

Kansas Athletic Commission Procedures for Smokers

The Kansas Athletic Commission, at their November 9th meeting, voted unanimously to implement the following procedures for all exhibition fights and smoker events:

- All fighters must have blood work
- All fighters must be licensed to fight in the state of Kansas
- The Athletic Commission will appoint a referee that must be used and will approve all matches
- A KAC licensed physician must be present and follow all applicable rules and regulations

The KAC Statutes state, “The commission shall have general charge and supervision of all regulated sports held in the state (74-50, 186, a)” and a bout is described as “one match involving a regulated sport (74-50,182, a). In Kansas, “Regulated sports means professional boxing, sparring, professional kickboxing, professional and amateur mixed martial arts, grappling arts, pankration, professional wrestling and professional full-contact karate (74-50, 182, o)”, with sparring being described as “boxing, kickboxing, professional and amateur mixed martial arts, grappling arts, pankration, or full-contact karate for practice or as an exhibition (74-50, 182, p)”.

Exhibition matches may still occur with no winners being declared, but for the safety of the fighters the Athletic Commission will begin further regulating smoker events.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me at any time.