

Mixed Martial Arts Competition Rules

As mandated by the New Mexico State Athletic Commission.

Scoring:

Bouts are scored by three judges using a ten (10) point must system in that the winner of a given round receives ten (10) points and his opponent receives nine (9) or less, based on effective striking, grappling, aggression, and cage or ring control.

Amateur non-title fights will consist of three (3), three (3) minute, rounds and amateur title fights will consist of five (5), three (3) minute, rounds with Commission approval.

Professional non-title fights will consist of three (3), five (5) minute, rounds and professional title fights will consist of five (5), five (5) minute, rounds.

Bout duration is subject to change by the Commission depending on contractual agreements and time constraints.

A minimum one minute rest period will be given between rounds which may be extended as needed at the discretion of the referee.

Mandatory Equipment:

In both *amateur and professional competition*, competitors may only use commission approved 4-6 oz Mixed Martial Arts gloves which are designed to protect the hand but not large enough to improve the striking surface or the weight of the punch.

Hand wrapping is allowed but not required. Hand wraps must be inspected and signed by a Commission Approved Deputy Inspector prior to each fight. Once a fighter's hand wrappings are inspected and signed by a Deputy Inspector the fighter must remain in the designated locker room until the fight. Fighters who must leave the designated locker room for whatever reason after their hand wraps have been inspected and signed by a Deputy Inspector must be escorted from the locker room and back by a Deputy Inspector or a Commissioner. Failure to do so will invalidate previously inspected hand wrappings and may result in a Commissioned directed re-wrapping of a fighter's hands and re-inspection of said hand wrappings.

Commission approved Mixed Martial Arts shorts or kickboxing trunks are the **only** uniforms allowed to be worn into the competition area by fighters. **Shirts, gis, shoes** and the problems they present for grabbing **are not allowed**, (except in bouts involving female competitors, who are allowed to wear Commission approved shirts. In these circumstances throws or submissions using the shirt are considered fouls.) A mouth guard & a hard plastic protective groin cup are mandated as required equipment in all Mixed Martial Arts competition sanctioned by the New Mexico State Athletic Commission, regardless of the gender of the competitor.