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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL - IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: Updated Georgia Athletic Commission Reopen Plan

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission (hereinafter "Commission"), in an effort to protect the health and safety of the fighters, coaches, promotion, commission staff, and public, has put together a list of new policies and procedures that are to be followed for an event to take place in Georgia.

- 1- For indoor shows, a barrier must be placed 12 feet around the ring/cage.
 - a. The first 6 feet may only be accessed by fighter, trainers, promotion and Commission. Anyone in this barrier must take and submit a Negative Covid-19 Test*. A mask/face covering is required at all times in this barrier for fighters walking to the ring, all trainers, promotion and Commission staff.
 - b. The second 6 feet is a socially distanced barrier where fans are allowed to sit, but a mask/face covering is required at all times.
 - c. If an indoor venue is small or enclosed in a tight space, the event doctor can determine the mask/face covering policy for the entire event staff.
- 2- For outdoor shows, a barrier must be placed 12 feet around the ring/cage.
 - a. This barrier may only be accessed by fighter, trainers, promotion and Commission. Anyone in this barrier must take and submit a Negative Covid-19 Test*. A mask/face covering is required at all times in this barrier for fighters walking to the ring, all trainers, promotion and Commission staff.
 - b. The second 6 feet is a socially distanced barrier where fans are allowed to sit, but a mask/face covering is required at all times. A

- *Anyone who has tested Positive for Covid-19 within 90 days is exempt from submitting a Negative test result, pending that they are 14 days removed from the positive date, asymptomatic of all symptoms, and can submit proper documentation of the Positive test.
 - *Anyone who has completed both rounds of the vaccine is exempt from submitting a Negative test result, pending can submit proper documentation that they have had both vaccine shots.
- 3- A mask/face covering is required at all times in the locker rooms by fighters (unless actively warming up), trainers, promotion staff and Commission staff.
 - 4- Fighter is allowed only 2 corners to work his/her corner
 - 5- Fighter must submit his/her corner list to promotion and Commission 7 days prior to the fight. Corners will not be allowed to change once submitted. The Commission retains sole discretion to make exceptions to this rule.
 - 6- No sharing of gloves and/or shin guards during the event.
 - a. If a promoter does not have enough for each fighter to utilize a unique set, then a thorough wipe down must take place before reissuing to another fighter.
 - 7- Cage/Ringside Tables are to be pulled 2-3 feet off the surface of the ring, if possible.
 - 8- Promoter is to supply two people to wipe down the cage/ring after each fight.
 - a. Will need a liquid that is approved but does not hurt eyes of fighters like bleach. Alcohol based or hydrogen peroxide is recommended.
 - 9- Promoter is to supply one person for each locker room to wipe down mats after each fighter gets finished on them.
 - 10- Promoter will be responsible for coordinating with venue for all Covid-19 testing of fighters, trainers, promotional staff and commission staff.
 - 11- Promoter is required to check the temperature of all fighters, trainers, promotional staff and commission staff prior to entering the venue. A temperature of 100.4 or higher must result in denial of access to the facility.
 - 12- Persons who violate any of the sections of the protocols “will be subject to any and all disciplinary actions that can be brought against them by the Commission.”

The steps listed above must all be followed or the Commission retains the right to cancel the event. If you have any questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact us using the information below.

Sincerely,

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