

**TITLE 15      GAMBLING AND LIQUOR CONTROL**  
**CHAPTER 6    BOXING, WRESTLING, AND MARTIAL ARTS**  
**PART 6        THE OFFICIALS**

**15.6.6.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Athletic Commission.  
[15.6.6.1 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.2        SCOPE:** The provisions in Part 6 apply to all licensees of the commission.  
[15.6.6.2 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Part 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 is promulgated pursuant to the Professional Athletic Competition Act, Sections 60-2A-1 through 60-2A-30, NMSA 1978 (1980 Repl. Pamp.).  
[15.6.6.3 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.4        DURATION:** Permanent.  
[15.6.6.4 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 23, 2002, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[15.6.6.5 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.6        OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 6 of Chapter 6 is to set forth notify all commission licensees of the duties of the ring officials.  
[15.6.6.6 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.7        DEFINITIONS:** “**Officials**” refers to the event referees, announcers, timekeepers, and judges.  
[15.6.6.7 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012]

**15.6.6.8        REFEREES AND JUDGES ARE ASSIGNED BY THE COMMISSION:**

**A.        Commission assigns officials for bouts and exhibitions:** The commission shall assign deputy inspectors, physicians, timekeeper, referees and judges to each professional unarmed combat, bout, program, match, or exhibition conducted by a licensed promoter in New Mexico.

**B.        Officials paid by promoter:** All officials assigned and directed by the commission to be in attendance at any event, bout, program, match, or exhibition shall be paid by the licensed promoter for the event in accordance with the fee schedule furnished by the commission to the promoter.

**C.        Number and substitution of officials:** The number of officials required to be in attendance, or the substitution of officials for any reason or at any time during the event, bout, program, match, or exhibition, shall be solely within the power and discretion of the commission.

[15.6.6.8 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012; A, 01-15-2015]

**15.6.6.9        [RESERVED]**  
[15.6.6.9 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.10       THE UNARMED COMBAT REFEREE:**

**A.        License required:** A referee must be licensed by the commission before he will be permitted, assigned, or directed by the commission to assume the duties and powers of a referee.

**B.        Duties and powers:** The unarmed combatant referee shall have the following duties and powers:

(1)        Inspecting the ring cage or fighting area per 15.6.7 NMAC.

(2)        To instruct the contestants.

(3)        To inspect each unarmed combatant gloves and make sure that no foreign, harmful, or detrimental substances have been applied to either the gloves or to the bodies of the boxers.

(4)        To stop a bout or contest at any stage on the grounds that it is too one-sided. In such an event, the referee may award the bout to the superior contestant as a technical knockout.

(5)        To stop a bout or contest at any stage if he determines that one or both of the unarmed combatant are not competing in earnest. In such an event, the referee may disqualify one or both of the contestants. If only one contestant is disqualified, the referee may award the bout as a technical knockout to the other contestant.

(6)        To stop a bout or contest at any stage on account of a major foul being committed by

either contestant. In such an event, in a boxing contest the referee may award the decision to the boxer who was fouled.

[15.6.6.10 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012]

**15.6.6.11 [RESERVED]**

[15.6.6.11 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.12 [RESERVED]**

[15.6.6.12 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.6.13 THE ANNOUNCER:**

**A. License required:** An announcer must be licensed by the commission before he will be permitted by the commission to assume the duties of an announcer. Unlicensed persons may not be employed by the promoter to act as the announcer for an event being conducted by the promoter.

**B. Introductions:** Only introductions approved by the commission shall be made from the ring, cage or fighting area. Announcing from the ring, cage or fighting area the names of any persons not connected with the sport, without prior consent from the commission or its delegated representative, is forbidden.

**C. Announcing the contestants:** After the announcer completes the introductions, he shall announce the name of each contestant and his correct weight, along with any other announcements that he is directed by the commission to announce.

[15.6.6.13 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012]

**15.6.6.14 THE TIMEKEEPER:**

**A. License required:** A timekeeper must be licensed by the commission before he will be permitted by the commission to assume the duties of a timekeeper. Unlicensed persons may not be employed by the promoter to act as timekeepers for an event being conducted by the promoter.

**B. Location of the timekeeper:** The timekeeper must sit outside the ring, cage or fighting area and close to the gong.

**C. Tools of the timekeeper:** Each timekeeper must have either a whistle or a gong and a stopwatch, which must be submitted for approval by the commission representative in attendance at the unarmed combat event.

**D. Knockout protocol:** In the event that a bout terminates by a knockout during any round, the timekeeper shall inform the announcer of the exact duration of the round.

**E. Ten-second signals required:** The timekeeper shall signal ten (10) seconds prior to the beginning of any round. At such signal, all seconds must leave the inside of the ring, cage or fighting area and all stools and equipment must be removed from the ring, cage or fighting area. The timekeeper must not signal during the progress of a round except to indicate that only ten (10) seconds remain in the round.

**F. Signal end of round:** The timekeeper must use the appropriate time keeper signal to indicate the ending of each round.

[15.6.6.14 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012]

**HISTORY of 15.6.6 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:**

Material in the part was derived from that previously filed with the commission of public records - state records center and archives:

NMAC 80-6, The Ring Officials, filed 9-24-80.

NMAC Rule 92-8, The Ring Officials, filed 8-17-92.

**History of Repealed Material:**

NMAC Rule 92-8 (aka 15 NMAC 6.6), The Ring Officials, filed 8-17-92; repealed effective 03-23-2002.

**Other History:**

NMAC Rule 92-8 was recompiled into the first version of the New Mexico Administrative Code as 15 NMAC 6.6 and named The Ring Officials.

15.6.6 NMAC, The Ring Officials, replaced 15 NMAC 6, The Ring Officials, effective 03-23-2002.