

ARIZONA BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COMMISSION
SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT 2019-02
RELATING TO ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS

(Effective March 21, 2019)

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 41-1001(22) and 41-1091, this substantive policy statement provides guidance to licensees, employees, and officers of the Arizona Department of Gaming and the Arizona Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission (the “Commission”) related to assignment of officials.

This substantive policy statement is advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona administrative procedure act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under section 41-1033, Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”), for a review of the statement.

This policy is to be used in conjunction with A.R.S. §§ 5-221, *et seq.* and the rules outlined in Title 19, Chapter 2, Article 6 of the Arizona Administrative Code (“A.A.C.”). This substantive policy statement sets forth the manner in which the Commission may interpret and implement A.R.S. §§ 5-227, 5-228, and 5-237, and A.A.C. R19-2-B605, R19-2-C601, *et seq.*, and R19-2-D601(M), (N), (P), (Q) and (S). This policy shall be effective on the date it is published by the Office of the Arizona Secretary of State; and it supersedes the Commission’s Substantive Policy Statement 06-022, (effective March 16, 2006) and any other Commission policies related to the assignment of officials.

1. Assignment of Officials is governed by the following concepts:
 - a. “Official” means any person who is licensed as a referee, judge, timekeeper, ringside physician, inspector, or other individual who will be delegated by the Commission to assume a position of authority at unarmed combat events.
 - b. In making assignments, the Commission will consider past performance; safety concerns; and experience, knowledge, and judgment of a potential official; but assignment of officials is at the will of, and in the sole discretion of, the Commission.
 - c. Licensure does not guarantee that the Commission will assign a licensed individual as an official.
 - d. If the Commission has determined that the quantity and quality of existing licensed individuals is sufficient to officiate at unarmed combat events, the Commission, in its sole discretion, may decline to accept requests for licensure from new applicants.
2. Every official assigned by the Commission must:
 - a. Follow all Commission instructions and abide by Commission decisions; and
 - b. Read, sign, and comply with the “Standards of Conduct” form provided by the Commission.