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Representative Howard Sanderford
Chairman, Sunset Committee
Alabama State House
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Representative Sanderford,

This report was prepared to provide information for use by the Sunset Committee in conducting its review and evaluation of the operations of the Alabama Athletic Commission in accordance with the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-20-9.

The report contains unaudited information obtained from the management, staff, and records of the Alabama Athletic Commission, in addition to information obtained from other sources.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,

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PROFILE

Purpose/Authority

The Alabama Athletic Commission was initially established in 2009 as the Alabama Boxing Commission to be the sole regulator of professional boxing in Alabama. In 2010 the Commission's authority was extended to include the regulation of professional wrestling and tough man contests, and professional bare-knuckling boxing was added to the Commission's authority in 2019.

Act No 2021-518, Acts of Alabama, amended Sections 41-9-1020, 41-9-1021, 41-9-1037, and 41-9-1038 to rename the Regulatory Act the Alabama Unarmed Combat Act; to provide that the commission is the sole regulator of any form of unarmed combat held in the state; to authorize the commission to immediately implement certain medical guidelines and competition guidelines approved by the commission without hearings as prescribed by the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act; to authorize the commission to assess fines, not exceeding a specified amount; and to provide further for the complaint, investigation, and discipline process for violators. The Commission operates under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41- 9-1020 through 41-9-1040.

<u>Characteristics</u>	
Members and Selection	Six members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two appointed by the Governor.• One appointed by the Alabama Athlete Agents Commission.• One appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.• One appointed by the President of the Senate.• One appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 41-9-1023</p>
Term	Staggered four-year terms. No term limits. <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 41-9-1023 (b) (2)
Qualifications	Members must be residents of Alabama. <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 41-9-1023 (b) (2)
Consumer Representation	All members are consumer members. Members of the Commission must not be a member of, contract with, or receive any compensation from any person or organization

	<p>who authorizes, arranges, or promotes matches, contests, or exhibitions of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts or who otherwise has a financial interest in any activity or licensee regulated by the Commission.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-9-1028</i></p>
Racial Representation	<p>No statutory requirement. Two minority members serving.</p>
Geographical Representation	<p>No statutory requirement.</p>
Other Representation	<p>All appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-9-1023(b)(1)</i></p>
Compensation	<p>Members do not receive compensation but are reimbursed for necessary travel expenses at the same rate as provided for state employees.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-9-1023(e)</i></p>
Attended Board Member Training	<p>Three Commission members Executive Director Eleven Warren & Co. staff members</p>
<u>Operations</u>	
Administrator	<p>The Commission contracts with Warren & Company, private management firm, to provide administrative services, facilities and equipment, investigative services, and logistical support. Keith Warren, president of Warren & Company Inc. serves as the Commission's Executive Director. The current annual contract amount through April 18, 2022, is \$84,000 plus expenses outside the scope of work required.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-9-1023(c)</i></p>

Location	2777 Zelda Rd Montgomery, AL 36106 Office hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Employees	None. The Commission contracts with Warren & Company Inc. to provide administrative services and investigative services.
Legal Counsel	Matt Bledsoe, Deputy Attorney General, an employee of the Attorney General’s office.
Subpoena Power	Yes, both witnesses and records. <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 41-9-1024(h)(1)(c)
Internet Presence	www.aac.alabama.gov Information includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home page • About page • Statute and rules • Promoters • Participants • Officials • Medical information • News • FAQs • Contact information
<u>Financial</u>	
Source of Funds	Licensing and match permit fees, and fines.
State Treasury	Yes – Special Revenue Fund 1126 <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 41-9-1039
Required Distributions	No statutory requirement.
Unused Funds	The Commission retains unused funds at year-end.

Licensure

Licensees

As of March 18, 2022

Type of License	Number
Amateur Kickboxing – Kickboxer	26
Amateur MMA – Mixed Martial Artist	108
Bare knuckle Boxing – Second	1
<i>Boxing</i>	
Boxer	14
Judge	3
Promoter	1
Referee	3
Second	7
Trainer	1
Chief Inspector	3
Corner Inspector\Door Warden	50
<i>Kickboxing</i>	
Judge	1
Promoter	2
Second	18
<i>Mixed Martial Arts</i>	
Judge	6
Matchmaker	3
Promoter	4
Referee	6
Second	122
Timekeeper	3
Physician	8
Professional Kickboxing – Kickboxer	2
Professional MMA – Mixed Martial Artist	28
Professional Wrestling – Participant	489
Professional Wrestling – Promoter	22
Toughman – Second	1
Total	932

Source: Executive Director

**Licensure
Qualifications**

- All applicants
- Must be United States citizens or legally present in the United States.
 - Provide Social Security number or, in the case of a foreign licensee, any similar citizen identification number.
 - Photo ID
 - Physical examination
 - At least 18 years of age

	<p>Professional Boxers - Meet all medical requirements.</p> <p>Promoters - Post a security bond.</p> <p>Matchmakers – Provide a list of professional fighters matched.</p> <p>Trainers – Provide experience and list of fighters trained.</p> <p>Seconds – Provide list of professional fighters and promoters as well as results of matches.</p> <p>Referees – List of professional matches and judges who scored as well as results of matches.</p> <p>Judges and Timekeepers – List of professional matches and referees as well as results of matches.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 41-9-1030(c)(4); 41-9-1031(b); 41-9-1033; and 41-9-1036</p> <p><i>Administrative Rules</i> 165-X-1-.02, -.04, -.07; 165-X-2-.02, -.04, -.07; 165-X-3-.02, -.04, -.07; 165-X-4-.02, -.04, -.07; 165-X-5-.02, -.03, 165-X-6-.02, -.04, -.07; 165-X-7-.02, -.04, -.07.</p>
Examinations	<p>No examinations are administered by the Commission.</p> <p><i>Professional Mixed Martial Arts</i> Referee and Judges must pass the Association of Boxing Officials and Combative Sports.</p> <p><i>Administrative Rule</i> 165-X-2-.07(6)(c)(3) and (7)(c)(3)</p> <p><i>Professional Kickboxing and Amateur Kickboxing</i> Referees and Judges must pass an examination administered by the Commission, Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports, and/or another recognized commission.</p> <p><i>Administrative Rule</i> 165-X-6-.07 (5)(c)(3) and (6)(c)(3) <i>Administrative Rule</i> 165-X-7-.07(5)(c)(3) and (6)(c)(3)</p>
Reciprocity	None
Renewals	<p>Annually by December 31. Online renewal is not available.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 41-9-1029 (a)(2) and Section 41-9-1030(a)</p>

Licensee Demographics	Data not collected by agency. <i>Source:</i> Executive Director
Continuing Education	No statutory requirement.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Significant Issue 2022-01 – A letter was sent to one hundred licensees requesting participation in our survey, twenty-one responded. Thirteen (62%) do not think regulation of their profession is necessary to protect the public welfare; fourteen (67%) believe some of the laws, rules, or policies are an unnecessary restriction on the practice of their profession; eighteen (86%) indicated they are not adequately informed of changes to and interpretation of the Commission’s position, policies, rules, and laws; and twelve (57%) indicated the Commission does not respond to inquiries in a timely manner.

Commission’s Response – The Commission will review the responses in the audit report and discuss the areas of concern. The Commission is always open to discussion regarding regulations and procedures.

STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS/SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Prior Finding 2016-07 – The Commission has adopted an administrative rule that conflicts with its enabling statutes.

The *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-9-1030(a) states, “Prior to participating in a match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts supervised by the commission, referees, judges, timekeepers, matchmakers, boxers, wrestlers, mixed martial arts competitors, managers, trainers, and each person who assists a boxer, wrestler, or mixed martial arts competitor immediately before and after a match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts and between rounds during a match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts shall be required by the commission to apply for and be issued a license.”

Administrative Rules 165-X-1-.05(7)(c), 165-X-2-.05(7)(c) and 165-X-6-.05(7)(c) state “Authorized Purse Deductions. Promoters may deduct from a contestant’s purse, the total amount of fees or fines owed to the commission by said contestant, including but not limited to fees required to issue to such contestant a federal identification card and/or state license, where such fees or fines have not previously been paid by said contestant. Any such deduction shall immediately be remitted to the commission.” This statement conflicts with Section 41-9-1030(a), which states that prior to participating, participants must apply for and be issued a license.

Current Status –The Commission has not amended the administrative rules.

Commission’s Response – Proposed rule changes were published April 29, 2022, to include the removal of these three rules that conflict with the statute. The final adoption of the proposed rules will be approved at the Commission’s August 2022 meeting and rule certifications filed with the Legislative Services Agency afterwards. This finding will be resolved.

Prior Significant Issue 2011-03 – Licensee records were insufficient to document qualifications of applicants for licensure. The finding has been partially resolved. In the prior report, a sample of the Commission’s records of 11 licensees was tested in order to determine if legal requirements for licensure were met. Six (6) of the sampled licensee records did not contain documentation showing that necessary requirements were met. Records for a licensed Matchmaker, Trainer, and a Second did not include documentation showing that experience requirements were met. Records for a licensed Timekeeper and Referee did not include documentation showing experience requirements were met, or that they had passed a required examination administered by the Commission.

The *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-9-1030(c)(2) states: “The Commission shall issue a license under this section only if, (2) The applicant has complied with all applicable requirements of this article and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article.” The Commission has established the following requirements in its administrative rule 165-X-2-.03 which, when adopted, carries the force of law. “A matchmaker shall demonstrate to the Commission that he or she has at a minimum five years’ experience in matchmaking, and shall produce a list of all professional fights that he or she has matched, the promoters who promoted the matches, and results of the matches.” “An applicant shall demonstrate to the Commission that he or she has at a minimum one-year experience in serving as a second and shall produce a list of all professional fighters that he or she has served as a second, the promoters who promoted the matches, and the results of the matches.”

The Commission has established the following requirements in its Administrative Rule 165-X-7-.01:

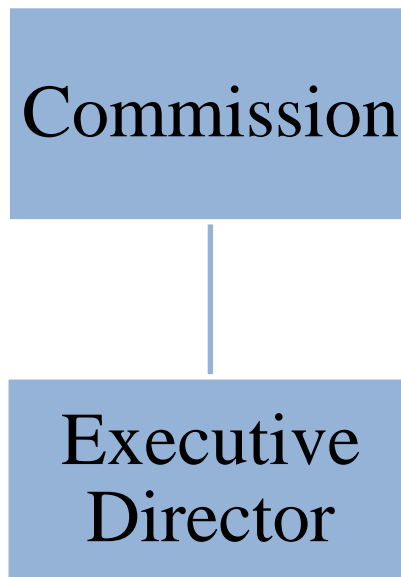
- “An applicant shall demonstrate to the Commission that he or she has, at a minimum five, years’ experience in refereeing, and shall produce a list of all professional matches that he or she has served as a referee, the judges who scored the matches, and results of the matches. ...*A referee must pass an examination administered by the Commission in order to be licensed as a referee.*”
- “An applicant shall demonstrate to the Commission that he or she has at a minimum five years’ experience in timekeeping and shall produce a list of all professional matches that he or she has served as an official timekeeper, the referees who refereed the matches, and the results of the matches. ...*A timekeeper must pass an examination administered by the Commission in order to be licensed as a timekeeper.*”

Current Status – The Commission does not have documentation of judges, referees, and timekeepers passing an examination in the licensees’ files.

Commission’s Response – The Commission does not administer the training or examination for these certifications through the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC). The proposed rules referenced above include changes to state training and examinations approved by the

Commission and has requested that certifications of training, including examination passage, be submitted to the Commission to attach to the licensees' files to comply with the rules. The finding should be resolved in the coming months.

ORGANIZATION



PERSONNEL

The Commission has no employees. Warren & Co. provides administrative services and office space. Keith Warren, president of Warren & Co, serves as the Commission's executive director. The current annual contract amount through April 18, 2022, is \$84,000 plus expenses outside the scope of work required.

Legal Counsel

Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, provides legal services for the Athletic Commission.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Number of Licensees for the Past Two Fiscal Years

Type of Licenses	FISCAL YEARS	
	2020	2021
Amateur Kickboxing – Kickboxer	2	0
Amateur MMA – Mixed Martial Artist	98	159
Bare knuckle Boxing		
Boxer	0	20
Cutman	0	2
Judge	0	1
Manager	0	3
Matchmaker	0	1
Promoter	1	1
Referee	0	2
Second	0	19
Trainer	0	10
Boxing		
Boxer	93	124
Judge	6	5
Manager	2	3
Matchmaker	2	3
Promoter	2	3
Referee	3	6
Second	48	77
Timekeeper	1	1
Trainer	21	34
Chief Inspector	3	3
Corner Inspector\Door Warden	63	95
Kickboxing		
Judge	0	0
Promoter	1	0
Second	1	0
Mixed Martial Arts		
Judge	6	6
Manager	1	3
Matchmaker	1	3
Promoter	3	6
Referee	4	3
Second	99	212
Timekeeper	1	2
Trainer	53	36
Physician	15	16
Professional Kickboxing – Kickboxer	2	0

Professional MMA – Mixed Martial Artist	43	66
Professional Wrestling – Participant	413	493
Professional Wrestling – Promoter	19	26
Total	1,007	1,444

Operating Disbursements per Licensee (FY2021) - \$58.98

Fines/Penalties as a Percentage of Operating Receipts (FY 2021)* – 1.69%

*The Commission assessed and collected fines beginning in fiscal year 2021.

Notification of Commission decisions to Amend Administrative Rules

The Commission complied with notification procedures prescribed in the Administrative Procedure Act, which includes publication of proposed rules in the Administrative Monthly, and public hearings on proposed rules. Licensees are not specifically notified of proposed changes.

COMPLAINT HANDLING

Initial Contact/Documentation	Any person may file a complaint with the Commission. Complaints must be written and signed; forms are available on the Commission website. The Commission sends written acknowledgement of receipt to complainants.
Anonymous Complaints Accepted	No
Investigative Process / Probable Cause Determination	Complaints are referred to a standing investigative committee consisting of a commission member, the executive director, commission attorney, and an investigator or chief inspector for probable cause determination. Administrative proceedings are initiated upon finding probable cause by the committee. The commission member serving on the investigative committee recuses him or herself from administrative hearings. <i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-9-1038</i> <i>Administrative Rule 165-X-9-.01</i>
Negotiated Settlements	Yes
Notification of Resolution to the Complainant	Yes, in writing.

Source: Legal Assistant

Schedule of Complaints Resolved FY 2020 & 2021				
Year/Number Received	Year/Number Resolved			Pending
	2020	2021	2022	
2020 / 5	5	-	-	-
2021 / 18		6	4	8
2022 / 14*			6	8

*As of April 11, 2022

Source: Legal Assistant

Average Time to Resolve Complaints - 86 business days

Disposition of Resolved Complaints

# Of Complaints	<u>Resolution</u>
7	Consent Agreement
3	No Jurisdiction\Unfounded
5	Withdrawn
4	Complied – No Action Taken
1	Cease & Desist
1	License Suspended

REGULATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ENTITIES

There is no direct overlap of regulation with other state or federal agencies.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Source of Funds – Licensure fees and fines.

Fund - The Commission operates from Special Revenue Fund 1266 maintained in the State Treasury. The Commission cannot expend funds without an appropriation from the Legislature. Unexpended balances remain on hand for subsequent appropriation and expenditure.

Schedule of Fees

Fee Type/Purpose	Statutory Authority	Administrative Rule	Amount Authorized	Amount Collected
Professional Boxing/Bareknuckle Licensing Fees				
Boxers	41-9-1030	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Judge	41-9-1030	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Manager	41-9-1030	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$75.00
Application for Match Permit	41-9-1029(c)(1)(2)	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$250.00
Match Permit (Additional-Minimum)	41-9-1029(c)(2)	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	Set by Commission	\$250.00
Matchmaker	41-9-1030	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$75.00
Promoter	41-9-1029(b)	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$250.00
Referee	41-9-1030	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Second	41-9-1030	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Cutman	41-9-1030	165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Timekeeper	41-9-1030	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Trainer	41-9-1030	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Returned Check	8-8-15	165-X-1-.02(2) 165-X-8-.02(2)	≤ \$30.00	\$30.00
Professional Mixed Martial Arts/Kickboxing Licensing Fees				
Mixed Martial Artists/Kickboxer	41-9-1030	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Judge	41-9-1030	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Manager	41-9-1030	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$75.00
Application for Match Permit	41-9-1029(c)(1)(2)	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$250.00
Match Permit (Additional-Minimum)	41-9-1029(c)(2)	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	Set by Commission	\$250.00
Matchmaker	41-9-1030	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$75.00

Promoter	41-9-1029(b)	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$250.00
Referee	41-9-1030	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Second	41-9-1030	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Timekeeper	41-9-1030	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Trainer	41-9-1030	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Returned Check	8-8-15	165-X-2-.02(2) 165-X-6-.02(2)	≤ \$30.00	\$30.00
Amateur Mixed Martial Arts/Kickboxing Licensing Fees				
Mixed Martial Artists/Kickboxer	41-9-1030	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$25.00
Judge	41-9-1030	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Manager	41-9-1030	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$75.00
Application for Match Permit	41-9-1029(c)(1)(2)	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$250.00
Match Permit (Additional)	41-9-1029(c)(2)	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	Set by Commission	\$250.00
Matchmaker	41-9-1030	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$75.00
Promoter	41-9-1029(b)	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$250.00
Referee	41-9-1030	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Second	41-9-1030	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Timekeeper	41-9-1030	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Trainer	41-9-1030	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Returned Check	8-8-15	165-X-3-.02(2) 165-X-7-.02(2)	≤ \$30.00	\$30.00
Toughman Licensing Fees*				
Contestant		165-X-4-.02(1)(f)		\$30.00
Promoter	41-9-1029(b)	165-X-4-.02(2)(3)	≤ \$250.00	\$250.00
Returned Check	8-8-15	165-X-4-.02(3)	≤ \$30.00	\$30.00
Professional Wrestling Licensing Fees				
Participant	41-9-1030	165-X-5-.02(1)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Promoter	41-9-1029(b)	165-X-5-.02(1)	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00

Application for Match Permit (Event Permit Application)	41-9-1029(c)(1)(2)	165-X-5-.02	≤ \$250.00	\$25.00
Match Permit** (Additional)	41-9-1029(c)(2)	165-X-5-.02	Set by Commission	5% gate fee less \$25.00
Judge	41-9-1030	165-X-5-.02(1)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Manager	41-9-1030	165-X-5-.02(1)	< \$250.00	\$30.00
Matchmaker	41-9-1030	165-X-5-.02(1)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Promoter	41-9-1029(b)	165-X-5-.02	≤ \$250.00	\$100.00
Referee	41-9-1030	165-X-5-.02(1)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Second	41-9-1030	165-X-5-.02(1)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Timekeeper	41-9-1030	165-X-5-.02(1)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Trainer	41-9-1030	165-X-5-.02(1)	≤ \$250.00	\$30.00
Sanctioning Organization	41-9-1024(4)	165-X-5-.02	≤ \$1,000.00	\$100.00
Returned Check	8-8-15	165-X-5-.02	≤ \$30.00	\$30.00

*Toughman competitors are not classified as amateur or professional.

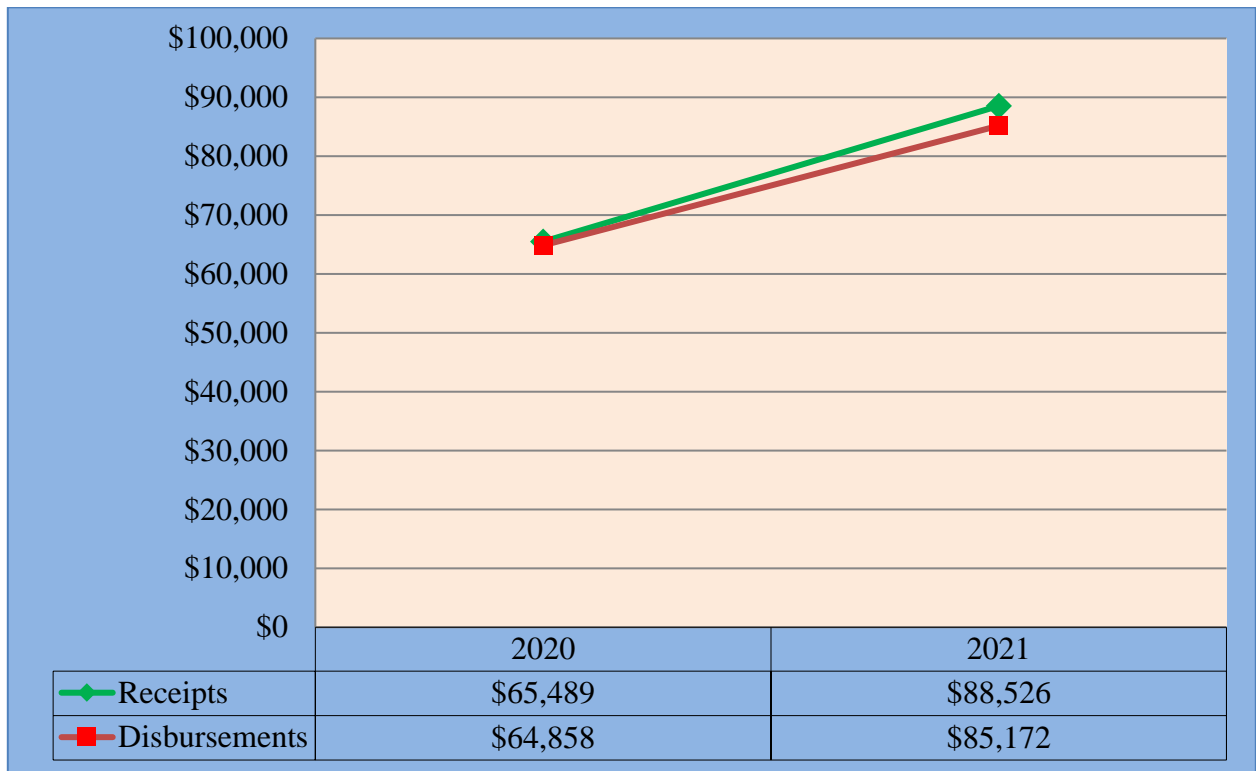
**Live and taped broadcasts are subject to a three percent broadcasting fee. Combined event fees for professional wrestling are not to exceed \$50,000.

Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Licenses and Permits	\$ 87,026.04	\$ 65,489.40
Professional Occupation Penalty	1,500.00	-
Total	<u>88,526.04</u>	<u>65,489.40</u>
		-
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Travel In-State	18,736.16	9,758.63
Travel Out-of-State	-	432.37
Utilities & Communication	1,148.50	1,353.26
Professional Services	62,230.73	49,775.82
Supplies, Materials & Operating Expenses	3,056.63	3,538.26
Total	<u>85,172.02</u>	<u>64,858.34</u>
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	3,354.02	631.06
Cash Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>5,517.00</u>	<u>4,885.94</u>
Cash Balance at End of Year	8,871.02	5,517.00
Reserve for Unpaid Obligations	<u>(4,842.00)</u>	<u>(4,785.73)</u>
Unobligated Cash Balance at Year End	<u>\$ 4,029.02</u>	<u>\$ 731.27</u>

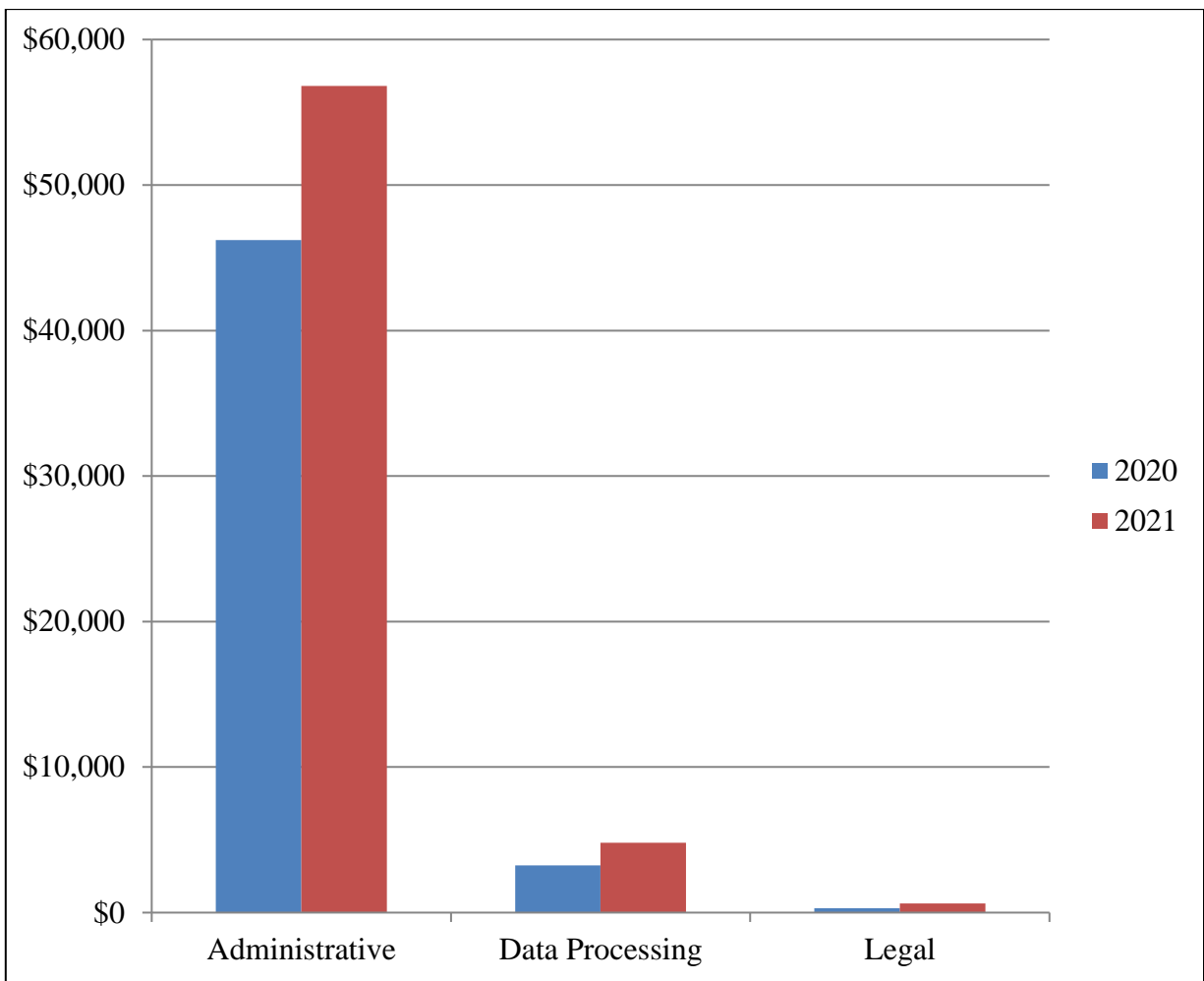
Operating Receipts vs. Operating Disbursements (Chart)



SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DISBURSEMENTS*		
October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021		
Type of Service	FY 2020	FY 2021
Administrative	\$ 46,223.57	\$ 56,806.48
Data Processing	3,237.25	4,794.25
Legal	315.00	630.00
Total	\$ 49,775.82	\$ 62,230.73

*Detailed information presented in the appendix.

Professional Service Disbursement Chart



QUESTIONNAIRES

Commission Member Questionnaire

A letter was sent to all six members of the Athletic Commission requesting participation in our survey. Three participated in our survey. The percentages, where shown, are based on the number who responded to the question.

1. What are the most significant issues currently facing the Athletic Commission and how is the Commission addressing these issues?

Commission Member #1 – “I believe one of the most significant issues facing the Alabama Athletic Commission is recruiting and training more judges and referees. We have recently held a training clinic and plan to do more in the future.”

Commission Member #2 – “Streamlining of Licenses to cut down on costs and make it easier for licensees. We have implemented an online system to better serve licensees.”

Commission Member #3 – “Maintaining financial solvency due to being based on number and type of events. It is being managed well by current executive director. We are in good shape post pandemic challenges.”

2. What, if any, changes to the Commission’s laws are needed?

Commission Member #1 – “Possibly adding specific security requirements needed at an event including the number of security and the barrier required around the ring.”

Commission Member #2 – “None.”

Commission Member #3 – “There needs to be liability protection for Chief Inspectors who are contract employees of promoter but work for the commission. They work onsite during events and have high liability risk. This issue needs focus.”

3. Is the Commission adequately funded?

Yes	3	100%
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4. Is the Commission adequately staffed?

Yes	3	100%
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5. Does the Commission receive regular reports on the operations of the Commission from the executive director?

Yes	3	100%
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6. Has the Commission experienced any significant changes to its operations?

Yes	2	67%
No	1	33%

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7. Does the Commission plan any significant changes in its operations?

No 3 100%

8. Please provide any comments you would like to make.

Commission Member #1 – “The work that the Executive Director provide the Alabama Athletic Commission has risen the level of professionalism to the way the commission is presented. They have implemented changes with technology that have made a huge difference.”

Commission Member #2 – “None.”

Commission Member #3 – “The current Executive Director and his team have done an excellent job managing the back-end office including adding a searchable database to the web site wishing has been a long-time goal. We have streamlined how we handle events.”

Licensee Questionnaire

A letter was sent to one hundred licensees requesting participation in our survey. Twenty-one participated in the survey. The percentages, where shown, are based on the number who responded to the question.

1. What do you think is the most significant issue(s) currently facing your profession in Alabama?

Respondent #1 – “Athletic commission is very poor and is known for being the worst in the Southeast/country by far. The way they conduct MMA events makes no sense and officials are very rude.”

Respondent #2 – “Not enough ARP certified physicians.”

Respondent #3 – “The AAC taking money without improving anything.”

Respondent #4 – “The licensing board doesn’t follow state approved regulations and fabricates deadlines and makes changes to benefit them. This is the hardest commission in the country.”

Respondent #5 – “Safety.”

Respondent #6 – “A lack of promoters willing to work within the state.”

Respondent #7 – “Obtaining an unnecessary license.”

Respondent #8 – “Fighter insurance.”

Respondent #9 – “Drugs.”

Respondent #10 – “The commission treating pro wrestling, which is performance art, as if it were a legitimate sport.”

Respondent #11 – “The licenses not going on a full calendar year but ending by the end of that year.”

Respondent #12 – “Every year I have to get a license to even step foot in a ring, between gas, travel, and the license. It’s not worth wrestling in the state of Alabama.”

Respondent #13 – “I have no idea.”

Respondent #14 – “Having a commission that has no care or concern for people having to pay for a license that really has no purpose or point.”

Respondent #15 – “Licensing and threats of fines that infringe on artistic creativity in professional wrestling.”

Respondent #16 – “There’s been little given by the commission to help out the profession’s themselves unless it’s something involving paying them a fee/fine.”

Respondent #17 – “Too many requirements and restraints being put on wrestling shows by an outside force that does nothing to benefit the performers.”

Respondent #18 – “The regulations and costs are too expensive and misguided. However, the rules are not enforced uniform across all companies. There is really little need for regulations in Alabama for pro wrestling.”

Respondent #19 – “There is no requirements for a license other than paying the fee. Anyone can send money saying they are trained and get a license. This could cause injuries to other people.”

Respondent #20 – “Lack of a parental discipline. Single parent homes.”

Respondent #21 – “The Alabama athletic commission.”

2. Do you think regulation of your profession by the Athletic Commission is necessary to protect the public welfare?

Yes	6	28.6%
No	13	62%
Unknown	1	4.8%
No Opinion	1	4.8%

3. Do you think any of the Commission’s laws, rules, or policies are an unnecessary restriction on the practice of your profession?

Yes	14	66.7%
No	4	19%
Unknown	1	4.8%
No Opinion	2	9.5%

4. Are you adequately informed by the Commission of changes to and interpretations of the Commission’s positions, policies, rules, and laws?

Yes	1	4.8%
No	18	85.7%
Unknown	2	9.5%

5. Does the Commission respond to your inquiries in a timely manner?

Yes	2	9.5%
No	12	57.1%
Unknown	2	9.5%
No Opinion	5	23.8%

6. Please provide any comments in reference to the Commission.

Respondent #1 – “Fix MMA procedures. Don’t make fighters show up hours before weigh ins, have doctors there when fighters arrive, we are adults don’t treat us like children, fix your attitudes.”

Respondent #2 – “I have found that every AAC member that I have worked with to have a sincere dedication for the safety of our athletes. I feel certain that without them there would be a high probability of compromise in the safety of these athletes.”

Respondent #3 – “They have not done anything to make professional wrestling safer or better. The lack of consistency is another issue. We may go months without even a response. They do not handle their business in timely manners but try to fine us for the same.”

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Respondent #4 – “Lots of unnecessary paperwork that other states don’t require, or that could be completed at the event instead of hard deadlines weeks ahead of time making replacements impossible.”

Respondent #5 – “Require more knowledge from judges, about the contests they are judging. They are highly unqualified to have that much power over people's future.”

Respondent #6 – “The AAC continues to provide a needed and valuable service to the State of Alabama. I would only comment that I would love to see active recruitment of out of state promoters specifically for boxing.”

Respondent #7 – “The commission, at least when it comes to professional wrestling, seems to be a very unnecessary entity.”

Respondent #8 – “More informative, and updated emails.”

Respondent #9 – “Better commutation for opportunities.”

Respondent #10 – “The Alabama Athletic Commission is a naked and obvious scam designed to take money from people producing pro wrestling entertainment and do absolutely nothing to benefit them, the performers, or the fans.”

Respondent #11 – “I truly feel that the yearly fees are nothing but a money grab especially since they end by the end of the year and do not go for a full calendar year.”

Respondent #12 – “It has always been a hassle to get a license renewed, call the office, make payments. I find everything to be more work than it is worth.”

Respondent #13 – “I have none at this time.”

Respondent #14 – “They only care about money and all they care about is charging us and shows a fee and don't do anything with it except line their pockets.”

Respondent #15 – “None.”

Respondent #16 – “The only kind of contact that has been extensive between me personally and the commission is when it’s time for them to pay them.”

Respondent #17 – “I feel there's no benefit to the performers, or the show's involved. In my opinion, there is nothing that AAC does to benefit anyone under their umbrella. It feels like all payout and no payoff.”

Respondent #18- “The Commission often ignore or take an excessive amount of time to respond to emails or return phone calls. To this day (3/22) I have not received physical copies of any documentation I paid for at the end of 2021.”

Respondent #19 – “Shows are not checked regularly to see if the promoter performer or show itself is licensed. There are good people running shows and doing everything they should and others who don't just because they won't be checked on.”

Respondent #20 – “The commission must provide protection of female athletes and not allow biological males to pose as females which allows for an unfair advantage. This degrades every female sport.”

Respondent #21 – “They are a joke. Let us do our business and get out of it!!! Alabama athletic commissioners are just money hungry rude people and always wanting to threaten people, and 98% of people in the wrestling business hates them and they don’t do anything for us.”

Complainant Questionnaire

Complaint Questionnaire

A letter was sent to five complainants requesting participation in our survey. One participated in the survey. The percentages, where shown, are based on the number who responded to the question.

1. Was receipt of your complaint to the Alabama Athletic Commission acknowledged?

Yes	1	100%
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2. Approximately how long after filing your complaint did the Commission contact you?

Within 15 days	1	100%
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3. Did the Commission communicate the results of the investigation into your complaint to you?

Yes	1	100%
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4. Do you think the Commission did everything it could to resolve your complaint?

Yes	1	100%
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No
Unknown

5. Please provide any comments in reference to the Commission.

Complainant #1 – “Commission had a full hearing on the complaint. Witnesses provided testimony and the issue was resolved to all party’s satisfaction.”

APPENDICES

Applicable Statutes

Section 41-9-1020 Short title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Alabama Unarmed Combat Act. (*Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §1; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2021-518, §1.*)

Section 41-9-1021 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) AMATEUR. An individual who engages in a match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, tough man contests, wrestling, mixed martial arts, or other form of unarmed combat, for no compensation or thing of value for participating, which is governed or authorized by any of the following:

- a. U.S.A. Boxing.
- b. The Alabama High School Athletic Association.
- c. The National Collegiate Athletic Association.
- d. Amateur Athletic Union.
- e. Golden Gloves.
- f. The local affiliate of any organization listed in this subdivision.
- g. USA Wrestling.
- h. The National Junior College Athletic Association.
- i. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.
- j. The National Collegiate Wrestling Association.
- k. Any organization licensed by the commission.

(2) BARE KNUCKLE BOXING. The original form of boxing, involving two individuals fighting without boxing gloves or other padding on their hands.

(3) BOXING MATCH. A contest between two individuals in which contestants score points in rounds of two or three minutes by striking with gloved fists the head and upper torso of the opponent or by knocking the opponent down and rendering the opponent unconscious or incapable of continuing the contest by the blows, which contest is held in a square ring supervised by a referee and scored by three judges.

(4) BOXING REGISTRY. A registry created or designated pursuant to subsection (k) of Section 41-9-1024.

(5) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. An entity described by either of the following:

- a. Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)).
- b. Section 170(c), Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. § 170(c)).

(6) COMMISSION. The Alabama Athletic Commission.

(7) EXHIBITION. A contest where the participants engage in the use of boxing skills and techniques, bare knuckle skills and techniques, tough man skills and techniques, wrestling skills and techniques, or mixed martial arts skills and techniques, or any or all of these, and where the objective is to display the skills and techniques without striving to win.

(8) FACE VALUE. The dollar value of a ticket or order shall reflect the dollar amount that the customer shall pay in order to view the match, contest, exhibition, or entertainment event. Face value shall include any charges or fees, such as dinner, gratuity, parking, surcharges, or any

other charges or fees which are charged to and must be paid by the customer in order to view the match, contest, exhibition, or entertainment event. It shall exclude any portion paid by the customer for federal, state, or local taxes.

(9) GROSS RECEIPTS. Any of the following:

a. The gross price charged for the sale or lease of broadcasting, television, closed circuit, or motion picture rights without any deductions for commissions, brokerage fees, distribution fees, production fees, advertising, or other expenses or charges.

b. The face value of all tickets sold.

(10) MANAGER. An individual who, under contract, agreement, or other arrangement with a boxer, bare knuckle boxer, or a mixed martial arts competitor, undertakes to control or administer, directly or indirectly, a matter on behalf of a boxer or a mixed martial arts competitor. The term includes, but is not limited to, a person who functions as a booking agent, adviser, or consultant.

(11) MATCHMAKER. A person who is employed by or associated with a promoter in the capacity of booking and arranging professional matches, contests, or exhibitions of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, or mixed martial arts between opponents or who proposes professional matches, contests, or exhibitions of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, or mixed martial arts and selects and arranges for the participants in such events and for whose activities in this regard the promoter is legally responsible.

(12) MIXED MARTIAL ARTS. Unarmed combat involving the use of any combination of techniques from different disciplines of the martial arts, including, without limitation, grappling, submission holds, throws, and striking or kicking with the hands, feet, knees, or elbows. The term mixed martial arts includes kickboxing.

(13) PERSON. An individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, or combination of individuals of whatever form or character.

(14) PHYSICIAN. A doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice medicine in the State of Alabama.

(15) PROFESSIONAL. A person who is participating or has participated in a match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts which is not governed or authorized by one or more of the organizations listed in subdivision (1) and any of the following:

a. Has received or competed for or is receiving or competing for any cash as a salary, purse, or prize for participating in any match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts.

b. Is participating or has participated in any match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts to which admission is granted upon payment of any ticket for admission or other evidence of the right of entry.

c. Is participating or has participated in any match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts which is or was filmed, broadcast, or transmitted for viewing.

d. Is participating or has participated in any match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts which provides a commercial advantage by attracting persons to a particular place or promoting a commercial product or enterprise.

(16) PROFESSIONAL MATCH OF BOXING, BARE KNUCKLE BOXING, WRESTLING, MIXED MARTIAL ARTS, OR UNARMED COMBAT. A boxing match, contest, or exhibition; a bare knuckle boxing match, contest, or exhibition; a wrestling match; a mixed

martial arts match, contest, or exhibition; or other unarmed combat match, contest, or exhibition, which is not governed or authorized by one or more of the organizations listed in subdivision (1) and which does any of the following:

- a. Rewards a boxer, bare knuckle boxer, wrestler, mixed martial arts competitor, or other unarmed combat competitor participating with cash as a salary, purse, or prize for such participation.
- b. Requires for admission payment of a ticket or other evidence of the right of entry.
- c. Is filmed, broadcast, or transmitted for viewing.
- d. Provides a commercial advantage by attracting persons to a particular place or promoting a commercial product or enterprise.

(17) PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. Any organized event between two unarmed contestants in which participants compete primarily for the purpose of providing entertainment to spectators that may or may not comprise a bona fide athletic contest or competition.

(18) PROMOTER. The person primarily responsible for organizing, promoting, and producing a match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, bare knuckle boxing, tough man contest, professional wrestling, or mixed martial arts and who is legally responsible for the lawful conduct of the professional match, contest, or exhibition.

(19) PURSE or RING EARNINGS. The financial guarantee or any other remuneration, or part thereof, which a professional boxer, bare knuckle boxer, wrestler, or mixed martial arts competitor participating in a match, contest, or exhibition will receive and includes any share of any payment received for radio broadcasting, television, or motion picture rights.

(20) TOUGH MAN CONTEST. A boxing match and tournament where each contestant wears headgear and oversized gloves. A contestant in a tough man contest is not an amateur or a professional and cash prizes may be awarded.

(21) UNARMED COMBAT. Any form of competition between human beings in which both of the following occurs:

1. One or more blows are struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury on a human being.
2. There is some compensation or commercial benefit arising from such competition, whether in the form of cash or non-cash payment to the competitors or the person arranging the competition; the sale of the right to film, broadcast, transmit, or view the competition; or the use of the competition to attract persons to a particular location for some commercial advantage or to promote a commercial product or commercial enterprise.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §2; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2011-164, p. 297, §3; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1; Act 2021-518, §1.)

Section 41-9-1022 Application.

This article shall not be construed to apply to any match, contest, or exhibition of boxing or wrestling in which the contestants are all amateurs and which is governed or authorized by any of the following:

- (1) U.S.A. Boxing.
- (2) The Alabama High School Athletic Association.
- (3) The National Collegiate Athletic Association.
- (4) Amateur Athletic Union.
- (5) Golden Gloves.
- (6) USA Wrestling.

- (7) The National Junior College Athletic Association.
 - (8) The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.
 - (9) The National Collegiate Wrestling Association.
 - (10) The local affiliate of any organization listed in this section.
- (Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §3; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1.)*

Section 41-9-1023 Alabama Athletic Commission - Creation; composition; medical advisory panel.

- (a) There is created the Alabama Athletic Commission composed of six members.
- (b)(1) All appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state. The six initial members shall be as follows:
 - a. Two members appointed by the Governor.
 - b. One member appointed by the Alabama Athlete Agents Commission.
 - c. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - d. One member appointed by the President of the Senate.
 - e. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (2) Initial appointments by the Governor shall be for one and three years, the initial appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be for four years, the initial appointment of the President of the Senate shall be for two years, and the initial appointment of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be for one year. The initial appointment by the commission shall be for four years. All subsequent appointments shall be for terms of four years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms under the same procedures and requirements as appointments for full terms. Each member of the commission shall be a resident of this state.
- (c) The commission shall elect a chair from among its membership for a term of one year. While serving as chair, a member may not vote on any matter coming before the commission. The commission may elect a vice chair from its membership for a term of one year. Any member serving as chair shall be eligible for successive election to the office by the commission. The chair may designate another member of the commission to perform the duties of chair in his or her absence. The commission may employ an executive director to manage the day-to-day operations of the commission within the available funds of the commission.
- (d) A medical advisory panel of the commission shall be appointed by the Governor and shall consist of four persons licensed to practice medicine in this state, with one member each representing the specialties of ophthalmology and general medicine and two members representing the specialty of sports medicine. The medical advisory panel shall advise and assist the commission and its staff regarding issues and questions concerning the medical safety of professional boxers, bare knuckle boxers, tough man contestants, professional wrestlers, amateur mixed martial arts competitors, professional mixed martial arts competitors, and other unarmed combat competitors including, but not limited to, matters relating to medical suspensions. The medical advisory panel may meet separately from the commission to discuss and formulate recommendations for the commission in connection with medical safety. Members of the medical advisory panel shall not be counted in determining a quorum of the commission and shall not vote as commission members.

(e) Each member of the commission and the medical advisory panel shall be reimbursed for expenses and travel as provided for public officials of this state.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §4; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2011-164, p. 297, §3; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1; Act 2021-518, §1.)

Section 41-9-1024 Alabama Athletic Commission - Powers and duties.

(a)(1) The commission shall be the sole regulator of professional boxing in this state and shall have authority to protect the physical safety and welfare of professional boxers and serve the public interest by closely supervising all professional boxing in this state.

(2) The commission shall be the sole regulator of professional and amateur matches, contests, or exhibitions of mixed martial arts and shall have the authority to protect the physical safety and welfare of professional competitors in mixed martial arts and serve the public interest by closely supervising all competitors in mixed martial arts. The commission shall regulate professional and amateur mixed martial arts to the same extent as professional boxing unless any rule of the commission is not by its nature applicable to mixed martial arts.

(3) The commission shall be the sole regulator of professional matches, contests, or exhibitions of wrestling and shall have the authority to protect the physical safety and welfare of professional competitors in professional wrestling and serve the public interest by closely supervising all competitors in professional wrestling. The commission shall regulate professional wrestling to the same extent as professional boxing unless any rule of the commission is not by its nature applicable to professional wrestling.

(4) The commission shall have the sole authority to license a wrestling sanctioning organization to safeguard the public health, to protect competitors, and to provide for competitive matches by requiring each licensed organization to abide by rules adopted by the commission. The commission, at the request of a licensed sanctioning organization, may provide direct oversight of any event sanctioned by the organization for a fee negotiated between the commission and the licensed sanctioning organization.

(5) The commission shall have the sole authority to license the promoters of tough man contests to safeguard the public health, to protect competitors, and to provide for competitive matches by requiring each licensed promoter to abide by rules adopted by the commission. The commission, at the request of a promoter, may provide direct oversight of any tough man match for a fee negotiated between the commission and the promoter.

(6) The commission shall be the sole regulator of professional bare knuckle boxing matches, contests, or exhibitions of bare knuckle boxing and shall have the authority to protect the physical safety and welfare of professional competitors in bare knuckle boxing and serve the public interest by closely supervising all competitors in bare knuckle boxing. The commission shall regulate professional bare knuckle boxing to the same extent as professional boxing unless any rule of the commission is not by its nature applicable to bare knuckle boxing.

(7) The commission shall be the sole regulator and shall have the sole authority to regulate any form of unarmed combat held in the state as the commission deems necessary.

(b) The commission shall have the sole jurisdiction to license the promotion or holding of each match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts, or other form of unarmed combat promoted or held within this state.

(c) The commission shall have the authority to license participants in any match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, professional wrestling,

amateur mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts, or other form of unarmed combat held in this state.

(d) The commission shall have the authority to direct, manage, control, and supervise all matches, contests, or exhibitions of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts including, but not limited to, the authority to enforce safety measures and restrict access to certain areas for the protection of the public and participants. The commission may adopt bylaws for its own management and adopt and enforce rules consistent with this article. The commission may immediately implement medical guidelines that have been vetted by the medical advisory panel and approved by the commission and competition guidelines that have been approved by the commission. Medical and competition guidelines approved by the commission pursuant to this subdivision are exempt from the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

(e) The commission shall have the sole authority to inquire into the plans or arrangements for compliance of a licensed organization with rules adopted by the commission. The commission may require a wrestling sanctioning organization to pay an annual licensure fee and any other fee determined necessary by the board and may penalize any organization for violation of this article or any rule adopted by the commission pursuant to this article.

(f) The commission may appoint one or more inspectors as duly authorized representatives of the commission to ensure that the rules are strictly observed. The inspectors shall be present at all professional matches, contests, or exhibitions of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts.

(g) The commission may designate physicians as duly authorized representatives of the commission to conduct physical examinations of boxers, bare knuckle boxers, or mixed martial arts competitors licensed under this article and shall designate a roster of physicians authorized to conduct prefight physicals and serve as ringside physicians in all professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man, or mixed martial arts matches held in this state.

(h)(1) The commission or any agent duly designated by the commission may do any of the following:

a. Make investigations.

b. Hold hearings.

c. Issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and records.

d. Administer oaths to and examine any witnesses for the purpose of determining any question coming before it under this article or under the rules adopted pursuant to this article.

e. Swear out a warrant of arrest against any person violating the criminal provisions of this article, and the commission shall not be liable in damages or to any action for damages by reason of swearing out a warrant or for causing the arrest and detention or imprisonment of any person under such warrant, unless the commission or agent fails to act in a reasonably prudent manner.

f. Assess fines, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation, for violations of the rules and guidelines of the commission.

(2) During an investigation of any allegation which, if proven, would result in criminal or civil sanctions as provided in this article, the commission may withhold all or a portion of the gross receipts to which the person under investigation is entitled until such time as the matter has been resolved.

(i) The commission may engage in activities that promote amateur boxing, amateur wrestling, and amateur mixed martial arts in this state and contract with any nonprofit organization which is exempted from the taxation of income. To support amateur boxing, amateur wrestling, and amateur mixed martial arts in this state, the commission may promote voluntary contributions through the application process or through any fund-raising or other promotional technique deemed appropriate by the commission.

(j) Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 6301, et seq., the commission may issue to each boxer who is a resident of this state an identification card bearing the photograph of the boxer and in such form and containing such information as the commission deems necessary and appropriate. The commission shall ensure that the form and manner of issuance of the identification cards comply with any applicable federal law or regulation. The commission may charge an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per card for the issuance or replacement of each identification card.

(k) The commission may create a boxing registry or designate a nationally recognized boxing registry and register each boxer who is a resident of this state or who is a resident of another state which has no boxing registry.

(l) The commission may inquire into the financial backing of any professional match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts and obtain answers to written or oral questions propounded to all persons associated with the professional event.

(m) The commission, pursuant to rule, may license any concessionaire, ring announcer, photographer, or other person receiving any portion of the gate proceeds from a match, contest, or exhibition held in the state pursuant to this article.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §5; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2011-164, p. 297, §3; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1; Act 2021-518, §1.)

Section 41-9-1025 Alabama Athletic Commission - Executive Director.

The commission shall designate a person to serve as executive director and the executive director shall issue licenses and identification cards and perform other duties as the commission may direct in the enforcement of this article.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §6; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1.)

Section 41-9-1026 Alabama Athletic Commission - Meetings.

(a) The commission shall meet upon the call of the chair or upon the call of any two members. The business of the commission shall be conducted by a majority vote of the members present. A majority of the commission members shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The chair, if necessary, may within 10 days of receiving an application and license fee call a meeting of the commission for the purpose of approving or rejecting an application for a license or match permit which has been submitted to the commission. The meeting shall be held within 20 days of the call of the chair at a place designated by the chair.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §7.)

Section 41-9-1027 Alabama Athletic Commission - Rulemaking authority; drug testing.

(a) The commission shall adopt rules governing professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, amateur mixed martial arts, and professional mixed martial arts to establish the following:

(1) Procedures to evaluate the professional records and physician certifications of each participant in a match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, amateur mixed martial arts, and professional mixed martial arts and to deny authorization for a professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor to fight where appropriate.

(2) Procedures to ensure that, except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of Section 41-9-1032, no professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor shall be permitted to participate while under suspension from any state boxing or athletic commission because of any of the following:

a. A recent knockout, technical knockout, or series of consecutive losses.

b. An injury, requirement for a medical procedure, or physician's denial of certification.

c. Failure of a drug test.

d. The use of false aliases or falsifying official identification cards or document.

e. Other reasons as determined by the commission.

(3) Procedures to report to the boxing registry the results of all professional matches, contests, or exhibitions of boxing held in this state or being supervised by the commission and any related suspensions.

(b)(1) Drug tests, as provided in paragraph c. of subdivision (2) of subsection (a), shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent list of prohibited substances and pursuant to the methods outlined by the World Anti-Doping Agency. Drug tests shall include both in-competition testing and out-of-competition testing, as applicable.

(2) To affirm or disprove the presence of a prohibited substance detected in the primary specimen sample, a competitor who is accused of violating the drug testing policy shall be given the option of having tested a secondary specimen sample, collected at the same time as the primary specimen sample, if available.

(3) A violation of the drug testing policy shall constitute a civil violation punishable pursuant to guidelines provided in Section 41-9-1034, by a suspension of licensure and a civil fine not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), together with a percentage of the purse not to exceed 15 percent, for each violation.

(4) The Administrative Procedure Act shall govern all matters and procedures respecting the hearing and judicial overview of any contested case.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §8; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)

Section 41-9-1028 Alabama Athletic Commission - Conflict of interest.

A member or employee of the commission and any person who administers or enforces this article or rules adopted in accordance with this article shall not be a member of, contract with, or receive any compensation from any person or organization who authorizes, arranges, or promotes matches, contests, or exhibitions of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts or who otherwise has a financial interest in any activity or licensee regulated by the commission. The term compensation does not include funds held in escrow for payment to another person in connection with a professional match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts. *(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §9; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)*

Section 41-9-1029 Promoter license; match permit; performance bond; certification of results.

(a)(1) No person shall promote or hold a match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts within this state without first applying for and obtaining a promoter's license from the commission.

(2) Licenses shall be issued annually and shall expire on December 31 of each calendar year.

(b) Promoters shall apply to the commission for a license required by subsection (a) on a form provided by the commission. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The application shall also be accompanied by a performance bond in an amount and under any conditions required by the commission.

(c)(1) In addition to the license required by subsection (a), a match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts within this state shall not be staged unless a match permit has been issued by the commission for the match, contest, or exhibition.

(2) Each application for a match permit shall be on a form provided by the commission and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The commission may charge an additional match fee in accordance with rules adopted by the commission.

(d) The commission, prior to issuing any match permit, may require a performance bond in addition to that required in subsection (b).

(e) The commission may refund any portion of the match permit fee in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to any person who paid the excess fee if the match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts for which the fees were paid is not held.

(f) The commission shall have the sole authority to certify the results of each amateur mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition held within the state.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §10; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2011-164, p. 297, §3; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)

Section 41-9-1030 Participant license.

(a) Prior to participating in a match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts supervised by the commission, referees, judges, timekeepers, matchmakers, boxers, bare knuckle boxers, wrestlers, mixed martial arts competitors, managers, trainers, and each person who assists a boxer, bare knuckle boxer, wrestler, or mixed martial arts competitor immediately before and after a match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts and between rounds during a match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts shall be required by the commission to apply for and be issued a license. Licenses shall be issued annually and shall expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Each applicant shall make application on a form provided by the commission and pay an annual license fee not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The commission may issue a temporary license to any applicant who applies for a license less than 30 days before participating in a scheduled, sanctioned event.

(b) The nonrefundable initial licensing fee and annual renewal fee for a professional wrestling sanctioning organization may not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(c) The commission shall issue a license under this section only if:

(1) The commission has determined to the best of its ability that the applicant has the training or skills necessary to perform in a manner appropriate to the license.

(2) The applicant has complied with all applicable requirements of this article and any rules adopted pursuant to this article.

(3) The commission or its designated representative has determined from information provided by the applicant and from any medical evaluation required by the commission that the health, welfare, and physical safety of the applicant will not be unduly jeopardized by the issuance of the license.

(4) The applicant is a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §11; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2011-164, p. 297, §3; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)

Section 41-9-1031 Participant registration.

(a) In addition to the license required in Section 41-9-1030, each professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor who is a resident of this state or another state which has no state boxing or athletic commission shall register with a boxing, bare knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts registry created or designated by the commission and renew his or her registration as prescribed by rules of the commission.

(b) At the time of registration and renewal, the boxer, bare knuckle boxer, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor shall provide the registry with a recent photograph of the licensee and the Social Security number of the licensee or, in the case of a foreign licensee, any similar citizen identification number or licensee number from the country of residence of the licensee, along with any other information the commission requires. The registries shall issue a personal identification number to each licensee and the number shall appear on the identification card issued to the licensee as a result of registration. Each licensee shall present to the commission an identification card issued by the state in which he or she resides not later than the time of the weigh-in for a match, contest, or exhibition.

(c) The commission may charge a registration fee in an amount calculated to cover the administrative expense of the registration.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §12; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)

Section 41-9-1032 Refusal to grant license; disciplinary action; suspension or revocation of match permit.

(a) The commission may refuse to grant a license to an applicant upon a finding by a majority of the entire commission that the applicant has failed to demonstrate the qualifications or standards for a license contained in this section or under the laws and rules under which licensure is sought. The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commission that he or she meets all the requirements for the issuance of a license, and, if the commission is not satisfied as to the qualifications of the applicant, it may deny a license without a prior hearing; however, the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the commission if he or she so desires.

(b)(1) The commission, by majority vote, after prior notice to the holder of a license and after affording such a holder an opportunity to be heard, may fine the license holder; revoke or suspend the license, or take other disciplinary action against the licensee upon the recommendation of any officially designated representative for reasons involving the medical or physical safety of any professional boxer, tough man contestant, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor licensed by the commission; summarily suspend any license previously issued by the commission; or take other disciplinary action against any licensee. The licensee shall, after the summary suspension, be afforded an opportunity to be heard, in accordance with the rules of the commission and the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act. A summary suspension imposed against such a licensee may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

a. Prohibiting any professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor from competing, appearing in, or participating in any match, contest, or exhibition within 60 days of having suffered a knockout.

b. Prohibiting any professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor, from competing, appearing in, or participating in any match, contest, or exhibition within 30 days of having suffered a technical knockout where evidence of head trauma has been determined by the attending ringside physician.

(2) The length of any summary suspension invoked pursuant to this subsection, upon the recommendation of the ringside physician, may be extended to any number of days. The terms and conditions of the suspension or revocation may require that the boxer submit to further medical evaluation as determined by the ringside physician.

(c) The commission, its executive director, or its duly authorized representative, at any time prior to the completion of a permitted match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, a tough man contest, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts, may summarily suspend or revoke the match permit or the license of any specific boxer, bare knuckle boxer, wrestler, or mixed martial arts competitor should it be determined by such person that the continuation of the match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts may jeopardize the health, welfare, morals, or safety of the citizens of this state or may jeopardize the health or personal safety of any participant of the match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts; provided, however, that the licensee, after a summary suspension, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard, in accordance with the rules of the commission and the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

(d) The commission may revoke a suspension of a professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, professional wrestler, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor if any of the following applies:

(1) The professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, professional wrestler, or mixed martial arts competitor was suspended pursuant to rules adopted pursuant to Section 41-9-1027 and has furnished proof of a sufficiently improved medical or physical condition.

(2) The professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, professional wrestler, or mixed martial arts competitor furnishes proof that a suspension pursuant to Section 41-9-1027 was not or is no longer merited by the facts.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §13; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)

Section 41-9-1033 Participant requirements.

No person shall arrange, promote, organize, produce, or participate in a match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts unless he or she has complied with the following requirements:

(1) An examination by a physician who has certified that the boxer, bare knuckle boxer, or mixed martial arts competitor is physically fit to compete safely. Copies of each certificate shall be provided to the commission prior to the match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts. The commission may require a boxer, bare knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, wrestler, or mixed martial arts competitor to undergo a physical examination, including neurological or neuropsychological tests and procedures.

(2) A physician approved by the commission shall be continuously present at ringside during every match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contest, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts. The physician shall observe the physical condition of the boxers, bare knuckle boxers, tough man contestants, wrestlers, or competitors in mixed martial arts and advise the referee with regard to the boxers, bare knuckle boxers, tough man contestants, wrestlers, or competitors.

(3) One or more inspectors appointed by the commission as duly authorized representatives of the commission shall be present at each match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts to ensure that the rules are strictly observed. An inspector or other duly authorized representative of the commission shall be present at the weigh-in and at the ring during the conduct of the match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts. Inspectors and other duly authorized representatives of the commission shall have free access to the dressing rooms of the professional boxers, professional bare knuckle boxers, tough man contestants, and mixed martial arts competitors.

(4) Each boxer, bare knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, wrestler, or competitor in mixed martial arts shall be covered by health insurance that will cover injuries sustained during the match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contest, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts.

(5) An ambulance and medical personnel with appropriate resuscitation equipment shall be continuously present at the site during any match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contest, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts. *(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §14; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)*

Section 41-9-1034 Impairment of participant by alcohol or drugs.

It shall be unlawful for any professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, professional wrestler, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional competitor in mixed martial arts to participate or attempt to participate in a match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contest, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts while under the influence of alcohol or any drug. A professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, professional wrestler, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor shall be deemed under the influence of alcohol or a drug for the purposes of this section if a physical examination made during a period of time beginning not more than six hours prior to the beginning of the match, contest, or exhibition and ending not more than one hour after the completion of the match, contest, or exhibition reveals that the mental or physical ability of the professional boxer, professional bare knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, professional wrestler, amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional mixed martial arts competitor is impaired as a direct result of the use of alcohol or a drug.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §15; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)

Section 41-9-1035 Site requirements.

All buildings or structures used or intended to be used for holding or giving matches, contests, or exhibitions of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contest, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts shall be safe and shall in all manner conform to the laws, ordinances, and regulations pertaining to buildings in the municipality or unincorporated area of the county where the building or structure is situated.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §16; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)

Section 41-9-1036 Age requirement.

No person under the age of 18 years shall participate as a contestant in any match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contest, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §17; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1.)

Section 41-9-1037 Jurisdiction of commission.

The commission shall have jurisdiction over any match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts, or other form of unarmed combat which occurs or is held within this state, is filmed in this state, or is broadcast or transmitted from this state.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §18; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1; Act 2021-518, §1.)

Section 41-9-1038 Violations.

(a) Any person may file a written and signed complaint with the commission alleging that any other person has violated Sections 41-9-1029 to 41-9-1037, inclusive. A complaint shall be made in the manner prescribed by the board and shall be referred by the commission to a standing investigative committee, consisting of a commission member, the executive director, the attorney for the commission, and an investigator or the chief inspector of the commission. If the investigative committee finds that no probable cause exists, the investigative committee may dismiss the charges and prepare a statement in writing, detailing the reasons for the decision.

(b)(1) If the investigative committee finds that probable cause exists, the commission shall initiate an administrative proceeding. If the commission determines the person has violated any provision of Sections 41-9-1029 to 41-9-1037, inclusive, the commission may do any of the following:

a. Issue a cease and desist order.

b. Suspend or revoke a license.

c. Impose an administrative fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation.

(2) The commission may petition the circuit court of the county where the violation occurred to enforce a cease and desist order and to collect any assessed fine.

(c) The criminal penalties in this section shall not be construed to repeal other criminal laws. Whenever conduct prescribed by this article is also prescribed by other provision of law, the provision which carries the more serious penalty shall be applied.

(d) Any person aggrieved by an adverse action of the commission may appeal the action to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County in accordance with the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §19; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1; Act 2013-285, p. 961, §1; Act 2019-491, §1; Act 2021-518, §1.)

Section 41-9-1039 Alabama Athletic Commission Fund.

There is established a separate trust fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Alabama Athletic Commission Fund. All receipts collected by the commission shall be deposited into this fund and used only to carry out the provisions of this article. Monies shall be disbursed only by warrant of the state Comptroller drawn upon the State Treasury supported by itemized vouchers approved by the commission. No funds shall be withdrawn or expended except as budgeted and allotted according to Sections 41-4-80 to 41-4-96, inclusive, and 41-19-1 to 41-19-12, inclusive, and only in amounts as stipulated in the general appropriations act or other appropriation acts.

(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §20; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1.)

Section 41-9-1040 Sunset provision.

The Alabama Athletic Commission shall be subject to the Alabama Sunset Law in Chapter 20 of Title 41, as an enumerated agency, and shall have a termination date of October 1, 2011, and every four years thereafter, unless continued as provided in the Alabama Sunset Law. *(Act 2009-622, p. 1872, §22; Act 2010-222, p. 392, §1.)*

Professional Services by Vendor

Administrative	2020	2021
<i>Accounting and Auditing</i>		
Warren & Company, Inc	\$ 45,350.00	\$ 55,800.00
<i>Advertising</i>		
Legislative Services Agency	380.00	-
<i>Comptroller Services</i>		
Dept of Finance	415.27	546.03
<i>Security and Monitoring Services</i>		
Warren & Company, Inc	-	400.00
<i>Mailing Services</i>		
Dept of Finance	78.30	60.45
Administrative Total	46,223.57	56,806.48
Data Processing		
Office Of Information Tech	3,237.25	4,794.25
Legal Services		
Attorney General's Office	315.00	630.00
Total Professional Services	\$ 49,775.82	\$ 62,230.73

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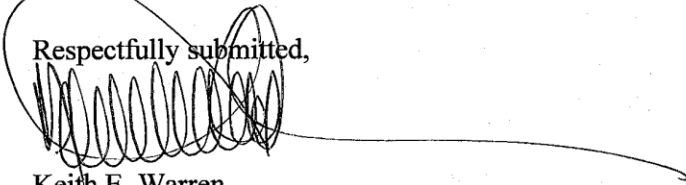
March 8, 2022

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Dear Mr. Eastman,

Please find attached the Commission Members that served during the audit period. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,


Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

<u>Commission Member</u>	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mr. Casey C. Sears Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406	06/23/2019	06/23/2023	Chair
Mr. Joel R. Blankenship, Esq. Homewood, Alabama 35209	08/09/2017	08/09/2025	Vice-Chair
Mr. Larry H. Bright, Jr. Huntsville, Alabama 35824	08/10/2018	07/17/2022	
Mrs. Kay A. Day Northport, Alabama 35475	11/20/2018	11/20/2022	
Mr. Jack Tillman Semmes, Alabama 36575	08/07/19	07/18/2023	
Mr. Terrence (T.C.) Collins Montgomery, Alabama 36117	11/16/2021	12/06/2025	

Response to Significant Issues



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June 22, 2022

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Dear Ms. Catledge,

Please find below the responses to the significant issues outlined in your letter dated June 15, 2022.

Significant Issue 2022-01

The Commission will review the responses in the audit report and discuss the areas of concerns. This information is not but the Commission is always open to discussion regarding regulations and procedures.

Prior Finding 2016-07

Proposed rule changes were published April 29, 2022, to include the remove these three rules that conflict with the statute. The final adoption of the proposed rules with be approved at the Commission's August 2022 meeting and rule certifications filed with the Legislative Services Agency afterwards. This finding will be resolved.

Prior Significant Issue 2011-03

The Commission does not administer the training or examination for these certifications through the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC). The proposed rules referenced above include changes to state training and examinations approved by the Commission and has requested that certifications of training, including examination passage, be submitted to the Commission to attach to the licensees to comply with the rules. The finding should be resolved in the coming months.