

**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-.01 WEIGHT
CLASSES OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTISTS, 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-.01 Weight Classes of Mixed Martial Artists (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, January 15, 2026**, 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, January 9, 2026**. 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) 312-2701.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at their meeting scheduled to begin at **1:30 p.m. Thursday, January 15, 2026**, 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 **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**, 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

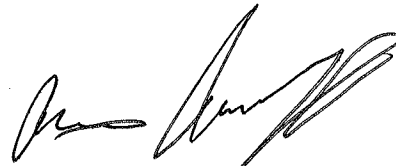
alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-27-4, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, and 50-13-3.

Additionally, at the meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 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 19th day of November 2025

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

Matt Woodruff
Executive Director

Posted: 11/19/2025

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
THE GEORGIA ATHLETIC AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION RULES:
CHAPTER 85-3 PROFESSIONAL MIXED MARTIAL ARTS; SUBCHAPTER 85-3-.01
WEIGHT CLASSES OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTISTS**

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-.01 WEIGHT CLASSES OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTISTS**

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

1. Mixed martial artists shall be divided into the following classes:
 - a. Flyweight under 125.9 pounds;
 - b. Bantamweight 126 lbs. - 134.9 pounds;
 - c. Featherweight 135 lbs. - 144.9 pounds;
 - d. Lightweight 145 lbs. - 154.9 pounds;
 - e. Welterweight 155 lbs. - 169.9 pounds;
 - f. Middleweight 170 lbs. - 184.9 pounds;
 - g. Light Heavyweight 185 lbs. - 204.9 pounds;
 - h. Heavyweight over 205 lbs. ~~204 lbs. - 264.9 pounds;~~ and
 - i. Super Heavyweight over 265 pounds.

2. Weight Spread. No MMA contest or exhibition may be scheduled, and no MMA contestant may engage in an MMA contest or exhibition without the approval of the commission's representative if the difference in weight between the mma contestants exceeds the following allowance.
 - a. Up to 118 lbs-not more than 3 pounds
 - b. 118 lbs to 126 lbs-not more than 5 pounds
 - c. 126 lbs.-135 lbs.-not more than 6 pounds
 - d. 135 lbs.-147 lbs.-not more than 7 pounds
 - e. 147 lbs.-200 lbs.-not more than 9 pounds
 - f. 200 lbs. and over (Heavyweight)-no limit

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