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COMMISSION PROCEDURE  
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INTERNAL PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF PROPOSED CONTESTS

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Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs §0145-01-.04(4) provides:

If the Commission's administrator determines (on the basis of available information) that a proposed contest would not be reasonably and fairly competitive, the administrator shall so advise the promoter within five (5) business days after receipt of the application submitted in accordance with this rule. Unless the administrator is offered evidence or argument which causes him or her to reverse that determination, such contest shall not be held in this state and any permit issued for a program of multiple unarmed combat contests shall not include the same. The applicant may appeal the administrator's decision to the Commission.

In determining whether or not a proposed contest would be reasonably and fairly competitive, in addition to any other information that the Administrator may reasonably consider, the Administrator may use the following system to assign points to each combatant in a contest and may consider factors including large score differentials between fighters as well as high individual scores in determining whether or not to allow a fight to proceed. As provided in the rule, above, an applicant may appeal the administrator's decision to the Commission and the Administrator maintains the authority to determine whether a proposed contest is reasonably and fairly competitive notwithstanding the score of any fighter or the differential between two fighters if, in the Administrator's discretion, the Administrator decides that the fight is otherwise reasonably and fairly competitive based on the individual facts and circumstances of that contest.

Under this system, points are assigned as follows:

Criteria 1: Activity

- If the fighter has 0 or 1 fights in the last 2 years then they receive 1 point
- If the fighter has fought more than once in the last 2 years then they receive 0 points

Criteria 2: Recent Record

- If the fighter has lost 5 in a row they receive 2 points
- If the fighter has lost 3 of the last 4 they receive 1 point
- If the fighter has won 3 or the last 4 they receive -1 point

Criteria 3: KO or TKO

- If the fighter has been KO'd or TKO'd more than 4 times in the last 2 years they receive 3 points
- If the fighter has been KO'd or TKO'd between 1 and 3 times in the last two years they receive 2 points
- If the fighter was KO'd or TKO'd in their last fight they receive 1 point


Criteria 4: Age

- If the fighter is over 44 they receive 3 points
- If the fighter is over 35 they receive 2 points

Criteria 5: Ring Age

- If the fighter has over 500 rounds in their professional career they receive 1 point
- If the fighter has been a professional for more than 5 years they receive 1 point

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION December 5, 2016.

  
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Chair, Tennessee Athletic Commission