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## **SPORTS BETTING INDUSTRY BULLETIN 8**

**RE: Rule 5.2 - Application to Authorize New Sports Events - Boxing and MMA Requests**

This Industry Bulletin is to provide notification that due to integrity control concerns, Boxing and MMA requests submitted by sports betting licensees that are not listed in the [Approved Colorado Catalog of Events and Wagers](#) will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Pursuant to Sports Betting Rule 5.2, the Division takes the following into consideration prior to authorizing a sports event, league, or portion of a sport or athletic event:

- Name of the sports governing body;
- A description of its policies and procedures regarding event integrity;
- Any relevant input from the sports governing body or conductor of the sports event;
- Whether the outcome is determined solely by chance;
- Whether the outcome can be verified;
- Whether the event generating the outcome is conducted in a manner that ensures sufficient integrity controls exist so the outcome can be trusted;
- That the outcome is not affected by any bet placed; and
- Whether the event is conducted in conformity with all applicable laws.

Acceptable matches within Boxing and MMA must include pro-ranked individuals and must follow unified rules as set by the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports, or equivalent governing body listed in the [Approved Colorado Catalog of Events and Wagers](#). Matches that tend to deviate may not be approved.

Examples of changes that would not be considered or approved:

- Glove weight change
- Round time modifications
- Venue changes to accommodate sanctioning the fight
- Judging changes
- Fighters that are not professionally ranked
- Mixed weight class fights
- Contracts that would prevent either fighter from performing to their full potential
- Any match that does not result in a W/L/D on the fighters pro ranking

Requests for Boxing and MMA matches must include information about the event and shall not deviate from governing body rules.