

Annual List of Rulemaking Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019
Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5

Agency name: Combat Sports Authority of Maine
Umbrella-Unit: 99-650
Statutory authority: 8 MRS §523
Chapter number/title: Part I: Mixed Martial Arts: Ch. 1 to 11
Filing number: 2019-231 to 241
Effective date: 12/16/2019
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Authority has determined that amendments to these routine technical rules are necessary to correct certain errors, ambiguities, and omissions; to ensure internal consistency; and, to ensure compliance with current governing law and generally accepted practices. The amendments strengthen requirements for certification of fighters and promoters, procedures for medical assessments of fighters, and regulation of fighters' use of performance-enhancing and other prohibited substances. This rulemaking does not include changes to any fees due for certification of participants.

Basis statement:

These rules repeal and replace present texts, correct errors, clarify terminology, and provide greater guidance to authorized participants as to permissible activities. The Authority's experience to date revealed the necessity to address more comprehensively concerns including regulation of the use of prohibited substances by competitors and pre- and post-fight medical checks for fighters. The Authority will enforce the rules through certification, i.e., the licensing process, and maintenance of a presence at events.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None.

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Umbrella-Unit: **99-650**
Statutory authority: 8 MRS §523
Chapter number/title: **Part II: Boxing: Ch. 1 to 12**
Filing number: **2019-258 to 269**
Effective date: 12/25/2019
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Authority has determined that amendments to these routine technical rules are necessary to correct certain errors, ambiguities, and omissions; to ensure internal consistency; and, to ensure compliance with current governing law and generally accepted practices. The amendments strengthen requirements for certification of fighters and promoters, procedures for medical assessments of fighters, and regulation of fighters' use of performance-enhancing and other prohibited substances. The rules make bonding requirements for boxing promoters identical to those for missed martial arts promoters. This rulemaking does not include changes to any fees due for certification of participants.

Basis statement:

These routine technical rules repeal and replace present texts, correct errors, clarify terminology, and provide greater guidance to authorized boxing participants. They add requirements resulting from the Authority's experience to date, which has revealed the necessity to address more comprehensively concerns including regulation of the use of prohibited substances by competitors and pre- and post-fight medical checks for fighters. The Authority will enforce the rules through certification, i.e., the licensing process, and maintenance of a presence at events.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None.