

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND BOARD MEETING

The New Mexico Athletic Commission and Regulation and Licensing Department will hold a rule hearing on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following the rule hearing, the Board will convene a regular board meeting to consider adoption of rules and take care of regular business. The hearing and board meeting will be held at the Regulation and Licensing Department, located at 5500 San Antonio Dr., Albuquerque, NM in the Sandia Conference Room.

The hearing and subsequent New Mexico Athletic Commission meeting may also be accessed virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting Link: TEAMS MEETING LINK

Meeting ID: 242 053 573 991 534

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The purpose of the hearing rule is to consider the initiation of the rule making for the following rules:

- Rule 15.6.1 NMAC – General Provisions
- Rule 15.6.2 NMAC – Contracts
- Rule 15.6.4 NMAC – Duties and Conduct of Licenses
- Rule 15.6.6 NMAC – The Officials
- Rule 15.6.9 NMAC – Scoring System
- Rule 15.6.14 NMAC – Fee Schedule
- Rule 15.6.17 NMAC – Licensure Provisions
- Rule 15.6.19 NMAC – Conduct of Bare-Knuckle Contests
- Rule 15.6.20 NMAC – Mixed Martial Arts Contests and Exhibitions
- Rule 15.6.21 NMAC – Bare Knuckle Modified

On Tuesday, June 9, 2026, copies of the proposed rules may be obtained through the New Mexico Athletic Commission website at: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/athletic-commission/statutes-rules-and-rule-hearings/> or by contacting the Board Administrator for the Board at (505) 476-4622.

The New Mexico Athletic Commission and Regulation and Licensing Department will begin accepting written public comment regarding the proposed rule changes beginning Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 8:00 a.m. and ending Sunday, July 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted either by email to athletic.commission@rld.nm.gov or by postal mail to the following address:

New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department
Attn: New Mexico Athletic Commission
P.O Box 25101
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Written comments received during the public comment period (June 9, 2026- July 19, 2026) will be posted to the website page linked above. Public comment will also be accepted during the rule hearing and may be submitted in writing or presented orally by those attending in-person. The members of the New Mexico Athletic Commission will not engage in substantive discussion of public comments during the rule hearing but will consider all public comments during the regular board meeting immediately following the conclusion of the rule hearing.

The agenda for the New Mexico Athletic Commission regular meeting which will begin immediately after the public rule hearing, will be posted and available at least 72 hours before the meeting on the Board website: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/athletic-commission/board-information/>. Copies of the agenda may also be obtained by contacting Jessica Romero, Executive Secretary.

For inclement weather: If the New Mexico state offices are placed on a two-hour delay due to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be pushed two hours from the notice hearing time. If New Mexico state offices are closed due to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

An individual with disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or services to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Jessica Romero, Executive Secretary at (505) 476-4622 at least 7 days prior to the rule hearing and regular board meeting. Public documents, including the proposed rules, meeting agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats.

Statutory Authority:

The rule changes are authorized by the Athletic Commission Practice Act, NMSA 1978, Section 60-2A-1 through 60-2A-36, specifically authorizes the Board to adopt and file in accordance with the State Rules Act, Sections 14-4-1 through 14-4-11 NMSA 1978, and the Default Procedural Rule for Rulemaking promulgated by the New Mexico Department of Justice, Parts 1.24.25.1 through 1.24.25.16 NMAC, in accordance with the provision of the Uniform Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-1 through 61-1-37.

Purpose of the Proposed Rules:

The proposed amendments update multiple parts of the rules to improve clarity, align with statutory guidelines, revise definitions, and update requirements across licensing, contracts, officials' duties and fees, scoring, and contest regulations, including increases to certain fees and payments, while repealing bare-knuckle parts.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

Rule 15.6.1 NMAC – General Provisions – The proposed amendments to the General Provisions section provide definitions and update the section to ensure consistency with applicable statutory guidelines.

Rule 15.6.2 NMAC – Contracts – Proposed changes clarify certain rules and increase the amount paid per round to unarmed combatants.

Rule 15.6.4 NMAC – Duties and Conduct of Licenses – Proposed changes clarify the rules and update the requirements for promoter applications, event permit applications, and eligibility for a federal identification card.

Rule 15.6.6 NMAC – The Officials – Proposed changes updating officials' roles and fees schedule

Rule 15.6.9 NMAC – Scoring System – Proposed changes update definitions to clarify the rules.

Rule 15.6.14 NMAC – Fee Schedule – Proposed changes are increasing licensing and officials fee schedule.

Rule 15.6.17 NMAC – Licensure Provisions – Updates to requirements for officials

Rule 15.6.19 NMAC – Conduct of Bare-Knuckle Contests - Repeal

Rule 15.6.20 NMAC – Mixed Martial Arts Contests and Exhibitions – Proposed changes to updates to clarify rules.

Rule 15.6.21 NMAC – Bare Knuckle Modified – Repeal