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Australian Mixed Martial Arts Sports Association Inc.
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MMA Bout integrity policy

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As a peak body in MMA, AMMASA feels its responsibility to uphold its responsibility to maintain the integrity of MMA.

Where legislation dictates rule sets of bouts. AMMASA has witnessed in passed other organizations allowing non recognized rule sets be performed in combat arena disguised as MMA.

AMMASA has thus created a policy to perform its duty as a MMA Peak body and combat this issue within Australian MMA events.

Goal of Policy.

To stop bouts being fought in anything other than MMA under Rule sets set out by AMMASA on AMMASA sanctioned events or AMMASA federation run event. Specifically to cease the participation of Kickboxing in a enclosed arena while being “officially” announced as MMA bouts.

Policy.

- All athletes agree to a MMA bout in all its rules and regulations.
- All athletes act with integrity of the rule set outlined.
- All athletes refuse to engage in “gentleman agreements” where rule sets are deliberately dismissed and other rule sets actively engaged to in bouts.
- All Coaches adhere to same responsibilities as Athletes mentioned in policy.
- All Promoters are required to adhere to same responsibilities as Athletes and coaches.

Where a athlete, coach or Promoter is suspected of not acting in the best interest of the sport of MMA and is felt that pre arranged understanding of modification of rules and regulations set forth by AMMASA without written consent or informing AMMASA, the following actions will occur.

1. The Executive panel and chief referee on the night will engage in a enquiry.
2. Video footage and information will be gathered reviewed and discussed.

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3. A industry advisor in the suspected rule set or sport will be contacted and requested to review and partake in the investigation.
4. All parties must agree and feel that the bout was carried out under a rule set that is not deemed to be MMA and act in the best interest of upholding the Values of MMA and its rule set.
5. A suspension from AMMASA as detailed in the below table will be issued to the parties involved.
6. A letter will be issued from AMMASA to the party involved and a option for appeal accompanied the suspension.
7. If the party chooses to appeal the suspension, Parties are within their right and a appeal process is stated in below section – “Appeal Process”

Suspension Table

- These are recommended terms and are subject to change and modification based on the discretion of the AMMASA board.

Type	1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	3 rd Offence
Athlete	30 days	90 days	Indefinite
Coach	30 days	90 days	Indefinite
Promoter	60 days	90 days	Indefinite

Appeal process

A Party who has received a suspension letter from AMMASA has two options.

*** it is noted that the suspension is only from AMMASA and not a Australian or State Governmental Authority.*

Option 1

No response, this by effect is a acceptance of guilt and suspension will be carried out from date of Bout.

Option 2

Appeal Decision of committee.

Process

1. Draft a letter stating the party disagreement with the decision of the Committee.

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In the letter state that they had no pre understanding of any modification of rule sets, or no agreements in place between parties that certain techniques or combinations, or sequences of combat would not be followed, example : No striking on ground, no takedown, no following up on advantage after athlete has fallen or knocked to the ground.

Party had no understanding of agreement between coaches and/or athletes or promoters in place to allow for modifications that would affect the progress of a MMA bout under normal circumstances.

2. This letter must be accompanied by a statutory declaration stamped by a Justice of the Peace that can be held up in any further proceedings stating “the above letter and all relevant information”.

This Legal Statutory declaration will be kept on file and the Suspension will be reviewed and a official outcome issued.

If the Panel feels that all evidence is satisfied and both parties have appealed and supplied declarations, in effect the suspension will be revoked.

If 1 party accepts guilt, Option 1, the appealing party will be informed that only 1 party has appealed and the other wishes to accept guilt. The appealing party will be again be advised if they wish to continue with appeal.

If only one party has appealed the committee has the option to maintain the suspension if they feel that not all areas were satisfied that the rules were upheld in the best interest of the sport.

OUTCOME

The athlete will be informed of the final outcome of the appeal with a official letter from AMMASA.

There is no second Appeal.

NOTE

This suspension is solely a AMMASA suspension and has not affect on your government status of competition, it also has no affect competing on NON AMMASA events within the suspension period.