

This is an amendment to 15.6.1 NMAC, Sections 7, 10, 11, and 18, effective 09/09/2026.

15.6.1.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. “Amateur contest” means any boxing, wrestling, martial arts, or mixed martial arts event, contest or exhibition, whether or not an admission fee is charged to the public, where the participants are licensed as amateurs with the commission in their field of unarmed combat. The terms “**amateur contest**” and “**smoker**” are used interchangeably, both terms have the same meaning. Amateur boxers are required to be licensed under USA Boxing.

B. “Board” means the medical advisory board of the New Mexico athletic commission.

C. “Broadcast” means any audio or visual image sent by radio, television or internet signals including podcast, webcast, streaming media, internet and any other electronic transmission.

D. “Closed circuit telecast” means any telecast that is not intended to be available for viewing without the payment of a fee for the privilege of viewing the telecast and includes, but is not limited to, the term “pay-per-view”. This definition includes, but is not limited to, telecasts, podcast, webcast, streaming media, internet or any electronic transmission to arenas, bars, lounges, clubs, entertainment or meeting centers and private residences.

E. “Commission” means the New Mexico athletic commission.

F. “Contact exhibition” means any contest or portion of a fight card, bout, or event in any form of unarmed combat, including but not limited to boxing, wrestling, martial arts, or mixed martial arts regulated by the commission, conducted, held, televised on closed circuit, or given within New Mexico.

G. “Contest” means any event or portion of a fight card, bout or exhibition in any form of unarmed combat, including but not limited to boxing, wrestling, martial arts, or mixed martial arts regulated by the commission, conducted, held, televised on closed circuit, or given within New Mexico.

H. “Counted out” means that a participant has been knocked down and the referee and knockdown timekeeper have performed the appropriate count as set forth in the rules, and the completion of such count signifies that the participant has been knocked out.

I. “Department” means the New Mexico regulation and licensing department.

J. “Event” means any contest or portion of a fight card, bout, or exhibition in any form of unarmed combat, including but not limited to boxing, wrestling, or martial arts regulated by the commission, conducted, held, televised on closed circuit, or given within New Mexico.

K. “Exhibition” means any contest or portion of a fight card, bout, or event in any form of unarmed combat, including but not limited to boxing, wrestling, martial arts, or mixed martial arts regulated by the commission, conducted, held, televised on closed circuit, or given within New Mexico.

L. “Face value” means the dollar value of a ticket that the customer is required to pay or, for complimentary tickets, would have required payment. It shall include any charges or fees, such as dinner, gratuity, parking, surcharges, or any other charges or fees that must be incurred in order to be allowed to view the match. However, if the ticket specifies the amount of admission charges attributable to state or federal taxes, such taxes shall not be included in the face value.

M. “Fight card” means a program of an event, contest, or exhibition of unarmed combat.

N. “Foreign co-promoter” means a promoter who has no physical place of business in New Mexico or who’s business is incorporated in a state other than New Mexico.

O. “He” or “his” shall also mean “she” or “her”.

P. [RESERVED]

Q. “Main event” means the principal match or matches within a program of matches.

R. “Mixed martial arts” means unarmed combat involving the use, subject to any applicable limitations set forth in this chapter, of a combination of techniques from different disciplines of the martial arts, including, without limitation, grappling, kicking and striking.

S. “Official duty” means any person who performs a task belonging to the commission during an event, contest, or exhibition of unarmed combat.

T. “Professional contest” means any boxing, wrestling, or martial arts, or mixed martial arts event, contest or exhibition, whether or not an admission fee is charged for admission of the public, where the participants are licensed as professionals with the commission in their field of unarmed combat.

U. “Promoter” means any person, and in the case of a corporate promoter includes any officer,

director or stockholder of the corporation, who produces or stages any unarmed combat, including but not limited to boxing, wrestling or martial arts contest, exhibition or closed circuit television show.

V. “Sham or fake” means a professional event, contest, or exhibition that is unsanctioned or features participants who are not licensed professionals with the commission in their respective form of unarmed combat.

W. “Technical zone” means the area between the ring, cage or fenced area and public seating. The area must have a separate divider and be at least 8 but preferably 12 feet from the ring, cage or fenced area. If there is not a solid barrier, uniformed security must be present.

X. “Timekeeper signal” means the appropriate mechanism used to signal the end of the round.

Y. “Unarmed combat” means boxing, wrestling, martial arts, mixed martial arts or any form of competition in which a blow is usually struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury.

Z. “Unarmed contest” means an unarmed combatant competing in an unarmed combat approved and sanctioned by a state commission or a duly constituted and functioning tribal commission which provides the unarmed combatants with the minimum protection afforded by the commission.

[15.6.1.7 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; A, 08/26/2012; A, 01/15/2015; A, 09/09/2026]

15.6.1.10 DUTIES OF THE [COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR] EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: The commission’s administrator shall keep a full and true record of all the commission’s proceedings; preserve and keep its books, documents, papers, records; and prepare such papers, reports, and other documents as may be required by the commission; and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the commission administrator from time to time by the commission. The commission administrator shall keep a record of the minutes of all commission meetings and prepare monthly financial statements for the commission.

[15.6.1.10 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; A, 09/09/2026]

15.6.1.11 MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETINGS: The minutes of all commission meetings shall be transcribed ~~[and kept on file at the commission’s office and placed online, at http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/athletic_commission_members_and_meetings.aspx],~~ maintained on file at the board office, and made available online on the board’s official website.

[15.6.1.11 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; A, 01/15/2015; A, 09/09/2026]

15.6.1.18 LICENSEE REQUIRED TO UPDATE ADDRESS WITH COMMISSION:

A. Correspondence, notices, bulletins, or any other information from the commission will be sent to the last known email address on file with the commission at the commission’s office.

B. The licensee shall be responsible for notifying the commission of any change in address.

[15.6.1.18 NMAC - N, 03/23/2002; A, 09/09/2026]