

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED RULE SET TO THE GEORGIA
ATHLETIC AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION RULES: CHAPTER 85-1-.15
NON-PAID PROFESSIONALS; 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 85-1 Professional Boxing; Subchapter 85-1-.15 Non-Paid Professionals (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 17, 2026**, at the Secretary of State's office, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 802, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334, or virtually 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, September 17, 2026**, at the Secretary of State's Office, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 802, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334, or virtually. 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, June 18, 2026**, 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, June 18, 2026, 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 20th day of July, 2026

Matt Woodruff
Executive Director

Posted: 7/21/2026

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
THE GEORGIA ATHLETIC AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION RULES:
CHAPTER 85-1-.15 NON-PAID PROFESSIONALS**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed chapter amendment is to create a new rule.

Main Feature: The main feature is to allow the Commission to create a new set of rules.
Creation of the rules allows for growth in combat sports.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA ATHLETIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
COMMISSION RULES: CHAPTER 85-1-.15 NON-PAID PROFESSIONALS**

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

85-1-.15 Non-Paid Professional

- (1) All contestants in this section are deemed Non-Paid Professionals.
- (2) Bouts will consist of 3 rounds of 3 or 2 minutes in length. 60 seconds between rounds.
- (3) Gloves size for 147 lbs. and under will be 12oz where about 147 lbs. will be 14oz gloves.
- (4) Headgear- any style of headgear may be worn
- (5) Uniform-boxers may wear a sleeveless tank

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-11,
O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-14, O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-18, O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-50, O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-52