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**COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**2019 Regulatory Agenda**

Maine Administrative Procedure Act

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AGENCY NAME: **Combat Sports Authority of Maine** (an independent public instrumentality of the State created by 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20)

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2019 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**REVISIONS OF CURRENT RULES** regulating boxing and Mixed Martial Arts, Parts 1 & 2

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY**: 8 M.R.S. §523

**PURPOSE OF THE RULES**: The rules regulate the conduct of mixed martial arts and boxing events and the certification of event participants. The Authority has determined that amendments to its rules are necessary to correct certain errors, ambiguities, and omissions; to ensure internal consistency; and, to ensure compliance with current governing law and generally accepted practices. The Authority expects to add additional requirements for certification and regulation of fighters and promoters, to clarify procedures for medical assessments of fighters, and to strengthen regulation of fighters’ use of performance-enhancing and other prohibited substances. Rulemaking may include promulgation of rules regarding fees for certification and/or rules regarding fees and other financial responsibilities for event promotion.

**SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION**: This is an update on the status of the Authority’s previously-filed Regulatory Agenda. The Authority anticipated that above-described rulemaking could be finished by the end of 2018. That rulemaking did not occur, but the Authority expects to finish that work in 2019. This update also names a new rule-making liaison.

**AFFECTED PARTIES**: Authorized participants in mixed martial arts and boxing competitions

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: In addition to entertaining comments pursuant to the *Administrative Procedure Act*, the Authority may consult with interested persons but does not expect that it will be necessary to initiate formal consensus-based rulemaking pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §8051-B.