

**TITLE 15      GAMBLING AND LIQUOR CONTROL**  
**CHAPTER 6    BOXING, WRESTLING, AND MARTIAL ARTS**  
**PART 6        THE OFFICIALS**

**15.6.6.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Athletic Commission.  
[15.6.6.1 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002]

**15.6.6.2        SCOPE:** The provisions in Part 6 apply to all licensees of the commission.  
[15.6.6.2 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002]

**15.6.6.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Part 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 is promulgated pursuant to the Professional Athletic Competition Act, Sections 60-2A-1 through 60-2A-30, NMSA 1978 (1980 Repl. Pam.).  
[15.6.6.3 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002]

**15.6.6.4        DURATION:** Permanent.  
[15.6.6.4 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002]

**15.6.6.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 23, 2002, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[15.6.6.5 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002]

**15.6.6.6        OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 6 of Chapter 6 is to set forth notify all commission licensees of the duties of the ring officials.  
[15.6.6.6 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002]

**15.6.6.7        DEFINITIONS: “Officials”** ~~[refers to the event referees, announcers, timekeepers, and judges.]~~  
Means any individual licensed by the Commission to perform duties at a sanctioned unarmed combat event, including but not limited to referees, judges, timekeepers, and announcers. The term also includes any other person designated or approved by the Commission to perform official functions or assume a position of authority during an event. [15.6.6.7 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; A, 08/26/2012; A, XX/XX/XXXX]

**15.6.6.8        ~~[REFEREES AND JUDGES ARE ASSIGNED]~~ OFFICIALS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:**

**A.        Commission assigns officials for bouts and exhibitions:** ~~[The]~~ Upon submission of event permit application, the commission shall ~~[assign]~~ review and approve list of event coordinators, deputy inspectors, physicians, timekeeper, referees and judges to each professional unarmed combat, bout, program, match, or exhibition conducted by a licensed promoter in New Mexico.

(1) In making assignments, the Commission will consider an official’s past performance, safety record, experience, knowledge, and judgement. The assignment of officials will be made at the will of, and in the sole discretion of, the Commission.

(2) Licensure does not guarantee that the Commission will assign a licensed individual as an official.

(3) All officials shall execute an acknowledgement and signing Code of Conduct form affirming that they have read, understand, and agree to adhere to, comply with, and be bound by the NMAC Code of Conduct.

**B.        Officials paid by promoter:** All officials assigned and directed by the commission to be in attendance at any event, bout, program, match, or exhibition shall be paid by the licensed promoter for the event in accordance with the fee schedule furnished by the commission to the promoter. Official fees may be reviewed and amended annually at the discretion of the commission, including adjustments based on changes in the cost of living.

**C.        Number and substitution of officials:** The number of officials required to be in attendance, or the substitution of officials for any reason or at any time during the event, bout, program, match, or exhibition, shall be solely within the power and discretion of the commission. Once the commission has approved number of bouts on the event permit, the following number of officials and fees will apply:

(1) Eight bouts or less: one physician, two referees, three judges, one timekeeper, minimum of eight deputy inspectors

(2) Nine to fourteen bouts: one physician, three referees, four judges, one timekeeper, minimum of ten deputy inspectors

(3) Fifteen to twenty-four bouts: two physicians, three referees, four judges, one timekeeper,

minimum of ten to twelve deputy inspectors.

[15.6.6.8 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; A, 08/26/2012; A, 01/15/2015; A, XX/XX/XXXX]

**15.6.6.9 [RESERVED] OFFICIALS FEE SCHEDULE**

**A.** Event officials fees are set as follows:

Under eight bouts within 148 miles round trip

- (1) referee: \$215.00
- (2) judge: \$165.00
- (3) timekeeper: \$140.00
- (4) deputy inspector: \$140.00
- (5) ringside physician: \$465.00
- (6) event coordinator: \$315.00

Nine to fourteen bouts within 148 miles round trip

- (1) referee: \$250.00
- (2) judge: \$200.00
- (3) timekeeper: \$175.00
- (4) deputy inspector: \$175.00
- (5) ringside physician: \$480.00
- (6) event coordinator: \$350.00

Fifteen to twenty-four bouts within 148 miles round trip

- (1) referee: \$265.00
- (2) judge: \$215.00
- (3) timekeeper: \$190.00
- (4) deputy inspector: \$190.00
- (5) ringside physician: \$515.00
- (6) event coordinator: \$365.00

Under eight bouts for 149 miles or more round trip

- (1) referee: \$360.00
- (2) judge: \$310.00
- (3) timekeeper: \$285.00
- (4) deputy inspector: \$285.00
- (5) ringside physician: \$610.00
- (6) event coordinator: \$460.00

Nine to fourteen bouts for 149 miles or more round trip

- (1) referee: \$395.00
- (2) judge: \$345.00
- (3) timekeeper: \$320.00
- (4) deputy inspector: \$320.00
- (5) ringside physician: \$645.00
- (6) event coordinator: \$495.00

Fifteen to twenty-four bouts for 149 miles or more round trip

- (1) referee: \$410.00
- (2) judge: \$360.00
- (3) timekeeper: \$335.00
- (4) deputy inspector: \$335.00
- (5) ringside physician: \$660.00
- (6) event coordinator: \$510.00

[15.6.6.9 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002, A, XX/XX/XXXX]

**15.6.6.10 THE UNARMED COMBAT REFEREE:**

**A. License required:**

(1) No person shall act as a referee in a match held in New Mexico without first having obtained a referee license.

(2) A referee must be licensed by the commission before he will be permitted, assigned, or directed by the commission to assume the duties and powers of a referee.

(3) A referee shall also not be licensed as a promoter, matchmaker, unarmed combatant, representative of a promoter, second, or trainer.

(4) No referee shall have a financial or pecuniary interest in any participant.

**B. Duties and powers:** The unarmed combatant referee shall have the following duties and powers:

(1) Inspecting the ring cage or fighting area per 15.6.7 NMAC.

(2) To instruct the contestants.

(3) To inspect each unarmed combatant gloves and make sure that no foreign, harmful, or detrimental substances have been applied to either the gloves or to the bodies of the boxers.

(4) To stop a bout or contest at any stage on the grounds that it is too one-sided. In such an event, the referee may award the bout to the superior contestant as a technical knockout.

(5) To stop a bout or contest at any stage if he determines that one or both of the unarmed combatant are not competing in earnest. In such an event, the referee may disqualify one or both of the contestants. If only one contestant is disqualified, the referee may award the bout as a technical knockout to the other contestant.

(6) To stop a bout or contest at any stage on account of a major foul being committed by either contestant. In such an event, in a boxing contest the referee may award the decision to the boxer who was fouled.

(7) If, during the course in a match, the referee receives an injury or is unable to continue acting in the capacity as referee, the commission representative shall:

(a) Select another qualified person to act as referee for the remainder of the match and program of matches; or

(b) If no qualified person is available, cancel the remainder of the match and program of matches.

(8) Enforce discipline and the rules, as set forth herein, pertaining to the conduct and behavior of participants, manager, trainers, and seconds.

[15.6.6.10 NMAC – N, 03/23/2002 ; A, 08/26/2012 ; A, XX/XX/XXXX]

#### **15.6.6.11 [RESERVED] THE JUDGE:**

##### **A. License required:**

(1) No person shall act as a judge in a match held in New Mexico without first having obtained judge license.

(2) A judge shall not also be licensed as a promoter, matchmaker, participant, representative of promoter, second, or trainer.

(3) No judge shall have a financial or pecuniary interest in any unarmed combatant.

##### **B. Duties:**

(1) Be fully informed of and conversant with the rules, regulations, standards, guidelines and policies of NMAC and ABC Boxing.

(2) Observe carefully at all times during the match the performance of the participants.

(3) Appraise such performance fairly, accurately and professionally in accordance with the ABC Boxing Rules and Guidelines.

(4) Record the results of each appraisal after every round on the round score card in accordance with the ABC Boxing scoring criteria.

(5) Complete and sign the round card and deliver it to the referee at the conclusion of each round.

[15.6.6.11 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; N, XX/XX/XXXX]

#### **15.6.6.12 [RESERVED]**

[15.6.6.12 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002]

#### **15.6.6.13 THE ANNOUNCER:**

**A. License required:** An announcer must be licensed by the commission before he will be permitted by the commission to assume the duties of an announcer. Unlicensed persons may not be employed by the promoter to act as the announcer for an event being conducted by the promoter.

**B. Introductions:** Only introductions approved by the commission shall be made from the ring, cage or fighting area. Announcing from the ring, cage or fighting area the names of any persons not connected with the sport, without prior consent from the commission or its delegated representative, is forbidden.

**C. Announcing the contestants:** After the announcer completes the introductions, he shall announce the name of each contestant and his correct weight, along with any other announcements that he is directed by the commission to announce.

[15.6.6.13 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; A, 08/26/2012]

#### **15.6.6.14 THE TIMEKEEPER:**

**A. License required:** A timekeeper must be licensed by the commission before ~~[he will be]~~ being permitted by the commission to assume the duties of a timekeeper. Unlicensed persons may not be employed by the promoter to act as timekeepers for an event being conducted by the promoter.

**B. Location of the timekeeper:** The timekeeper must sit outside the ring, cage or fighting area and close to the gong.

**C. Tools of the timekeeper:** Each timekeeper must have either a whistle or a gong and a stopwatch, which must be submitted for approval by the commission representative in attendance at the unarmed combat event.

**D. Knockout protocol:** In the event that a bout terminates by a knockout during any round, the timekeeper shall inform the announcer of the exact duration of the round.

**E. Ten-second signals required:** The timekeeper shall signal 10 seconds prior to the beginning of any round. At such signal, all seconds must leave the inside of the ring, cage or fighting area and all stools and equipment must be removed from the ring, cage or fighting area. The timekeeper must not signal during the progress of a round except to indicate that only 10 seconds remain in the round.

**F. Signal end of round:** The timekeeper must use the appropriate ~~[time keeper]~~ timekeeper signal to indicate the ending of each round.

[15.6.6.14 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; A, 08/26/2012; A, XX/XX/XXXX]

#### **HISTORY of 15.6.6 NMAC:**

##### **Pre-NMAC History:**

Material in the part was derived from that previously filed with the commission of public records - state records center and archives:

NMAC 80-6, The Ring Officials, filed 9/24/1980.

NMAC Rule 92-8, The Ring Officials, filed 8/17/1992.

##### **History of Repealed Material:**

NMAC Rule 92-8 (aka 15 NMAC 6.6), The Ring Officials, filed 8/17/1992; repealed effective 03/23/2002.

##### **Other History:**

NMAC Rule 92-8 was recompiled into the first version of the New Mexico Administrative Code as 15 NMAC 6.6 and named The Ring Officials.

15.6.6 NMAC, The Ring Officials, replaced 15 NMAC 6, The Ring Officials, effective 03/23/2002.