

# PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION



## Referee / Judge Licensure Protocol

To protect the interest and integrity of “Combat Sports” in Utah, the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission has implemented a minimum standard for the licensure of officials involved in regulating competition. This standard will be administered to all applicants for licensure, including Judges and Referees.

The following is basic information regarding obtaining a License to be a Judge or Referee for Unarmed Combat Sports in the State of Utah.

- 1) MUST have a vast knowledge of the respective sport (Kickboxing, Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts)
- 2) MUST know the respective sport terminology
- 3) MUST know the Unified Rules of Unarmed Combat for the respective sport.
- 4) MUST have a vast knowledge of the techniques employed by the contestants at all levels.
- 5) (Judges) MUST know and fully understand the judging criteria for the respective sport
- 6) (Referee) MUST have a vast knowledge of the mechanics to officiate a contest.
- 7) MUST COMPLETE AN A.B.C.-APPROVED CERTIFICATION COURSE. (Completion does not guarantee licensure)
- 8) MUST shadow 3 to 5 events (Judges - must score bouts for comparison and review) (Referees must complete these events under the tutelage of PSUAC licensed referees.)
- 9) MUST follow updates and rule changes as they are adopted
- 10) MUST complete a PSUAC “Code of conduct” acknowledgment.

Once an applicant has completed the above list, the Director will meet with the applicant and the other related officials to determine if the applicant is ready to begin working as a tier 3 official. Licensure and assignments are at the discretion of the director.

### Official Tier System

#### **Judges:**

- **Tier 3:** Will be assigned to Amateur bouts and mostly undercard bouts  
*Compensation \$75*
- **Tier 2:** MAY be assigned Amateur and Professional bouts and a few main events (if any).  
*Compensation \$100*
- **Tier 1:** MAY be assigned to Amateur and Professional bouts, Main events, and Title contests  
*Compensation \$150*

#### **Referees:**

- **Tier 3:** Will be assigned to Amateur bouts and undercard bouts; always assist Tier 1 referees  
*Compensation \$150*
- **Tier 2:** MAY be assigned Amateur and Professional bouts and a few main events.  
*Compensation \$200*
- **Tier 1:** MAY be assigned to Amateur and Professional bouts, Main events, and Title contests  
*Compensation \$250*

