

Initial Rule Impact Statement

TITLE 92. OKLAHOMA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION CHAPTER 1. GENERAL AGENCY RULES SUBCHAPTER 7. RULEMAKING PROCEDURES

Proposed Rule: 92: 1-7-6

1. Purpose of the Proposed Rule

The proposed new rule ensures compliance with the Unified Rules established by the ABC used nationwide. It includes the regulation of a new combat sport bare-knuckle fighting, as well as other combative sports already regulated with the Unified Rules such as boxing, mixed martial arts, kickboxing, muay thai. Adopting these rules promotes consistency, fairness, and safety across all regulated combat sports contests and exhibitions nationwide.

2. Affected Classes of Persons

- **Those bearing costs:**
 - Promoters of combative sports events who must ensure compliance with the Unified Rules.
 - Participants (fighters) who may need to adhere to new or revised requirements.
- **Those benefiting from the rule:**
 - Fighters, promoters, and event organizers who gain a clear, standardized regulatory framework and fighters, promoters, and event organizers wanting to participate in bare knuckle fighting.

3. Economic Impact

- **On Affected Classes:**
 - The proposed permanent rules are not expected to have an economic impact, cost of compliance, or fee changes.
- **On State Revenues:**
 - With the ability to sanction and regulate Bare Knuckle Fighting the commission anticipates attracting new promoters leading to an increase in event permitting, combat practitioner licensing and event assessment fee's offsetting administration fees.

4. Costs and Benefits

- **To the Agency:**
 - No costs are associated with disseminating the Unified Rules, as they are available electronically for free.
 - Benefits include streamlined enforcement and consistency in regulatory oversight.

- **To Other Agencies:**
 - There is not expected to be an impact on other agencies.

5. Impact on Political Subdivisions

There is not expected to be an impact on political subdivisions.

6. Small Business Considerations

There are no expected adverse effects on small businesses.

7. Minimizing Compliance Costs

The Commission has minimized compliance costs by adopting widely recognized standards (Unified Rules) and providing these rules for free electronically.

8. Public Health, Safety, and Environment

- **Positive Impacts:**
 - The rule enhances the safety of participants by mandating adherence to established, proven safety guidelines within the ABC Unified Rules.
- **Risk Reduction:**
 - By regulating bare-knuckle fighting, the unified rules reduce risks associated with unregulated events.
- **Detrimental Effects if Not Implemented:**
 - Without this rule, combative sports events may face unsanctioned events which potentially increasing the risk of injuries.

9. Preparation and Modification Dates:

This rule impact statement was prepared on December 2nd, 2024.