

OSAC Requirements for Referee's and Judges

The Oklahoma State Athletic Commission (OSAC) policy for the licensing and assigning of referee's and judges to events regulated by the Commission are contained within this policy memorandum. The Commission considers many factors in the assignment of ring officials to events. Technical knowledge of the type of combative sport being officiated, past success, past failures, and attitude are just a few of the factors that are taken into consideration. We are all human and we will error. The frequency of the errors is what determines if you have the capability to be a ring official. Just like everyone does not possess the skills to pilot an aircraft, everyone does not have the ability to be a combative sports referee or judge. Officiating at an event sanctioned by the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission is a privilege, not a right.

Professional Boxing & MMA Referee:

1. Must be able to confirm past ring experience.
2. Must attend and provide proof of attendance at a referee training course that is recognized by the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) a minimum of once every 3 years.
3. Cannot be under suspension from any North American Athletic Commission
4. Must be licensed by The Oklahoma State Athletic Commission
5. Must be able to score 100% on test administered by the OSAC. The test challenges the officials knowledge of the rules of the OSAC and the Unified Championship rules as set forth by the ABC.
6. Must be in good health and physical condition as determined by the Commission
7. Must take and pass a drug screening test.
8. Must provide eye examination on a yearly basis
9. Must not be affiliated or train with any fighter, promoter, matchmaker or coach who's fighter you are to officiate. (Due to the newness of the sport and the shortage of qualified mma officials some of these requirement can be waived by the Commission for mma on a case by case basis) Once the Commission determines a sufficient number of mma officials are trained and available, this criteria will be enforced.
10. Must not be an active boxer or fighter within the calendar year of application

New Professional Boxing & MMA Referee: In addition to criteria above;

1. Submit a copy of your training and experience as well as a statement in regard to why you want to be a ring official.
2. Conduct a personal interview with the Commission
3. Must attend and successfully complete an initial referee training seminar recognized by the ABC.
4. Be able to provide proof of at least 2 years experience refereeing in the amateur ranks or 2 years experience refereeing sparring sessions in a credible gym.

5. Must attend and shadow a Commission referee at 5 events as directed by the Commission. The Commission may require more shadow refereeing if the 5 events do not have a considerable number of difficult rounds that require skill and knowledge of handling situational issues inside the ring and explanation of rulings.

Professional Boxing & MMA Judge:

1. Must be able to confirm past judging experience.
2. Must attend and provide proof of attendance at a judges training course that is recognized by the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) a minimum of once every 3 years.
3. Cannot be under suspension from any North American Athletic Commission
4. Must be licensed by The Oklahoma State Athletic Commission
5. Must be able to score 100% on test administered by the OSAC. The test challenges the officials knowledge of the rules of the OSAC and the Unified Championship rules as set forth by the ABC.
6. Must be in good health and physical condition as determined by the Commission
7. Must take and pass a drug screening test.
8. Must provide eye examination on a yearly basis
9. Must not be an active boxer or fighter within the past calendar year of application
10. Must not be affiliated or train with any fighter, promoter, matchmaker or coach who's fighter you are to officiate. (Due to the newness of the sport and the shortage of qualified mma officials some of these requirement can be waived by the Commission for mma on a case by case basis) Once the Commission determines a sufficient number of mma officials are trained and available, this criteria will be enforced.

New Professional Boxing & MMA Judge: In addition to criteria above;

1. Submit a copy of your training and experience as well as a statement in regard to why you want to be a ring official.
2. Conduct a personal interview with the Commission
3. Must attend and successfully complete an initial judges training seminar recognized by the ABC.
4. Be able to provide proof of at least 2 years experience judging the amateur ranks or 2 years experience judging in another state.
5. Must attend and shadow judge at 5 events as directed by the Commission. The Commission may require more shadow judging if the 5 events do not have a considerable number of rounds that require skill and knowledge to judge, or if your scoring of the rounds consistently differ from the assigned judges.