

**TITLE 15      GAMBLING AND LIQUOR CONTROL**  
**CHAPTER 6    BOXING, WRESTLING, AND MARTIAL ARTS**  
**PART 10       BOXING CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

**15.6.10.2      SCOPE:** The provisions in Part 10 apply to all licensees of the Commission.  
[15.6.10.2 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.10.3      STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Part 10 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.).  
[15.6.10.3 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

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

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

**15.6.10.6      OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 10 of Chapter 6 is to set forth all commission regulations regarding boxing classes and championships.  
[15.6.10.6 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.10.7      DEFINITIONS: [RESERVED]**  
[15.6.10.7 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.10.8      STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE:**

**A.      When A Boxer Must Defend Title:** A boxer holding a state championship title must defend his title against a suitable contender within six months after winning, or after last defending, his title, or his title may be vacated by the commission.

**B.      Challenge To The Title:** In the event a championship titleholder fails to defend his title, any boxer in the same class who is considered by the commission to be a suitable contender, may, at the lapse of the six-month period, file a challenge with the commission.

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

**15.6.10.9      AMATEUR CONTESTS:** All provisions in this section apply to all amateur events, contests, and exhibitions, unless the amateur event, contest, or exhibition is conducted pursuant to the rules for that form that are approved by the commission before the event, contest, or exhibition is conducted.

[15.6.10.9 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 01-15-2015]

**15.6.10.10     PROCEDURE WHEN COMMISSION RECEIVES A CHALLENGE:**

**A.      Challenge Forwarded To Championship Titleholder:** Upon receipt of a challenge for the state championship title, the commission shall forward the challenge to the championship titleholder, and announce the challenge to the title at the commission office.

**B.      Title Holder Agrees To Defend His Title:** Upon receipt of the challenge forwarded by the commission, the championship titleholder must, within twenty (20) days after the announcement, enter into "Articles of Agreement" to defend his state championship title against the challenging contender.

**C.      Title Holder Does Not Agree to Defend His Title:** In the event the championship titleholder does not enter into an agreement as specified in Subsection B of this rule, or capriciously refuses to promptly defend his state championship title, the title may be withdrawn from him by the commission.

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

**15.6.10.11     PROCEDURE IF MORE THAN ONE CHALLENGE IS RECEIVED:**

**A.      Commission Forwards and Announces Challenges:** In the event that the commission receives challenges to the championship title from more than one contender, the commission shall forward and announce the

challenges as provided in Subsection A of 15.6.10.10 NMAC.

**B. State Champion Selects His Challenger:** Upon receipt of the challenges from the commission, the championship titleholder may, with the approval of the commission, select to defend his title against any one of the challengers.

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

**15.6.10.12 CHAMPIONSHIP FORFEIT:** In the event that a state championship titleholder is permanently unable to physically qualify for the defense of his state title, the commission shall forfeit his championship and declare the title vacant.

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

**15.6.10.13 WEIGHT LIMITS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING CONTESTS:**

**A. State Class Weights:** State championships are recognized only in the following classes; and the weight limit of each contestant in a state championship contest must comply with the list below:

- (1) Junior Flyweight: 108 lbs. - Differential: 5 lbs.
- (2) Flyweight: 112 lbs. - Differential: 5 lbs.
- (3) Bantamweight: 118 lbs. - Differential: 7 lbs.
- (4) Junior Featherweight: 122 lbs. - Differential: 8 lbs.
- (5) Featherweight: 126 lbs. - Differential: 10 lbs.
- (6) Junior Lightweight: 130 lbs. - Differential: 10 lbs.
- (7) Lightweight: 135 lbs. - Differential: 10 lbs.
- (8) Junior Welterweight: 140 lbs. - Differential: 12 lbs.
- (9) Welterweight: 147 lbs. - Differential: 12 lbs.
- (10) Junior Middleweight: 154 lbs. - Differential: 13 lbs.
- (11) Middleweight: 160 lbs. - Differential: 13 lbs.
- (12) Light Heavyweight: 175 lbs. - Differential: 14 lbs.
- (13) Cruiserweight: 190 lbs. - Differential: 14 lbs.
- (14) Heavyweight: No maximum weight for any contestant.

**B. Title Holder Must Be At Weight:** Whenever a state championship title holder engages in a championship contest in this state, he must be at the weight required by the class for which he holds the championship.

**C. Time Limits for Passing the Scale:** All contestants in a championship-boxing contest must pass the scale at noon on the day of the contest, or at an additional weigh-in two (2) hours later.

**D. Non-State Championship Contests:** Championship bouts other than state championship bouts shall be determined by the sanctioning organization.

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

**15.6.10.14 HOW CHAMPIONSHIP CAN BE LOST:** A championship can be lost by default; by forfeit; or by a contestant's inability to pass the scale, but a championship can only be won by a contender in a contest.

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

**15.6.10.15 WEIGHT LIMITS IN NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING CONTESTS:** The same weight limits listed in 15.6.10.13 NMAC will apply in non-championship boxing contests.

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

**15.6.10.16 OVERWEIGHT BOXERS IN NON-TITLE BOXING CONTESTS:** Contestants in non-title boxing contests who are found to be overweight under the terms of the contract, may be suspended by the commission after the match, for such period as the commission may decide.

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

**15.6.10.17 [RESERVED]**

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

**15.6.10.18 CONTRACTS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING CONTESTS:** All contracts for state championship boxing contests must be signed at a commission meeting.

**A. Posting Forfeit Monies:** On the date of the contract signing, the two contestants and the licensed

corporation promoting the boxing contest will each post forfeit monies with the commission.

(1) The contestants, the champion title holder and the challenger, will each deposit \$50, if their purses are not more than \$5,000.

(2) If the title bout purse for either contestant is more than \$5,000, that contestant must post a deposit of 10% of his guaranteed purse.

(3) The promoter of the title contest must deposit an amount equal to the highest amount deposited by either contestant.

**B. Posting Deposits Ensures Contestants' Appearance:** Posting of forfeit monies is to insure that each contestant will appear at the championship contest and will make the proper weight; and that the promoter will fulfill the promoter's obligations.

**C. Title Bouts Authorized by Outside Sanctioning Body:** For championship title contests authorized by an outside sanctioning body (IBF, WBA, WBC, etc.) only the promoter shall be required to post a deposit equal to 10% of the total purse for both of the title bout contestants. The deposit may be waived or readjusted by the Commission.

**D. If Forfeit Is Declared:** In the event that a forfeit is declared, the deposit or deposits so forfeited will be distributed equally between the non-defaulting depositors and the New Mexico athletic commission. [15.6.10.18 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

#### **HISTORY of 15.6.10 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 80-10, Boxing Classes And Championships, filed 9-24-80;

NMAC Rule 92-12, Boxing Classes And Championships, filed 8-17-92.

##### **History of Repealed Material:**

NMAC Rule 92-12 (aka 15 NMAC 6.10), Boxing Classes And Championships, filed 8-17-92; **repealed** effective 03-23-2002.

##### **Other History:**

NMAC Rule 92-12 was recompiled into the first version of the New Mexico Administrative Code as 15 NMAC 6.10 and named Boxing Classes And Championships;

15.6.10 NMAC, Boxing Classes And Championships, replaced 15 NMAC 10, Boxing Classes And Championships, effective 03-23-2002.