

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA  
ATHLETIC AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION RULES: CHAPTER 85-3  
PROFESSIONAL MIXED MARTIAL ARTS; SUBCHAPTER 85-3-.23 OFFICIALS, AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission (hereinafter “Commission”) proposes an amendment of the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission, Chapter 85-3 Professional Mixed Martial Arts; Subchapter 85-3-.23 Officials (herein after “proposed rule amendment”).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 802, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Commission office at (470) 312-2702.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2024**, at the Secretary of State’s office, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 802, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on **Friday, September 13, 2024**. Written comments should be addressed to Matthew Woodruff, Secretary of State, Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 802, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. Telephone (470) 312-2702 or fax (470) 312-2612.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at their meeting scheduled to begin at **1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2024** at the Secretary of State’s Office, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 802, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-4B-4, 43-4B-7, 43-4B-15.

At its meeting on **Thursday, July 18, 2024**, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed chapter cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that

fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-27-4, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, and 50-13-3.

Additionally, at the meeting Thursday, July 18, 2024, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-27-4, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, and 50-13-3 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of nursing home administration.

For further information, contact the Board office at (470) 312-2702.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Woodruff', is written over a horizontal line.

Matt Woodruff  
Executive Director

Posted: 8/20/2024

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
THE GEORGIA ATHLETIC AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION RULES:  
CHAPTER 85-3 PROFESSIONAL MIXED MARTIAL ARTS; SUBCHAPTER 85-3-.23  
OFFICIALS**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed chapter amendment is to update rule language.

**Main Feature:** The main feature of the proposed chapter amendment is to reflect changes proposed to be made to other rules in the same rule chapter.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA ATHLETIC AND ENTERTAINMENT  
COMMISSION RULES: CHAPTER 85-3 PROFESSIONAL MIXED MARTIAL ARTS;  
SUBCHAPTER 85-3-.23 OFFICIALS**

**Note:** Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.

Rule 85-3-.23

(1) Compensation for MMA Referee's and Judges

- a. All payments of fees, including travel expenses when required, to boxing referees and judges shall be paid by the promoter conducting the show and shall be ~~on the~~ following basis set by the Commission's Policy on Officials Pay Chart.
  - i. Payment shall be made to the commission appointed supervisor no later than at the weigh-in, and shall be by cashier's check or money order.
- ~~b. When the gross aggregate purse of the show does not exceed \$50,000, the fee for the head referee shall be \$300.00, the secondary referee shall be \$150.00 and the fee for each judge shall be \$150.00.~~
- c. Travel expenses for officials required to travel over a distance of ~~fifty (50)~~ or greater to the site of a show shall be set by the commission appointed supervisor, provided that such amount shall not exceed the usual and customary amount allowed by state guidelines for state employees. Hotel rooms may be required, but only when the distance traveled exceeds 100 miles at the discretion of the Commission.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-25, O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-4, O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-7, O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-11, O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-14, O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-19