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agenda except public comment.**

Action may be taken on any item listed on

YOUTH PANKRATION SUBCOMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2014 - TELECONFERENCE
10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) to Conclusion of Business

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS:

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AGENDA ITEM 1. Discussion and possible action regarding delegation of Youth Pankration to the United States Fight League.

Vice-chair John Carvelli commenced the meeting with an overview of the delegation process.

1. CONFIRMATION OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The first matter to be address was to establish that the United State Fight League (USFL) is currently identified as a not-for-profit entity. Commissioner Lehman motioned to confirm that based on information attained from the Secretary of State Office, USFL is in fact a domestic not-for-profit organization. Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Frierson, Carvelli, Giza, Lemons, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman. Passed 6-0.

2. SAFETY STANDARDS MEET OR EXCEED CSAC

Vice-chair Carvelli explained that the next step of the delegation process is to verify that the USFL rules meet or exceed the applicable CSAC rules. Commissioner Lehman motioned to confirm that the safety and fairness standards in the USFL rulebook that was submitted do in fact meet or exceeds those of the CSAC rulebook. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lemons commented that he does not believe that the USFL rulebook fulfilled this requirement. In response, Commissioner Shen-Urquidez explained that with the youth, there are certain requirements that CSAC enforces on adults that cannot be enforced with children – for example, HIV testing. It was further explained that the rules submitted by USFL include the previously adopted rules for approval.

VOTE: Yes (Frierson, Carvelli, Lehman, Shen-Urquidez) Nay (Giza, Lemons). Passed 4-2.

3. WAIVER REQUESTS

1. Rule 510 – Weight Classes.

USFL requested a waiver to allow the USFL rule to open up weight classes for the youth. Commissioner Lehman explained that the Youth Pankration Subcommittee (YPS) specifically worked with USFL to establish lighter weight classes for the smaller participants. She further explained that the Madison System allows for ease of matchmaking, and identified that they are safe weight-classes for youth competitors.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to waive the application of Rule 510. Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Giza agreed that the Madison System makes sense for the youth competitors, and inquired whether this system has been practically utilized in other jurisdictions.

USFL President, John Frank confirmed that the Madison System has been used in wrestling, as well as in USA Boxing. Vice-chair Carvelli commented that he believes the revised weight classes exceed the safety standards for CSAC as it allows appropriate adjustments for youth.

VOTE: Frierson, Carvelli, Giza, Lemons, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman. Passed 6-0.

2. Rule 515 – Time Between Bouts.

USFL requested a waiver to rule 515 to allow tournament matches to require 15 minutes between bouts as each bout is 1 round. There was much discussion regarding how many rounds could potentially happen in a tournament.

Commissioner Lemons commented that it is his opinion that CSAC does not have adequate experience to make a judgment to allow such waiver. In response, Commissioner Shen-Urquidez explained that considering the information attained from outside jurisdictions, as well as historic information of the sport in California, that she does believe there is enough information for the Commission to make an informed decision.

Vice-chair Carvelli motioned to grant the waiver on Rule 515 and include language to allow for a minimum of 15 minutes between single round matches in a tournament format. Chair Frierson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Nay (Frierson, Carvelli, Giza, Lemons). Yes (Shen-Urquidez, Lehman). Failed 4-2.

3. Rule 518 – Unintentional Fouls.

USFL requested a waiver to Rule 518 to allow unintentional fouls to be counted as fouls. He explained that this waiver is really just added enforcement of fouls, considering that the nature of the sport is technique. If there is a foul, intentional or not, it would have consequences.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to waive the application of Rule 518 to include language which would penalize unintentional fouls, as well as intentional. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Frierson, Carvelli, Giza, Lemons, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman. Passed 6-0.

4. Rule 520 – Method of Judging.

USFL requested a waiver to Rule 520 to allow a 10-point must system. Executive Officer Andy Foster explained that this waiver makes sense for Pankration because it takes away the criteria of damage from the scoring system. He recommended that the Commission consider this waiver because damage is not the primary scoring criteria, allowing the sport to maintain focus on technique.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to waive the application of rule 520 to allow for the scoring system proposed by USFL. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Frierson, Carvelli, Giza, Lemons, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman. Passed 6-0.

5. Rule 523 – Ring Type.

USFL requested a waiver for Rule 523 to adopt rule ring & cage, with the exception of an option for a standard-size wrestling mat. Mr. Andy Foster stated that he is in favor of this option for USFL to add a standard-size wrestling mat to their Ring Types.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to waive the application of rule 523 to allow fights to occur on a wrestling mat. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Nay (Frierson, Giza). Yes (Carvelli, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman). Absent (Lemons). Passed 3-2.

6. Rule 711 – Headgear.

USFL requested a waiver for Rule 711 to allow for a CSAC approved, Pankration specific headgear. Commissioner Giza stated that he would like to see a headgear different than the headgear used in USA Boxing. Mr. John Frank described the styles of the USFL headgears that were previously reviewed and approved by CSAC. Commissioner Lehman stated that the setback is that the regulation says that USA Boxing is responsible for approving subsequent headgear.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to waive the application of rule 711 to allow Pankration specific headgear to be approved by CSAC not USA Boxing. Commissioner Giza seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Greg Patschul (Kazja) commented that if Pankration has no head strikes, he would argue that there is no point in headgear.

VOTE: Frierson, Carvelli, Giza, Lemons – absent, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman (5-1 absent)

7. Rule 541 - Promoter License.

USFL requested a waiver for Rule 541 to revise the requirement for USFL to license promoters. Mr. Frank explained to the Commission that USFL does not plan an assessment for ticket sales, and proposed that the Commission consider allowing him to charge more of a permit fee of \$50/show, and \$100/tournament. Mr. Foster commented that he agrees with this proposal and explained that since USFL does not have a profit motive, a gate tax assessment would not be appropriate for their program.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that should this be approved, USFL would need to be responsible for correctly reporting the financials of each event.

No motion was offered. No vote.

8. Rule 543 - Referee's License.

USFL requested a waiver for Rule 543 to lower the requirement for a referee's experience. He explained that it currently states that a referee must "have two years of documented experience refereeing martial arts or kickboxing matches with a minimum of 100 matches refereed." USFL is requesting their rule allow for a minimum of 100 matches refereed in any of the following: grappling, wrestling or jiu-jitsu matches."

Mr. Foster commented that he believes a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) referee could referee Pankration, however a Pankration referee should not be refereeing MMA." He further commented that if a referee meets Rule 543, they would be eligible to officiate Pankration.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to waive USFL, entirely of Rule 543 for pankration. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes (Frierson, Carvelli, Lemons, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman). Nay (None). Absent (Giza).
Passed 5-1.

9. Rule 546 - Professional Martial Arts Fighter's License - HIV/HBV Testing.

USFL requested a waiver for Rule 546 to exclude HIV testing on the youth as a requirement to compete. Additionally, USFL would like their requirement to include that if at any time during a match, there is any sight of blood, the match will be halted and the blood cleaned.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to waive Rule 546 requirement, and include proposed language. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes (Frierson, Carvelli, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman). Nay (Lemons). Absent (Giza).
Passed 4-1-1.

10. Rule 514 - Gloves.

USFL requested a waiver for Rule 514 to reflect a requirement for a 6 ounce MMA glove, as well as include that a glove that may be scaled down in size for the youth athletes in the currently approved style. Mr. Foster commented that he recommends this rule be altered for USFL. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that during grappling, athletes need to be able to have function of their hands. Additionally, Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that the Youth Pankration Sub-committee concurs with USFL's request regarding gloves.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to provide an exception to allow for a 6 ounce MMA glove, as well as include that a glove that may be scaled down in size for the youth athletes in the currently approved style. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes (Frierson, Carvelli, Lemons, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman). Nay (None). Absent (Giza).
Passed 5-0-1.

11. Medical Insurance.

USFL requested that the Commission allow their rules to allow for a reduced medical insurance requirement of \$10,000. Mr. Foster commented that the professional requirement is currently \$50,000, and the amateur requirement for CAMO and IKF is currently \$20,000.

Chair Frierson motioned to approve USFL's request for reduced medical insurance as revised to \$20,000. Commissioner Lehman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes (Frierson, Carvelli, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman). Abstain (Lemons). Absent (Giza).
Passed 4-1-1.

4. RULE WAIVERS EFFECT ON CSAC

Commissioner Lehman motioned to stipulate that the rule waivers granted to USFL are not intended to affect CSAC rules. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes (Frierson, Carvelli, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman). Nay (Lemons). Absent (Giza).
Passed 4-1-1.

5. OFFICIAL DELEGATION

Commissioner Mary Lehman motioned to approve the delegation of Youth Pankration to the United State Fight League. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes (Frierson, Carvelli, Shen-Urquidez, Lehman). Nay (Lemons). Absent (Giza).

Passed 4-1-1.

It was further stated that the delegation letter will be presented to USFL for signature, until there is a signed delegation, the Cease and Desist will be enforced.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

No public comments were requested for items not on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT