	03/02/2020	\$58.616	\$10,726.67	\$78.710	\$14,403.93	3.10%	\$446.52	34.28%	\$3,677.26
LOT 6		136.000	05/03/2022	\$65.036	\$8,844.90	\$78.710	\$10,704.56	3.10%	\$331.84	21.03%	\$1,859.66



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Your Portfolio (continued)

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Exchange-Traded Products (ETPs) (continued) ^x

Exchange-Traded Funds (continued)

Description (Symbol)	Quantity	Date Acquired	Unit Cost	Total Cost Basis	Price	Value	Estimated Income Yield	Estimated Annual Income	Gain or (Loss) Pct.	Gain or (Loss)
LOT 7	315.000	06/28/2022	\$59.638	\$18,786.00	\$78.710	\$24,793.65	3.10%	\$768.60	31.96%	\$6,007.65
LOT 8	651.000	12/19/2024	\$70.180	\$45,687.11	\$78.710	\$51,240.21	3.10%	\$1,588.44	12.15%	\$5,553.10
ISHARES TR BROAD USD HIGH (USHY)	9,371.000		\$39.195	\$367,300.23	\$36.600	\$342,978.60	6.85%	\$23,493.10	(6.62)%	\$(24,321.63)
LOT 1	6,844.000	06/08/2020	\$39.380	\$269,516.72	\$36.600	\$250,490.40	6.85%	\$17,157.91	(7.06)%	\$(19,026.32)
LOT 2	1,178.000	01/27/2021	\$41.178	\$48,507.78	\$36.600	\$43,114.80	6.85%	\$2,953.25	(11.12)%	\$(5,392.98)
LOT 3	474.000	05/03/2022	\$37.105	\$17,587.77	\$36.600	\$17,348.40	6.85%	\$1,188.32	(1.36)%	\$(239.37)
LOT 4	151.000	06/28/2022	\$34.857	\$5,263.44	\$36.600	\$5,526.60	6.85%	\$378.56	5.00%	\$263.16
LOT 5	271.000	02/02/2024	\$36.277	\$9,831.18	\$36.600	\$9,918.60	6.85%	\$879.40	0.89%	\$87.42
LOT 6	453.000	12/19/2024	\$36.630	\$16,593.34	\$36.600	\$16,579.80	6.85%	\$1,135.67	(0.08)%	\$(13.54)
SPDR PORTFOLIO INTERMEDIATE TERM CORPORATE BOND ETF (SPIB)	4,237.000	02/11/2025	\$32.840	\$139,143.08	\$33.300	\$141,092.10	4.43%	\$6,253.81	1.40%	\$1,949.02
SPDR S&P DIVIDEND ETF (SDY)	1,293.000		\$93.375	\$120,734.37	\$131.040	\$169,434.72	2.67%	\$4,516.45	40.34%	\$48,700.35
LOT 1	1,209.000	02/07/2018	\$92.225	\$111,499.90	\$131.040	\$158,427.36	2.67%	\$4,223.04	42.09%	\$46,927.46
LOT 2	44.000	03/02/2020	\$97.429	\$4,286.89	\$131.040	\$5,765.76	2.67%	\$153.69	34.50%	\$1,478.87
LOT 3	40.000	02/02/2024	\$123.690	\$4,947.58	\$131.040	\$5,241.60	2.67%	\$139.72	5.94%	\$294.02
VANGUARD INDEX FUNDS S&P 500 ETF SHS NEW (VOO)	1,783.000		\$265.277	\$472,988.82	\$509.740	\$908,866.42	1.37%	\$12,432.86	92.15%	\$435,877.60
LOT 1	44.000	01/11/2017	\$208.190	\$9,160.36	\$509.740	\$22,428.56	1.37%	\$306.81	144.84%	\$13,268.20
LOT 2	1,452.000	02/07/2018	\$248.991	\$361,534.98	\$509.740	\$740,142.48	1.37%	\$10,124.80	104.72%	\$378,607.50
LOT 3	187.000	02/08/2021	\$358.270	\$66,996.49	\$509.740	\$95,321.38	1.37%	\$1,303.95	42.28%	\$28,324.89
LOT 4	100.000	06/28/2022	\$352.970	\$35,296.99	\$509.740	\$50,974.00	1.37%	\$697.30	44.41%	\$15,677.01

Exchange-Traded Products (ETPs) (continued) [⌘]

Exchange-Traded Funds (continued)

Description (Symbol)	Quantity	Date Acquired	Unit Cost	Total Cost Basis	Price	Value	Estimated Income Yield	Estimated Annual Income	Gain or (Loss) Pct.	Gain or (Loss)
VANGUARD MID-CAP ETF (VO)	672.000		\$240.583	\$161,672.10	\$256.090	\$172,092.48	1.62%	\$2,779.39	6.45%	\$10,420.38
LOT 1	626.000	08/11/2021	\$243.530	\$152,449.78	\$256.090	\$160,312.34	1.62%	\$2,589.07	5.16%	\$7,862.56
LOT 2	46.000	06/28/2022	\$200.485	\$9,222.32	\$256.090	\$11,780.14	1.62%	\$190.25	27.74%	\$2,557.82
Exchange-Traded Funds Total				\$3,961,587.85		\$4,455,583.19	3.17%	\$141,020.17	12.47%	\$493,995.34
Exchange-Traded Products Total				\$3,961,587.85		\$4,455,583.19	3.17%	\$141,020.17	12.47%	\$493,995.34

[⌘] Please see the Exchange-Traded Products on the Understanding Your Statement page.

Portfolio Total \$4,566,040.95

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Activity Summary

Income			Withdrawals			Purchases		
Type	This Statement	Year to Date	Type	This Statement	Year to Date	Type	This Statement	Year to Date
Dividends	\$8,628.58	\$32,502.35	Withdrawals	\$0.00	\$(200,000.00)	Purchases	\$0.00	\$(144,660.20)
Interest at RJ Bank Deposit Program	\$13.82	\$68.42	Total Withdrawals	\$0.00	\$(200,000.00)	Total Purchases	\$0.00	\$(144,660.20)
Total Income	\$8,642.40	\$32,570.77						
			Expenses			Sales / Redemptions		
Type	This Statement	Year to Date	Type	This Statement	Year to Date	Type	This Statement	Year to Date
			Fees	\$(5,581.40)	\$(11,172.81)	Sales	\$0.00	\$320,230.42
			Total Expenses	\$(5,581.40)	\$(11,172.81)	Total Sales/Redemptions	\$0.00	\$320,230.42

Activity Detail

Date	Activity Category	Activity Type	Description (Symbol or CUSIP)	Quantity	Price	Amount	Cash Balance	Additional Detail
			Beginning Balance				\$107,396.76	
04/04/2025	Income	Dividend	SPDR PORTFOLIO INTERMEDIATE TERM CORPORATE BOND ETF (SPIB)			\$524.54	\$107,921.30	\$12380 per share x 4,237.000 shares
04/04/2025	Income	Dividend	ISHARES TR BROAD USD HIGH (USHY)			\$1,970.44	\$109,891.74	\$21027 per share x 9,371.000 shares
04/04/2025	Income	Dividend	ISHARES TR CORE US AGGBD ET (AGG)			\$8,133.60	\$116,025.34	\$32520 per share x 18,861.000 shares
04/15/2025	Expense	Fee	Cash			\$(5,581.40)	\$110,443.94	2Q Fees for 091/365 Days at .49% on \$4,568,769.45
04/30/2025	Income	Interest at RJ Bank Deposit Program	Raymond James Bank Deposit Program			\$13.82	\$110,457.76	

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Status Update of Delegated Entities

**California Amateur
Mixed Martial Arts
Organization (CAMO)
*J.T Steele***



May 21, 2025

To: California State Athletic Commission ("CSAC")

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

Re: CAMO UPDATE / DOCUMENT REQUEST

Below and attached please find a CAMO update and report in anticipation of the regularly scheduled CSAC meeting scheduled for June 2, 2025, in Sacramento, CA:

1. CAMO SAFETY AND SUSPENSION REPORT: UPDATE

There have been no major injuries of a heightened concern for the commission to review since the last CAMO report at on March 3, 2025. All suspensions since the March 3, 2025 meeting are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT:

We are pleased to report that CAMO's reserve accounts have gradually replenished following the seasonal slowdown. CAMO is operating with all recommended financial ranges. CAMO's fiscal year ends May 31, 2025 and taxes will be prepared accordingly.

3. CAMO INITIATIVES:

CAMO is proud to announce the upcoming launch of its new online Inspector Exam, a key milestone in the continued development of amateur combat sports oversight in California. This exam, which will be required for inspector licensure, is designed to rigorously assess an individual's understanding of the rules, regulations, and best practices that govern California combative sports. The development of this initiative has been a long-standing priority for CAMO, and thanks to advances in AI and online learning technology, it will be deployed before the end of the year. We believe this educational advancement will significantly raise the knowledge base, competency, and standards of new inspectors, ultimately strengthening the integrity and safety of amateur combat sports across the state.

4. CAMO UPCOMING EVENTS:

As requested by the Commission, attached please find our upcoming event calendar (Exhibit 2) that is also maintained on our website: www.camomma.org. It is always our pleasure to have a member of the Commission visit our events and we invite you to attend the same.

In closing, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a wonderful 2025 summer season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JT Steele', written over the printed name.

JT Steele | President, California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization, Inc.

EXHIBIT 1

Date Issued	Days	Expires	Injury Type	Status	Notes
5/17/25	45	7/1/25	TKO	suspended	
5/17/25	180	11/13/25	Hyperextension	suspended	180/180 CT neck r/o ligamentous disruption (both arms) OR cleared by dr
5/10/25	45	6/24/25	TKO	suspended	
5/10/25	45	6/24/25	TKO	suspended	
5/10/25	45	6/24/25	TKO	suspended	
5/10/25	60	7/9/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 laceration R cheek OR cleared by dr
5/9/25	45	6/23/25	Hard Bout	suspended	
5/3/25	45	6/17/25	KO	suspended	
5/3/25	45	6/17/25	TKO	suspended	
5/3/25	45	6/17/25	KO	suspended	
5/3/25	45	6/17/25	TKO	suspended	
5/3/25	45	6/17/25	KO	suspended	
5/3/25	45	6/17/25	TKO	suspended	
5/3/25	Indef		KO	suspended	Indefinite: Concussion OR cleared by PCP
5/3/25	Indef		Hard Bout	suspended	Indefinite: mild concussion OR cleared by dr
5/3/25	45	6/17/25	TKO	suspended	
4/26/25	45	6/10/25	TKO	suspended	
4/26/25	45	6/10/25	TKO	suspended	
4/26/25	45	6/10/25	TKO	suspended	
4/26/25	45	6/10/25	KO	suspended	
4/26/25	Indef		Eye Injury	suspended	Indefinite: blurry vision R eye OR cleared by OPTHO
4/26/25	60	6/25/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 L eyebrow laceration OR cleared by dr
4/22/25	3	4/25/25	Possible Fracture	expired	test updated again
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	Discipline	suspended	signed contract and did not show to compete.
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	Discipline	suspended	signed cont and did not show to compete
4/19/25	0	4/19/25	Discipline	expired	signed cont. and did not show to compete
4/19/25	0	4/19/25	Discipline	expired	signed cont. and did not show to compete

4/19/25	60	6/18/25	Discipline	suspended	signed cont did not show for weigh-ins or to compete.
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	60	6/18/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 L eye cut OR cleared by dr
4/19/25	60	6/18/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 R ear cut OR cleared by dr
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	45	6/3/25	TKO	suspended	
4/19/25	180	10/16/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 possible FX R lower anterior rib OR cleared by dr
4/12/25	45	5/27/25	TKO	suspended	
4/12/25	45	5/27/25	TKO	suspended	
4/12/25	45	5/12/25	Hard Bout	expired	
4/12/25	Indef		Not fit for Compet	suspended	Indefinite: recurrent dislocation of L shoulder OR cleared by ORTHO
3/30/25	45	5/14/25	TKO	expired	
3/30/25	45	5/14/25	TKO	expired	
3/30/25	45	5/14/25	KO	expired	
3/30/25	45	5/14/25	TKO	expired	
3/30/25	60	5/29/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 laceration under R eye and L nasal OR cleared by dr
3/30/25	180	9/26/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 R ankle possible FX OR cleared by ORTHO
3/30/25	180	9/26/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 possible FX R fingers OR cleared by ORTHO
3/30/25	60	5/29/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 abrasion under R eye OR cleared by dr
3/30/25	60	5/29/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 R eye laceration OR cleared by dr

3/30/25	60	5/29/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 L eye lateral laceration OR cleared by dr
3/29/25	60	5/28/25	Cut	suspended	60/60 R eye cut OR cleared by dr
3/25/25	Indef		Not fit for Compet	suspended	Indefinite: Did not pass blood requirements. Details saved to file.
3/22/25	45	5/6/25	TKO	expired	
3/22/25	45	5/6/25	TKO	expired	
3/22/25	180	9/18/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 possible FX L rib(s) OR cleared by dr
3/21/25	45	5/5/25	TKO	expired	
3/21/25	180	9/17/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 possible nose FX OR cleared by dr
3/21/25	180	9/17/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 possible L thumb & middle knuckle FX OR cleared by dr
3/21/25	45	5/5/25	Hard Bout	expired	
3/21/25	45	5/5/25	TKO	expired	
3/21/25	45	5/5/25	KO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	TKO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	TKO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	TKO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	KO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	KO	expired	
3/15/25	180	9/11/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 broken nose OR cleared by physician
3/15/25	180	9/11/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 L arm injury OR cleared by ORTHO
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	TKO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	KO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	TKO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	KO	expired	
3/15/25	45	4/29/25	KO	expired	
3/15/25	60	5/14/25	Cut	expired	60/60 R eye laceration OR cleared by dr
3/15/25	180	9/11/25	Possible Fracture	suspended	180/180 L elbow dislocation, possible FX OR cleared by dr

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EXHIBIT 2



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Event Name	Date	City/Region	Location	Actions
Tuff-N-Uff Productions, Inc. (amateur-mma-events/E1778/Tuff-N-Uff-Productions-Inc-)	05/22/2025	San Diego	Observatory North Park (amateur-mma-events/E1778/Tuff-N-Uff-Productions-Inc-)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1778) edit (Events-edit&id=1778) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1778&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1778) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1778)
Epic Fighting 61 (amateur-mma-events/E1716/Epic-Fighting-61)	05/23/2025	San Diego	Four Points Sheraton San Diego (amateur-mma-events/E1716/Epic-Fighting-61)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1716) edit (Events-edit&id=1716) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1716&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1716) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1716)
SparStar MMA (amateur-mma-events/E1773/SparStar-MMA)	05/24/2025	Huntington Beach	UFC Gym Huntington Beach (amateur-mma-events/E1773/SparStar-MMA)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1773) edit (Events-edit&id=1773) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1773&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1773) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1773)
Zhong Luo Cage Fighting Series (amateur-mma-events/E1746/Zhong-Luo-Cage-Fighting-Series)	05/24/2025	San Francisco	Kezar Pavilion (amateur-mma-events/E1746/Zhong-Luo-Cage-Fighting-Series)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1746) edit (Events-edit&id=1746) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1746&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1746) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1746)
559 Fights 114 (amateur-mma-events/E1700/559-Fights-114)	05/24/2025	Visalia	Visalia Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1700/559-Fights-114)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1700) edit (Events-edit&id=1700) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1700&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1700) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1700)
FirePower / A1 Combat Prospect Series (amateur-mma-events/E1774/FirePower-A1-Combat-Prospect-Series)	05/24/2025	Sacramento	DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento (amateur-mma-events/E1774/FirePower-A1-Combat-Prospect-Series)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1774) edit (Events-edit&id=1774) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1774&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1774) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1774)
King of the Cage (amateur-mma-events/E1775/King-of-the-Cage)	05/31/2025	San Bernardino	San Manuel Stadium (amateur-mma-events/E1775/King-of-the-Cage)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1775) edit (Events-edit&id=1775) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1775&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1775) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1775)
Up Next Fighting (amateur-mma-events/E1753/Up-Next-Fighting)	05/31/2025	Commerce	Commerce Casino (amateur-mma-events/E1753/Up-Next-Fighting)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1753) edit (Events-edit&id=1753) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1753&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1753) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1753)
Subversiv CJJ (amateur-mma-events/E1783/Subversiv-CJJ)	06/06/2025	Long Beach	Ovation Square (amateur-mma-events/E1783/Subversiv-CJJ)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1783) edit (Events-edit&id=1783) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1783&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1783) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1783)
Knockout Promotions (amateur-mma-events/E1781/Knockout-Promotions)	06/07/2025	Los Angeles	Leonardo's Night Club (amateur-mma-events/E1781/Knockout-Promotions)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1781) edit (Events-edit&id=1781) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1781&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1781) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1781)

559 Fights 115 (amateur-mma-events/E1758/559-Fights-115)	06/14/2025	Porterville	Eagle Mountain Casino (amateur-mma-events/E1758/559-Fights-115)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1758) edit (Events-edit&id=1758) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1758&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1758) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1758)
Lights Out Xtreme Fighting (amateur-mma-events/E1777/Lights-Out-Xtreme-Fighting)	06/14/2025	Pauma Valley	Casino Pauma (amateur-mma-events/E1777/Lights-Out-Xtreme-Fighting)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1777) edit (Events-edit&id=1777) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1777&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1777) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1777)
West Coast Productions (amateur-mma-events/E1782/West-Coast-Productions)	06/28/2025		San Jose Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1782/West-Coast-Productions)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1782) edit (Events-edit&id=1782) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1782&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1782) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1782)
SparStar MMA (amateur-mma-events/E1770/SparStar-MMA)	06/28/2025	Commerce	The Commerce Casino (amateur-mma-events/E1770/SparStar-MMA)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1770) edit (Events-edit&id=1770) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1770&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1770) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1770)
Regime Fight League (amateur-mma-events/E1776/Regime-Fight-League)	06/29/2025	Westlake Village	Hyatt Regency Westlake (amateur-mma-events/E1776/Regime-Fight-League)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1776) edit (Events-edit&id=1776) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1776&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1776) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1776)
559 Fights 116 (amateur-mma-events/E1701/559-Fights-116)	07/12/2025	Visalia	Visalia Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1701/559-Fights-116)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1701) edit (Events-edit&id=1701) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1701&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1701) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1701)
SparStar MMA (amateur-mma-events/E1732/SparStar-MMA)	07/19/2025	Commerce	The Commerce Casino (amateur-mma-events/E1732/SparStar-MMA)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1732) edit (Events-edit&id=1732) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1732&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1732) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1732)
209 BeatDown (amateur-mma-events/E1789/209-BeatDown)	07/26/2025	Stockton	Stockton Civic Auditorium (amateur-mma-events/E1789/209-BeatDown)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1789) edit (Events-edit&id=1789) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1789&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1789) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1789)
FirePower / A1 Combat (amateur-mma-events/E1780/FirePower-A1-Combat)	08/01/2025	Wheatland	Hard Rock Live (amateur-mma-events/E1780/FirePower-A1-Combat)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1780) edit (Events-edit&id=1780) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1780&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1780) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1780)
Evolution Sports Expo (amateur-mma-events/E1721/Evolution-Sports-Expo)	08/02/2025	Sacramento	Sacramento Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1721/Evolution-Sports-Expo)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1721) edit (Events-edit&id=1721) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1721&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1721) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1721)
Hendo's Fight Night (amateur-mma-events/E1756/Hendo-s-Fight-Night)	08/09/2025	Temecula	DHAFC (amateur-mma-events/E1756/Hendo-s-Fight-Night)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1756) edit (Events-edit&id=1756) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1756&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1756) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1756)
Zhong Luo Cage Fighting Series (amateur-mma-events/E1747/Zhong-Luo-Cage-Fighting-Series)	08/16/2025	San Francisco	Kezar Pavilion (amateur-mma-events/E1747/Zhong-Luo-Cage-Fighting-Series)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1747) edit (Events-edit&id=1747) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1747&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1747) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1747)
Epic Fighting 62 (amateur-mma-events/E1717/Epic-	08/22/2025	San Diego	Four Points Sheraton San Diego (amateur-	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1717) edit

Fighting-62)				mma-events/E1717/Epic-Fighting-62)	(Events-edit&id=1717) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1717&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1717) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1717)
SparStar MMA (amateur-mma-events/E1771/SparStar-MMA)	08/23/2025	Commerce		The Commerce Casino (amateur-mma-events/E1771/SparStar-MMA)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1771) edit (Events-edit&id=1771) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1771&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1771) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1771)
559 Fights 117 (amateur-mma-events/E1702/559-Fights-117)	08/23/2025	Visalia		Visalia Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1702/559-Fights-117)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1702) edit (Events-edit&id=1702) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1702&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1702) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1702)
Rogue Rage (amateur-mma-events/E1779/Rogue-Rage)	09/13/2025	East Palo Alto		Block Party on Pulgas Ave (amateur-mma-events/E1779/Rogue-Rage)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1779) edit (Events-edit&id=1779) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1779&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1779) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1779)
SparStar MMA (amateur-mma-events/E1733/SparStar-MMA)	09/27/2025	Commerce		The Commerce Casino (amateur-mma-events/E1733/SparStar-MMA)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1733) edit (Events-edit&id=1733) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1733&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1733) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1733)
559 Fights 118 (amateur-mma-events/E1703/559-Fights-118)	09/27/2025	Visalia		Visalia Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1703/559-Fights-118)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1703) edit (Events-edit&id=1703) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1703&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1703) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1703)
831 Salad Bowl Showdown (amateur-mma-events/E1790/831-Salad-Bowl-Showdown)	10/11/2025	Salinas		Salinas Police Activity League Armory Hall (amateur-mma-events/E1790/831-Salad-Bowl-Showdown)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1790) edit (Events-edit&id=1790) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1790&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1790) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1790)
51Fifty Entertainment (amateur-mma-events/E1791/51Fifty-Entertainment)	10/11/2025	Livingston		51Fifty Boxing Gym (amateur-mma-events/E1791/51Fifty-Entertainment)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1791) edit (Events-edit&id=1791) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1791&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1791) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1791)
559 Fights 119 (amateur-mma-events/E1704/559-Fights-119)	10/24/2025	Visalia		Visalia Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1704/559-Fights-119)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1704) edit (Events-edit&id=1704) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1704&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1704) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1704)
SparStar MMA (amateur-mma-events/E1772/SparStar-MMA)	11/01/2025	Commerce		The Commerce Casino (amateur-mma-events/E1772/SparStar-MMA)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1772) edit (Events-edit&id=1772) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1772&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1772) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1772)
Zhong Luo Cage Fighting Series (amateur-mma-events/E1748/Zhong-Luo-Cage-Fighting-Series)	11/08/2025	San Francisco		Kezar Pavilion (amateur-mma-events/E1748/Zhong-Luo-Cage-Fighting-Series)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1748) edit (Events-edit&id=1748) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1748&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1748) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1748)
Hendo's Fight Night (amateur-mma-events/E1757/Hendo-s-Fight-Night)	11/08/2025	Temecula		DHAFC (amateur-mma-events/E1757/Hendo-s-Fight-Night)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1757) edit (Events-edit&id=1757) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1757&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1757) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1757)
559 Fights 120 (amateur-mma-events/E1705/559-Fights-120)	11/21/2025	Visalia		Visalia Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1705/559-Fights-120)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1705) edit (Events-edit&id=1705) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1705&filter[user_type]=official)

				needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1705) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1705)
Epic Fighting 63 (amateur-mma-events/E1718/Epic-Fighting-63)	11/21/2025	San Diego	Four Points Sheraton San Diego (amateur-mma-events/E1718/Epic-Fighting-63)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1718) edit (Events-edit&id=1718) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1718&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1718) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1718)
SparStar MMA (amateur-mma-events/E1734/SparStar-MMA)	11/22/2025	Commerce	The Commerce Casino (amateur-mma-events/E1734/SparStar-MMA)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1734) edit (Events-edit&id=1734) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1734&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1734) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1734)
559 Fights 120 (amateur-mma-events/E1706/559-Fights-120)	12/20/2025	Visalia	Visalia Convention Center (amateur-mma-events/E1706/559-Fights-120)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1706) edit (Events-edit&id=1706) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1706&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1706) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1706)
Test 04/28 (amateur-mma-events/E1784/Test-04-28)	04/28/2026	Laguna Niguel	(amateur-mma-events/E1784/Test-04-28)	view fights (Events-fights&event_id=1784) edit (Events-edit&id=1784) officials (Events-subscriptions&id=1784&filter[user_type]=official) needs (Admin-event_needs&id=1784) delete (Admin-delete_event&id=1784)

USA Boxing
Mike McAtee

memo

DATE: May 14, 2025
TO: California State Athletic Commission
Andy Foster, Executive Officer
FROM: Mike McAtee, Executive Director
RE: USA Boxing Delegation



Please accept this as part of USA Boxing's reporting requirements for the period of January 1 2025 through March 31, 2025, to be presented during the California State Athletic Commission Meeting, scheduled for June 2025.

I. General Information

California Local Boxing Committee (LBC) Directors

Below are the directors of each of the four Local Boxing Committees, representing the state USA Boxing in California.

Northern California

President: David Hartman
Vice President: Candelario Lopez
Secretary: Lydia Razo
Treasurer: Oscar Ortiz
Chief of Officials: Lydia Razo
Registration Chair: Candelario Lopez

Central California

President: Ruben Valdovinos
Vice President: Miguel Ayon
Secretary: Lizandra Lopez
Treasurer: Mark Marquez
Chief of Officials: Mario Irazoqui
Registration Chair: Norma Nunez

Southern California

President: Joe Zanders
Vice President: Omar Villanueva
Secretary: Patricia Zanders
Treasurer: Vacant
Chief of Officials: Delilah Ponce-Rico
Registration Chair: Delilah Ponce-Rico

California Border

President: Tony Contreras
Vice President: Berlin Kerney
Secretary: Anthony Mayoral
Treasurer: Malcolm Miguel
Chief of Officials: Ernesto Encinas
Registration Chair: Terence Shigg



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II. High Performance

High Performance Expenses

2025 January-March California Women's Costs						
Age Division	Flights	Lodging	International Room/Board	Stipend	Other Costs (Medical, Per diem, etc.)	Total
Elite	\$817.26	\$4,950.00				\$5,767.26
Youth						\$0.00
Junior						\$0.00
Totals	\$817.26	\$4,950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,767.26

2025 January-March California Men's Costs						
Age Division	Flights	Lodging	International Room/Board	Stipend	Other Costs (Medical, Per diem, etc.)	Total
Elite	\$3,240.31	\$7,830.00	\$1,449.35		\$140.00	\$12,659.66
Youth						\$0.00
Junior						\$0.00
Totals	\$3,240.31	\$7,830.00	\$1,449.35	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$12,659.66

2025 January-March California Coaches & Officials Costs						
Age Division	Flights	Lodging (OTC)	International Room/Board	Stipend	Other Costs (Medical, Per diem, etc.)	Total
Coaches	\$2,980.25	\$5,490.00	\$1,449.35	\$4,750.00	\$100.00	\$14,769.60
R/J's						\$0.00
Totals	\$2,980.25	\$5,490.00	\$1,449.35	\$4,750.00	\$100.00	\$14,769.60



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Camp & Tournament Information – Q1 2025

Division	Tournament	Location	CA Participants	Medals
Elite	Selection Camp	Colorado Springs	Jajaira Gonzalez, Orlando Zamora, Thomas McElroy, Danilo Garcia	
Elite	World Cup #1 Camp	Colorado Springs	Jajaira Gonzalez, Orlando Zamora, Danilo Garcia	
Elite	World Cup #1	Brazil	Orlando Zamora, Danilo Garcia	

III. Membership Information

Standard Memberships

USA Boxing offers athlete and non-athlete memberships, allowing boxers, coaches, and officials to train, spar, and participate in USA Boxing sanctioned events. Membership fees are calculated by LBC. USA Boxing collects \$55.00 – \$75.00, per athlete and \$75.00 for each non-athlete membership. The remainder is voted on and collected by the LBC's board of directors to assist them with administrative and operational expenses. The chart below illustrates registration numbers for each region.

Membership and Revenue Data – Q1 2025							
	Registrations			Avg. Cost per Member (\$)		Gross Revenue (\$)	
LBC	Athlete	Non Athlete	Physicians*	Athlete	Non-Athlete	Athlete	Non Athlete
Northern California	1066	407	16	\$73.75	\$95.00	\$78,617.50	\$38,665.00
Central California	556	213	7	\$116.25	\$150.00	\$64,635.00	\$31,950.00
Southern California	1414	644	11	\$80.75	\$87.00	\$114,180.50	\$56,028.00
California Border	323	145	5	\$84.75	\$95.00	\$27,374.25	\$13,775.00
Total	3359	1409	39			\$284,807.25	\$140,418.00
Grand Total						\$425,225.25	

* Physicians register at no cost



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Fitness Memberships

This is for members looking to train at a USA Boxing registered gym/facility without allowing them to spar or compete. Fitness memberships provide secondary injury/accident insurance. Each year, clubs receive a \$5.00 stipend toward next year's membership fee, for each fitness athlete registered to their club.

Fitness Member Registrations – Q1 2025						
LBC	Junior Fitness			Adult Fitness		
	Members	Membership Fee	Revenue	Members	Membership Fee	Revenue
Northern California	9	\$25.00	\$225.00	9	\$35.00	\$315.00
Central California	45	\$25.00	\$1,125.00	10	\$35.00	\$350.00
Southern California	4	\$25.00	\$100.00	1	\$35.00	\$35.00
California Border	15	\$25.00	\$375.00	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Total	73		\$1,825.00	20		\$700.00
Grand Total			\$2,525.00			

Club Memberships

Registering a club with USA Boxing allows the facility to host events, have their information published on our website, and affords the facility a general liability insurance policy. USA Boxing collects \$180.00 of each club membership, with the remaining to be disbursed to the LBC. Each LBC votes on their portion of the membership fee to cover operational and administrative costs. Below is the Q1 2025 revenue for California.

Club Memberships – Q5 2025			
LBC	Clubs	Membership Fee	Net Revenue
Northern California	106	\$275.00	\$29,150.00
Central California	59	\$220.00	\$12,980.00
Southern California	110	\$205.00	\$22,550.00
California Border	33	\$230.00	\$7,590.00
Total	308		\$72,270.00



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Member Demographics

Registrations by Gender - Q1 2025

	Athlete		Junior Fitness		Adult Fitness		Non-Athlete	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Northern	951	115	7	2	9	0	406	34
Central	495	61	42	3	8	2	196	17
Southern	1280	134	3	1	0	1	649	77
Border	283	40	10	5	0	0	15	130
Total	3009	350	62	11	17	3	1266	258

Registrations by Age - Q1 2025

	Ages 8 - 12	Ages 13 - 19	Ages 20 - 35	Ages 35 - 50	Ages 50 - 70	Ages 70+
Northern	114	436	433	291	164	31
Central	161	287	143	117	63	10
Southern	214	559	572	435	223	29
Border	53	124	138	100	56	4
Total	542	1406	1286	943	506	74

Non Athlete Participation by Role - Q1 2025

Officials		Coaches		Both	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
44	14	1040	85	78	16
58		1125		94	



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IV. Event Information

National Events

2025 USA Boxing International Open

April 13 – 19, 2025

Pueblo, CO

2025 USA Boxing International Open			
Total Participants			
653			
Boxers	Coaches	Officials	Physicians
289	320	40	4
California Participants			
	No. of Participants	Percentage Represented	Champions
Boxers	45	15.57%	6
Coaches	53	16.56%	
Officials	1	2.50%	

The following boxers were crowned 2025 USA Boxing International Open champions:

Male	Female
Aaron Guzman, Elite 187 lbs – Bakersfield Dominique Montiel, Youth 198+ lbs – Greenfield	Ava Quinones, Youth 119 lbs - San Leandro Nayra Ocegüera, Junior 110 lbs - Calexico Alize Hernandez, Junior 119 lbs - Redwood City Marley McNealy, Junior 128 lbs - San Francisco

Clinics

USA Boxing hosts numerous clinics for coaching and official development. Coaching education courses range based on the quality of the clinic, with most clinics held over two days. Official's clinics are single day clinics that range from 4 – 6 hours, with an online test proceeding the clinic.

Coaching Education Clinics:

2/1/2025 – 2/2/2025 - Bronze Clinic, San Francisco

Official Education Clinics:

1/18/2025 – Level I and Level II Clinic, Oakland, CA

1/25/2025 – Level I and Level II Clinic, San Diego, CA



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Local Events

Northern California

Date	Title	Revenue	Expenses	Net Revenue	EMS Cost	No. of Bouts
1/25/2025	SATURDAY SHOWDOWN			\$0.00		18
2/2/2025	Benjamin's Boxing Showdown 10	\$3,300.00	(\$3,300.00)	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	20
2/8/2025	Caballero Promotes Boxing	\$5,000.00	(\$4,314.00)	\$686.00	\$1,017.50	24
2/15/2025	Capital Punishment 11			\$0.00		25
2/21/2025	Nor Cal Golden Gloves			\$0.00		90
3/1/2025	Boxing on the Boulevard			\$0.00		15
3/8/2025	St Patrick's Fight Night			\$0.00		20
3/13/2025	SPORTSMEN CLUB FIGHT NIGHT			\$0.00		10
3/15/2025	Celtic Clash	\$5,790.00	(\$5,077.00)	\$713.00	\$1,000.00	20
3/22/2025	SATURDAY SHOWDOWN			\$0.00		18
3/29/2025	Battle Dome	\$1,850.00	(\$1,350.00)	\$500.00	\$0.00	20
Total		\$15,940.00	(\$14,041.00)	\$1,899.00	\$3,367.50	280



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Central California

Date	Title	Revenue	Expenses	Net Revenue	EMS Cost	No. of Bouts
2/1/2025	Calwa Mega Boxing Show #4	\$4,452.00	(\$4,488.50)	(\$36.50)	\$700.00	25
2/8/2025	Aleman Boxing Show	\$1,965.00	(\$2,185.00)	(\$220.00)	\$600.00	25
2/15/2025	Cupids Rumble #2	\$8,000.00	(\$5,343.00)	\$2,657.00	\$900.00	50
2/22/2025	Valentines Massacre	\$3,600.00	(\$2,393.00)	\$1,207.00	\$1,200.00	25
3/1/2025	Madera Throwdown	\$50,820.00	(\$43,048.00)	\$7,772.00	\$3,600.00	25
3/7/2025	2025 Central CA Golden Gloves	\$8,930.00	(\$5,784.00)	\$3,146.00	\$2,050.00	40
3/8/2025	Rivas Boxing Beat the Streets	\$2,785.00	(\$2,735.00)	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	20
3/15/2025	501 Boxing Show Fresno	\$9,940.00	(\$14,683.00)	(\$4,743.00)	\$1,000.00	25
3/22/2025	Gloves For The Youth	\$19,555.00	(\$22,559.00)	(\$3,004.00)	\$1,454.00	25
3/23/2025	Spring Challenge	\$8,196.00	(\$2,476.00)	\$5,720.00	\$0.00	20
3/29/2025	Showdown In Motown	\$15,163.00	(\$5,062.84)	\$10,100.16	\$1,372.00	25
Total		\$133,406.00	-\$110,757.34	\$22,648.66	\$13,876.00	305



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Southern California

Date	Title	Revenue	Expenses	Net Revenue	EMS Cost	No. of Bouts
1/10/2025	2025 Region 8 Silver Gloves	\$9,400.00	(\$8,503.38)	\$896.62	\$2,000.00	160
1/17/2025	Fabela Chavez Friday Night at the Fights	\$7,785.00	(\$14,604.00)	(\$6,819.00)	\$1,400.00	12
1/19/2025	War in the Valley	\$4,340.00	(\$4,100.00)	\$240.00	\$1,200.00	20
1/26/2025	War in the Valley	\$4,250.00	(\$4,300.00)	(\$50.00)	\$1,300.00	20
2/9/2025	War in the Valley	\$4,300.00	(\$4,340.00)	(\$40.00)	\$1,300.00	20
2/15/2025	Bloody Valentine	\$4,000.00	(\$11,080.00)	(\$7,080.00)	\$1,000.00	20
2/16/2025	Warrior Boxing Fights	\$9,460.00	(\$7,500.00)	\$1,960.00	\$1,500.00	20
2/22/2025	Amateur Boxing Show	\$7,122.90	(\$4,104.30)	\$3,018.60	\$1,180.00	20
2/23/2025	War in the Valley	\$7,122.90	(\$4,104.30)	\$3,018.60	\$1,180.00	20
3/1/2025	Arlanza's Boxing Show	\$3,521.00	(\$11,034.81)	(\$7,513.81)	\$1,561.00	20
3/2/2025	All World Boxing	\$3,032.00	(\$3,190.00)	(\$158.00)	\$950.00	20
3/8/2025	Hard Knocks Showdown	\$7,296.00	(\$7,315.19)	(\$19.19)	\$1,374.08	20
3/9/2025	Fist of Fury 4	\$7,585.29	(\$7,709.67)	(\$124.38)	\$1,300.00	20
3/13/2025	Southern Golden Gloves Tournament	\$23,175.00	(\$23,928.00)	(\$753.00)	\$6,000.00	25
3/22/2025	Diaz brothers boxing show	\$6,810.00	(\$3,883.00)	\$2,927.00	\$844.00	20
3/23/2025	Amateur Boxing Show	\$4,336.00	(\$4,013.97)	\$322.03	\$1,180.00	20
3/29/2025	UBA Boxing Show	\$6,520.00	(\$7,123.04)	(\$603.04)	\$1,300.00	20
3/30/2025	Bridgetown Showdown	\$4,750.00	(\$6,105.00)	(\$1,355.00)	\$950.00	20
Total		\$124,806.09	(\$136,938.66)	(\$12,132.57)	\$27,519.08	497



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California Border

Date	Title	Revenue	Expenses	Net Revenue	EMS Cost	No. of Bouts
1/18/2025	January Jump-off 2	\$6,160.00	(\$2,708.00)	\$3,452.00	\$1,125.00	18
2/8/2025	Any Body Can	\$2,405.00	(\$1,784.41)	\$620.59	\$500.00	15
3/8/2025	District Golden Gloves	\$9,186.00	(\$4,807.00)	\$4,379.00	\$1,400.00	30
3/16/2025	War in the Valley	\$3,380.00	(\$3,555.00)	(\$175.00)	\$900.00	15
3/22/2025	Shrine Promotions	\$6,291.00	(\$7,823.86)	(\$1,532.86)	\$0.00	25
3/29/2025	Honor and Glory	\$4,685.00	(\$4,585.00)	\$100.00	\$800.00	25
3/30/2025	Mando's Boxing Show	\$1,000.00	(\$1,355.00)	(\$355.00)	\$0.00	15
Total		\$33,107.00	(\$26,618.27)	\$6,488.73	\$4,725.00	143



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May 20, 2025

Subject Quarterly Report
March 3, 2025- May 20, 2025

USFL Events since last CSAC meeting

4/27/2025 U.S. 2025 Nation Championship/IMMAF world team selection
La Costa High School 1 Maverick Way, Carlsbad, Ca.

Injury Report on 277 Matches

Dizziness from mat return, 17 years of age, Cleared by Dr.

Dizziness from grappling, 14 years of age, Cleared by Dr.

Low Blow, 14 years of age, Cleared by Dr.

Dizziness from grappling, 17 years of age, Cleared by Dr.

L arm hyperextension arm bar, 14 years of age, Cleared by Dr.

Head butt during Takedown, 10 years of age, Cleared by Dr.

Abdominal pain from strikes, 17 years of age, Cleared by Dr.

IMMAF has passed the 2nd stage of the SportAccord Membership acceptance to be recognized by the IOC, as the Amateur MMA Body for them

The USFL would like to ask for the commission to consider on an ambulance waiver for all events that are within 30 minuets of a Hospital with under a 15 minuets ambulance response time. This will allow for the athletes to fall in the Golden hour of advanced life support. We have had 5,316 athlete exposures with no serious injuries to date documented by a medical doctor since 2014

Upcoming Events

King of the Cage

5/31/25 – San Manuel Stadium 280 S. E Street San Bernardino

IMMAF World Championships

7/20-28/25 – Al Ain region of Abu Dhabi

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IKF CALIFORNIA 2025 2nd QUARTER REPORT FOR THE CSAC

February 25th, 2025 to May 21, 2025

Since the IKF's last CSAC report, the IKF has regulated / sanctioned 5 Amateur Muay Thai / Kickboxing Events in the State of California. Here are the event details of those 5 Events:

<u>MONTH OF EVENTS</u>	<u>BOUTS</u>	<u>DECISIONS</u>	<u>ENDED IN KO/TKO</u>	<u>MEDICAL SUSPENSIONS</u>	<u>EVENT LOCATION</u>	<u>PROMOTION NAME</u>
<u>*2 APR 2025 EVENTS</u>						
Apr. 5th - Los Angeles, CA	-17-	-14-	-3-	-3-	SoCal	Warriors Pride
Apr. 12th - Santa Clara, CA	-13-	-11-	-2-	-2-	Central	EVO Expo
APR TOTALS:	-30-	-25-	-5-	-5-	1 SC, 1 C	

***3 MAY 2025 EVENTS**

May 3rd - Sacramento, CA	-16-	-14-	-2-	-2-	NorCal	Rising Stars
May 10th - Los Angeles, CA	-9-	-9-	-0-	-0-	SoCal	Cali Kids
May 10th - Los Angeles, CA	-17-	-13-	-4-	-8-	SoCal	Cali Muay Thai
MAY TOTALS:	-42-	-36-	-6-	-10-	2 SC, 1 NC	

OVERALL TOTALS:	-72-	-61-	-11-	-15-	3 SC, 1 NC 1C
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- ◆ Of ALL 72 Bouts, (144 fighters) the IKF Physicians issued 15 Medical Suspensions.
- ◆ Of these suspensions, 10 were 45 days, 2 were 60 days (lacerations,) and 3 were 180 days (fractures).

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 413 events / regulated a total of 420 Amateur Kickboxing and or Muay Thai events as of May 21, 2025.

IKF UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

May 31	Legion Sports Expo	Reno, Nevada	Muay Thai Purist
June 8	IKF Referee Training	Chino, California	IKF
June 27	Intl Fight Showdown	Ontario, California	IFS
June 28	NAK Muay Challenge	Stockton, California	All Out Promotions
July 12	Rising Stars 11	Sacramento, California	Rising Stars Muay Thai
July 12	Cali Muay Thai 57	Los Angeles, California	Cali Muay Thai
July 18-20	IKF World Classic	Las Vegas, Nevada	Muay Thai Purist

END OF IKF 2025 2nd QUARTER REPORT

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USA Kickboxing

Quarterly Report March – May 2025

Date: May 21, 2025

Presented by: WAKO USA Kickboxing

This report is designed to share valuable insights with the public and governing authorities about our progress, safety measures, concerns, and aspirations in kickboxing as overseen by WAKO USA Kickboxing in California under the auspices of the California State Athletic Commission.

Contents Include:

- Event Outcomes
- Financial Performance & Memberships
- Community Engagement & Training
- Future Events Calendar & Goals

Events and Achievements:

In this quarter alone, we successfully hosted six events across California from March 1 to May 31, featuring a total of **45 bouts**, which comprised **147 rounds**. We are pleased to report that there were no significant injuries requiring transportation; however, there were 15 suspensions due to TKO or referee stoppage.

Events and Outcomes – March 2025 - May 2025:

6 Total Events in California, 45 Bouts Total: 147 Rounds with 15 Suspensions due to TKO/Referee Stoppage, with no major injuries of heightened concern nor transport.

- **March 15, 2025 -Hawaiian Gardens, CA. WAKO USA Kickboxing, Hosted by Roy Englebrecht – SOCA Fights**
 - 8 Bouts - 0 Injuries - 1 Suspension
 - The following fighters have been issued a 30 day no training and 45 day no competition:
 - *Jose Gonzalez – KO 30/45 suspension until 4-29-25*
 - Decisions: 4 Unanimous, 3 Split, 1 by KO.
- **April 12, 2025 – Long Beach, CA. – Dennis Warner – WCK-In Sync Promotion Pro/Am**
 - 7 Bouts - 0 Injuries - 4 Suspensions
 - The following fighters have been issued a 30 day no training and 45 day no competition:
 - *Jefrey Ambuniz – KO 30/45 suspension until 5-12-25*
 - *Lars Hanson – KO 30/45 suspension until 5-12-25*
 - *Elias Tolendano – TKO 30/45 suspension until 5-12-25 (Must be cleared by*

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- MRI prior to resuming combat competition per Dr.)
 - *Cy Hanson – KO 30/45 suspension until 5-12-25*
 - Decisions: 3 Unanimous, 4 by KO/TKO referee stoppage
- **April 26, 2025 – San Diego, CA. – Dennis Warner – WCK-In Sync Promotion**
 - 13 Bouts - 0 Injuries - 4 Suspensions
 - The following fighters have been issued a 30 day no training and 45 day no competition:
 - *Victoriano Aguire III – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-10-25*
 - *Nick Principe – KO 30/45 suspension until 6-10-25*
 - *Norberto Flores – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-10-25*
 - *Amor Valentine – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-10-25*
 - Decisions: 7 Unanimous, 1 Split, 1 Draw, 4 by KO/TKO referee stoppage.
- **April 26, 2025 – Fresno, CA. – Jr. Correa – PAK**
 - 10 Bouts - 0 Injuries
 - Decisions: 8 Unanimous, 2 Split
- **May 3, 2025 – Long Beach, CA. – Dennis Warner – WCK-In Sync Promotion**
 - 10 Bouts - 0 Injuries - 2 Suspensions
 - The following fighters have been issued a 30 day no training and 45 day no competition:
 - *Giovanni Shelby – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-17-25*
 - *Aaron Fausett – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-17-25*
 - Decisions: 6 Unanimous, 2 by KO/TKO referee stoppage, 1 Majority, 1 No Contest
- **May 10, 2025 – Vacaville, CA. – Vince McAllister – By Faith Promotion**
 - 7 Bouts - 0 Injuries - 4 Suspensions
 - The following fighters have been issued a 30 day no training and 45 day no competition:
 - *Julian Urena – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-24-25*
 - *Kevin Rios – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-24-25*
 - *Aurthur Hernandez – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-24-25*
 - *Eamon Kelsey – TKO 30/45 suspension until 6-24-25*
 - Decisions: 2 Unanimous, 1 Split, 4 by KO/TKO referee stoppage

Financial Performance:

WAKO USA Kickboxing operates within all recommended financial ranges. Taxes are prepared accordingly as a Non-Profit Organization.

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Training and Development:

Training and development of new and seasoned ring officials continues to be the focal point of WAKO USA Kickboxing worldwide. 32 additional officials have been certified and continue their growth as officials in all capacities across California by actively participating in live events. The next scheduled training event will be July 12, 2025. All officials are extended the opportunity to work at events locally, nationally and internationally as they work towards their Class A Certification as Referees, Judges, Timekeepers and Inspectors.

Outlook and Goals:

The ongoing objective is continuous training for new and seasoned officials in all capacities throughout California and to grow the fan base of the California fighters worldwide.

Next Quarter of Upcoming Events:

- **June 14, 2025 - Hawaiian Gardens, CA. SOCA Fights**
- **June 21, 2025 - Burbank, CA. InSync Production**
- **July 19, 2025 - Long Beach, CA. InSync Production**
- **July 19, 2025 - Vacaville, CA. By Faith Production**
- **July 26, 2025 - Oakland, CA. Legends**

We always make ourselves available to anyone that may have further interest, questions, or concerns regarding the sport as a fighter, coach, promoter or fan. We take pride in consistency, safety, and service to our community at WAKO - USA Kickboxing. [Home - WAKO USA Kickboxing](http://www.wakousa.org).

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ISKA CALIFORNIA

CSAC Quarterly Report Summary March 21, 2025 - May 21, 2025

Date: May 21, 2025

This report outlines the progress, safety concerns, and future goals for Kickboxing & Muay Thai sanctioned and regulated by ISKA in California.

Event Outcomes:

Total Bouts: 52

Rounds: 156

Suspensions: 11

Major Injuries: None reported

Notable Events:

April 13, 2025 – Long Beach, CA: Royal Combat Promotions

16 bouts, 5 suspensions (5 TKO by Ref Stoppage)

Medical suspensions ranged from 30 to 45 days

April 26, 2025 - Oakland, CA: Legends Muay Thai

20 bouts, 4 suspensions (3 TKO by Ref Stoppage, 1 possible concussion)

Medical suspensions ranged from 30 to 45 days

April 27, 2025 – Thai Town Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA.

8 Bouts, 1 suspension (1 TKO Ref stoppage)

Medical suspension 45 days

May 17, 2025 – San Jose, CA. Fight Night at the Tech Pro/AM

4 Bouts, 1 suspension (1 TKO Ref stoppage)

Medical suspension 45 days

Scheduled Events

- May 24th New Money Fight Club in Sunnyvale, CA.
- June 7th Royal Combat in Long Beach, CA,
- June 28th West Coast Promotions in San Jose, CA.
- July 29th Legends Promotions in Oakland, CA.
- August 16th Royal Combat Promotions in Long Beach, CA.

Financial Performance:

ISKA operates within recommended financial ranges.

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Community Engagement:

Opportunities for participation in regional, national, and international competitions ongoing. Newly developed relationships with both seasoned and new California based promoters with approximately 10 events on calendar for the remainder of 2025.

Training and Development:

Continuing education for officials is a priority. Training for Inspectors, judges and referees was hosted by Dan Stell on April 5-6, 2025 in Central California. Every effort is made to “cross train” officials to allow for versatility and larger opportunities for participation in all events. We intend to also work with CAMO to cross train officials for Muay Thai and Kickboxing in order to make interdisciplinary and Pro/Am events more viable for promoters.

ISKA President, Cory Schafer is a member of the ABC Unified Rules for Muay Thai Committee that has now completing the judges training manual. Once completed this will provide another framework for Muay Thai Officials continuing education in California.

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Upcoming Event Schedule



CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

2025 EVENT SCHEDULE



EVENT NUMBER	EVENT DATE&TIME	WEIGH-IN INFORMATION	EVENT VENUE	PROMOTER	TYPE OF EVENT	BROADCAST	CSAC CONTACT
5039	6/7/2025	6/6/2025	SOBOBA CASINO 22777 Soboba Rd San Jacinto	DMG Promotions House of Pain	BOXING		Monique
5027	6/12/2025	6/11/2025	CHICKEN RANCH CASINO 10929 Chicken Ranch Rd Jamestown, CA	G-Squad	BOXING		Monique
5050	6/14/2025	6/13/2025	WESTIN BONAVENTURE HOTEL 404 South Figueroa St Los Angeles, CA	All Star	BOXING		Claudia
5019	6/14/2025	6/13/2025	THUNDER STUDIOS 20434 S Santa Fe Ave Long Beach, CA	LXF	MMA		Claudia
4941	6/14/2025	6/13/2025	EAGLE MOUNTAIN CASINO 1850 West Street Porterville, CA	559 Fights	MMA	MyTV 53	Lee
4905	6/19/2025	6/18/2025	THE HANGAR AT OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER 88 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626	SOCA Fights	BOXING/MMA	Triller.TV	Sean
5052	6/20/2025	6/19/2025	THUNDER STUDIOS 20434 S Santa Fe Ave Long Beach, CA	Paco Presents	BOXING	DAZN	Lee
4939	6/20/2025	6/19/2025	CHUMASH CASINO 3400 E Highway 246 Santa Ynez, CA	Firepower	MMA	UFC Fight Pass	Lee
5064	6/21/2025	6/20/2025	BURBANK MARRIOTT 2500 N. Hollywood Way Burbank, CA	In Sync	Muay Thai		Monique
4985	6/21/2025	6/20/2025	CHUMASH CASINO 3400 E Highway 246 Santa Ynez, CA	360 Promotions	BOXING	UFC Fight Pass	Claudia

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5037	6/28/2025	6/27/2025	HONDA CENTER 2695 E Katella Ave Anaheim, CA	Golden Boy	BOXING	DAZN	Lee
5011	7/12/2025	7/11/2025	BISHOP MORA SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM 960 S Soto St Los Angeles	Elite Boxing	BOXING		Monique
5043	7/17/2025	7/16/2025	CHICKEN RANCH CASINO 10929 Chicken Ranch Rd Jamestown, CA	Toscano Boxing	BOXING		Monique
4975	7/18/2025	7/17/2025	PECHANGA RESORT 45000 Pechanga Way Temecula, CA	Christy Martin Promotions	BOXING	Triller.TV	Claudia
5054	7/19/2025	7/18/2025	SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE 900 Otay Lake Road Chula Vista, CA	JAB Promotions	Boxing		Lee
5056	7/24/2025	7/23/2025	FANTASY SPRINGS CASINO 84-245 Indio Springs Pkwy Indio, CA	Golden Boy	BOXING	DAZN	Lee
5029	7/26/2025	7/25/2025	TACHI PALACE 17225 Jersey Ave Lemoore, CA	LFA	MMA	UFC Fight Pass	Claudia
5041	8/2/2025	8/1/2025	SOBOBA CASINO 22777 Soboba Rd San Jacinto	DMG Promotions House of Pain	BOXING		Monique
5046	8/16/2025	8/15/2025	BREN EVENTS CENTER 100 Mesa Rd Irvine, CA	United Fight League	MMA	Vice TV	Lee
5060	8/16/2025	8/15/2025	KEZAR PAVILLON 775 Stanyan St San Francisco, CA 94117	Dragon House	MMA		Monique
5015	8/22/2025	8/21/2025	VENTURA COUNTY EVENT CENTER 10 E Harbor Blvd Ventura, CA	LFA	MMA	UFC Fight Pass	Claudia
4907	8/28/2025	8/27/2025	THE HANGAR AT OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER 88 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626	SOCA Fights	BOXING/MMA	Triller.TV	Sean
5058	9/6/2025	9/5/2025	THUNDER VALLEY CASINO 1200 Athens Ave Lincoln, CA	Uppercut	BOXING		Lee

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5047	9/13/2025	9/12/2025	SANTA LUCIA RANCH 14729 Santa Lucia Ranch Los Banos, CA	Red Boxing	BOXING		Monique
4909	10/9/2025	10/8/2025	THE HANGAR AT OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER 88 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626	SOCA Fights	BOXING/MMA	Triller.TV	Sean
4911	10/23/2025	10/22/2025	THE HANGAR AT OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER 88 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626	SOCA Fights	BOXING/MMA	Triller.TV	Sean
5062	11/8/2025	11/7/2025	KEZAR PAVILLON 775 Stanyan St San Francisco, CA 94117	Dragon House	MMA		Monique
4913	12/11/2025	12/10/2025	THE HANGAR AT OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER 88 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626	SOCA Fights	BOXING/MMA	Triller.TV	Sean