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COMBAT SPORTS ACT 1987

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST AMENDMENT RULES 2024

Made by the Minister under section 62A of the Act.

1. Citation

These rules are the *Mixed Martial Arts Contest Amendment Rules 2024*.

2. Commencement

These rules come into operation on the day on which these rules are published in the *Gazette*.

3. Rules amended

These rules amend the *MMA Contest Rules 2019*.

4. Rule 1A amended

In rule 1A delete the definitions—

ASADA

Weight Policy

5. Rule 17A inserted

After rule 16 insert—

17A. Initial Weigh-in

- (1) An initial weigh-in shall take place no more than 24 hours prior to, and no less than two hours before, the advertised start time (doors open) of the contest.
- (2) Promoters must nominate to the Commission an official start time for the weigh-in.
- (3) Contestants must submit to an initial weigh-in within a two-hour period, commencing from the official start time.
- (4) The weigh-in is to be conducted using the Commission's official scale.
- (5) No one is permitted to touch or stand on the official scale until called to the scale by the Commission appointee.
- (6) Contestants are to weigh-in wearing minimal clothing and no shoes.
- (7) Contestants competing in a non-title bout—
 - (a) will have ONLY one (1) attempt to weigh-in and make weight; but
 - (b) may immediately retake the scale for the purposes of immediately removing any additional clothing/accessories.
- (8) Contestants competing for a title, in a title bout that has been sanctioned by the Commission,—
 - (a) may be granted two (2) attempts to make weight but will not be permitted to lose more than 500 grams of body weight; and
 - (b) may immediately retake the scale, after each attempt, for the purposes of immediately removing any additional clothing/accessories.
- (9) At the discretion of the Commission appointee, a Contestant may be directed to retake the scales for the purposes of ensuring the accuracy of recorded/announced weights.

6. Rule 17 amended

- (1) In the heading of rule 17 delete “Weigh-in” and insert—

Secondary Weigh-in

- (2) In rule 17 delete section 17(1) and insert—

- (1) The Commission reserves the right to conduct a secondary weigh-in, at any contest, upon prior notification to the Promoter and relevant Contestants.
- (2) If notified of a secondary weigh-in, Contestants must report to the Commission appointee to weigh-in, at any time prior to their bout and no earlier than the advertised start time (doors open) of the contest.
- (3) Contestants are to weigh-in wearing minimal clothing and no shoes.

7. Rule 44 amended

In rule 44 delete rule 44(1)(II).

8. Rule 56 amended

In rule 56(1) delete “ASADA” and insert—

World Anti-Doping Agency

9. Rule 58 amended

In rule 58(1) insert—

- (h) Abu Dhabi Combat Club (ADCC)—Submission Grappling
- (i) International Federation of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (IBJJJ)
- (j) International Sport Karate Association (ISKA)—Submission Grappling

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