

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE  
Division 2040—Office of Athletics  
Chapter 5—Rules for Professional Boxing, Professional  
Wrestling, Professional and Amateur Kickboxing, and  
Professional Full-Contact Karate**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**20 CSR 2040-5.070 Fouls.** The office is deleting section (9) and renumbering as necessary.

*PURPOSE: This rule is being amended to remove the prohibition of using a twisting leg submission maneuver during an amateur mixed martial arts contest.*

*[(9) No twisting leg submissions.]*

*[(10)](9)* An amateur mixed martial arts contestant will be required to have a minimum of six (6) sanctioned amateur bouts with a winning record prior to being permitted to compete as a professional mixed martial arts contestant in Missouri.

*[(11)](10)* Amateur contestants shall not receive any valuable consideration for their participation in an amateur event including but not limited to a purse, percentage of ticket sales, and/or discounts for gym training fees. No more than one hundred (\$100) dollars may be paid to an amateur contestant for travel expenses for participation in a bout.

*[(12)](11)* Injuries Sustained by Fouls.

(A) Intentional Fouls.

1. If an intentional foul causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate a bout immediately, the contestant causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.
2. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee may notify the authorities and deduct two (2) points from the contestant who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls are mandatory.
3. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the injury results in the bout being stopped in a later round, the injured contestant shall win by technical decision if he/she is ahead on the scorecards or the bout shall result in a technical draw if the injured contestant is behind or even on the scorecards.
4. If a contestant injures himself/herself while attempting to intentionally foul his/her opponent, the referee shall not take any action in his/her favor, and this injury shall be the same as one produced by a fair blow.
5. If the referee feels that a contestant has conducted himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner he/she may stop the bout and disqualify the contestant; and

(B) Accidental Fouls.

1. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the

bout immediately, the bout is a no contest if stopped before half of the scheduled rounds have been completed.

2. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately after half of the scheduled rounds have been completed, the bout may result in a technical decision awarded to the contestant who is ahead on the scorecards at the time the bout is stopped. A partial or incomplete round is scored. If no action has occurred, the round is scored as an even round. This is at the discretion of the judges.
3. A contestant who is hit with an accidental low blow must continue after a reasonable amount of time, but no more than five (5) minutes, or he/she may lose the bout by technical knockout.

~~[(13)]~~(12) Except as provided herein, any contestant guilty of foul tactics in a round shall be given an immediate warning or points may be deducted from the contestant's total score, or both, as determined by the referee. The use of foul tactics may also result in the disqualification of the contestant.

~~[(14)]~~(13) A contestant who intentionally refuses to engage an opponent for a prolonged period of time may receive an immediate warning from the referee. If the contestant continues these tactics after a warning, a point(s) may be deducted by the referee.

*AUTHORITY: section 317.001, RSMo 2016, and section 317.006, RSMo Supp. [2018] 2022.\* This rule originally filed as 20 CSR 2040-8.140. Original rule filed April 3, 2007, effective Oct. 30, 2007. Amended: Filed March 20, 2018, effective Sept. 30, 2018. Moved to 20 CSR 2040-5.070 and amended: Filed Jan. 25, 2019, effective Aug. 30, 2019. Amended: Filed Dec. 28, 2022.*

*PUBLIC ENTITY COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE ENTITY COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Office of Athletics, PO Box 1335, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at 573-751-5649 or via email at [athletic@pr.mo.gov](mailto:athletic@pr.mo.gov). To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*