

**SOVEREIGN NATIONS MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COUNCIL  
BYLAWS  
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The principles and fundamental norms of performance that from this date will be enforced, to be the base and apply for the fulfillment of the mission and purposes in the direction of the matters of the Sovereign Nations Mixed Martial Arts, which foundations and directives are faithfully contained in these Bylaws.

**CHAPTER I**

***NAME, DOMICILE AND NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION***

**Article 1.01** The name of the organization is the SOVEREIGN NATIONS BOXING COUNCIL, INC. which also offers Mixed Martial Arts, hereinafter called the SNMMA, will have its domicile wherever the President locates or installs its main office.

**Article 1.02** The SOVEREIGN NATIONS BOXING COUNCIL MIXED MARTIAL ARTS, founded in 2007, and named SOVEREIGN NATIONS BOXING COUNCIL, INC. from September 25, 2007 is a voluntary corporation, with legal status and its own property, different from those of its members, dedicated to promoting and serving the sport of boxing and mixed martial arts and to implementing safety measures for the protection of all boxers.

**Article 1.03** The SNMMA shall exercise its authority and carry out its activities throughout the world according to the provisions of the Bylaws, Regulations and Rules of the SNMMA. To which it will promote and contribute to the design and execution of plans and programs directed to the development and safety application of norms for its control and supervision in harmony with the different the regions and members to develop, promote and regulate the sport of mixed martial arts in a fair and professional manner to federally recognized tribes in the US and Canada, or locations approved by SNMMA advisory board.

**CHAPTER II**

***OBJECTS AND PURPOSES***

**Article 2.01** The purposes of the SNMMA are:

- a) To enhance the sport of professional mixed martial arts throughout the federally recognized tribes and world by establishing, maintaining, and operating an organization that provides an honest, fair, and impartial for the development of professional mixed martial arts and for the personal and professional advancement of boxers as part of society.
- b) To cooperate with the Mixed Martial Arts Community in those activities bound to the development of professional mixed martial arts as a worthy sport inspired by principles that enhance the spirit of competition and respect among all human beings.
- c) SNMMA is committed to serving the communities and advancing the lives and economic situation of all Native people, as well as, all professional boxers in a positive and professional manner.
- d) The SNMMA seeks to unite tribes that participate in the sport of mixed martial arts and is dedicated to promoting equal rights at all times, impartially, honestly and with fairness.
- e) To make mixed martial arts a prestigious professional sports activity with credibility and institutional recognition.

f) To establish measures for the uniform control and supervision of professional mixed martial arts throughout the world, as discipline conducive to physical fitness and as an activity which is a source of wholesome entertainment for the public.

g) To help to improve the image of mixed martial arts through the appreciation, enjoyment and positive perception on behalf of the public on the quality and integrity of mixed martial arts as a responsible work that demands formation and discipline and the professionalism of its leaders and other participants.

h) To recognize the SNMMA Championships fights in each of the weight categories or divisions carried out according to its norms and regulations, and certify those professional boxers who win that recognition. Nevertheless, SNMMA reserves the right to suspend or cancel the recognition of a World Champion, due to the breach or default of the SNMMA's rules, or for conduct that damages the good name, integrity and prestige of the SNMMA.

i) To certify and endorse the Championship fights. Every recognized champion and every person involved with matchmaking, promotion, staging, broadcast, and exploitation of SNMMA recognized championship bouts, and all those who request certification of such bouts, understand and acknowledge that the right to the title and designation "SNMMA World Champion", is owned exclusively by the SNMMA. The SNMMA certification of a match as a "SNMMA Championship" and the designation of "SNMMA Champion" are privileges and not rights of any kind or nature, vested or otherwise, and all boxers, promoters and their representatives, as well as the SNMMA members and the directives, including mixed martial arts organizations recognized by the SNMMA must comply with these Bylaws and all the Rules and Regulations of the SNMMA in order to qualify for such certification or designation.

j) To establish agreements of cooperation with the different federally recognized tribes of the world to promote the development of mixed martial arts and its incorporation into the community as an activity that is constructive and favorable to the interests of the region.

k) SNMMA brings to light the fact that tribes are sovereign nations and will re-enforce that fact throughout the existence of the SNMMA.

l) To engage in other activities that may be related to the foregoing purposes.

m) The SNMMA will set up a crises fund to aid the professional boxers that are part of the SNMMA with assistance to the best of its ability.

### **CHAPTER III**

#### ***DUTIES, ATTRIBUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES***

**Article 3.01** The SNMMA shall have all of the powers, duties, authorizations and responsibilities generally accorded to a corporation. In addition, but not by way of limitation, the SNMMA shall have the power to enter into license agreements, own stock in for-profit corporations, and donate funds to charitable organizations. The SNMMA, in order to meet better its ends and objectives may, in anyway, acquire, dispose of, give in use and encumber all types of assets, and carry out all types of legal acts. Including, setting up a retirement pension fund for SNMMA boxers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the SNMMA shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage, directly or indirectly, in any activity that would invalidate its status as a corporation according to the Law of United States or similar law in jurisdictions of other nations of the world where the SNMMA activities are carried out. However, the fact that tribes are sovereign nations will be re-enforced throughout the existence of the SNMMA.

**Article 3.02** The SNMMA will have the following activities:

a) For the purpose of promoting and contributing to the regional development of mixed martial arts the SNMMA will enter in strategic alliances and functioning agreements that may be necessary, worldwide, continental, regionally, nationally or federative, that enhance and endorse the improvement and strengthening of the activity in the regions of the federally recognized tribes. In this sense the SNMMA, is empowered to grant recognition to specific organizations to work in the areas before mentioned, according to the regulations contained in the present Bylaws.

b) The SNMMA will establish and recognize the World Championships in the existing weight divisions with the following limits:

| <b>DIVISION</b>        | <b>POUND</b>         |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Flyweight.....         | up to 125 lbs.       |
| Bantamweight.....      | over 125 to 135 lbs. |
| Featherweight.....     | over 135 to 145 lbs. |
| Lightweight.....       | over 145 to 155 lbs. |
| Welterweight.....      | over 155 to 170 lbs. |
| Middleweight.....      | over 170 to 185 lbs. |
| Light Heavyweight..... | over 185 to 205 lbs. |
| Heavyweight.....       | over 205 to 265 lbs. |
| Super Heavyweight..... | over 265 lbs.        |

In the same way, the SNMMA will recognize the fights of said divisions that take place between the SNMMA Champions and those of other organizations, recognized by the SNMMA, in Unification bouts.

c) The SNMMA will stimulate the making of unification Title Fights with other recognized organizations, and to such event the SNMMA will keep a special legislation applicable for these types of fights, aimed at to facilitating the fulfillment of the obligatory defenses of the Unified Champions in coordination with other organizations

d) The SNMMA shall adopt a distinctive respectful symbol for the World Championship in each of the recognized weight divisions; the Belt of the World Champion shall be awarded to the champions duly recognized by the SNMMA for the champions to exhibit with pride and honor in each of their defenses to constitute testimony of the effort culminated by the athlete.

e) The SNMMA shall publish bi-monthly on the SNBCMMA.COM website an official list of Rankings with the selection of those boxers who meet the requirements that endorse them to participate as challengers in World Championship Fights. These Rankings shall contain the names of the boxers selected in each recognized category or weight division by means of an ordered listing, which shall be presented in the form of ranking of the most outstanding boxers up to a maximum of (10) fighters in each weight category.

f) To prescribe the rules and regulations that will govern every world championship or elimination bout and establish rules and standards for the conduct and scoring of every mixed martial arts contest.

g) To act upon, decide, settle and mediate in disputes between members and other problems and disputes, which may arise in the sport of mixed martial arts.

h) The SNMMA will strive to contribute to the good image of mixed martial arts as a constructive activity that demands effort and discipline that offers opportunities for the integral development of youth. In this sense, it will stimulate the practice of the sport of mixed martial arts as mean to develop the good health and physical conditions, and as fundamental element to canalize the spirit of competition of the human being. SNMMA will provide all participants involved with professional mixed martial arts the respect, moral and ethical treatment expected from a professional organization that is dedicated to serve as a role model for the great sport of mixed martial arts.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### ***MEMBERS QUALIFICATION AND VOTING***

*Article 4.01* The SNMMA shall have the following category of members:

#### ***A) Voting Members:***

##### **a) Advisory Board Members. (5) Member Board.**

The persons who have been elected or appointed as such, according to these Bylaws, and that are up to date with their obligations and payments of their annual dues, which amount is established in TWO HUNDRED FIFTY US (\$250) that must be paid by March 31 of each year. Advisory Board Members are entitled to one (1) vote that shall cast in the SNMMA Board meetings as well as in the General Meetings held by the SNMMA.

##### **b) National Affiliate Members**

Official entities, such as a federally recognized tribe or a National Mixed Martial Arts Federation, and other mixed martial arts organizations empowered to organize, regulate and supervise professional mixed martial arts within a country, state, province or region. These entities must have been duly accepted as member of the SNMMA, that undertake to comply with these Bylaws and all the regulations in force, and pay their annual fee of Five Hundred US (\$500) to be acknowledged as National Affiliate Members., which must be paid by March 31 of each year. The National Affiliate Members are entitled to one (1) vote in the Annual Meetings of the SNMMA.

#### ***B) Non-voting members:***

##### **c) Ring Officials:**

Judges and Referees that have been accepted as Members of the SNMMA, and that undertake to comply with these Bylaws and other regulations in force, and that have paid their annual due of One Hundred Dollars US (\$100) that acknowledges them as Member of the Officials Committee of the SNMMA. Dues must be paid by March 31 of each year.

##### **d) Mixed Martial Arts Promoters and Managers:**

Mixed martial arts Promoters and Managers that have been accepted as members of the SNMMA, that, undertake to comply with these Bylaws and other regulations in force, and that, have paid their annual license that acknowledge them as Promoter or Manager affiliated to the SNMMA. The annual fee of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS US (\$1,000) for Promoter and FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) for Managers. Dues must be paid by March 31 of each year.

**e) World Champions and ex Champions**

Those persons who have, or have had the SNMMA World Champion recognition are life time members with no annual dues for membership.

**f) Special Members:**

The members of Committees, such as Medical Advisory Committee, Legislative Committee, any other Committees that are members of the SNMMA. The Commission Doctor and mixed martial arts organizations doctors are also Special Members. As well as Trainers, Media, Mixed Martial Arts fans and any person interested in the sport of mixed martial arts accepted as members of the SNMMA. The annual fee of TWENTYFIVE US (\$25) Dues must be paid by March 31 of each year.

**g) Honorary Members:**

The Honorary Members of the SNMMA are the former presidents or any person who has been a member of the Advisory Board of the SNMMA. This will include the current NIGA President and NCAI President.

**h) Other Members**

Those countries or regions or federally recognized tribes where professional mixed martial arts is held regularly and are not affiliated to the SNMMA, the President, if he considers it pertinent, may designate a representative to act as a link between the mixed martial arts authority of the country, region and/or federally recognized tribe and the SNMMA.

***Article 4.02 Affiliation Requirements***

To be a National Affiliate Member of the SNMMA, the entity or petitioner person must obtain the corresponding certification and approval from the Advisory Board of the SNMMA, and must comply with the following requirements:

**A. National Affiliate Members.** (For the federally recognized tribes, Commissions, National Federations and other Mixed Martial Arts organizations):

- a. Request the respective affiliation in writing to the SNMMA through the President of the SNMMA.
- b. Accompany the application for affiliation with documents issued by the corresponding authority in its country of origin that certifies it as a federally recognized tribe, National Commission, National Federation or Regional Organization with authority and power enough to regulate and/or supervise professional mixed martial arts.
- c. Accompany the affiliation form with annual fee of Five Hundred US (\$500) Dues must be paid by March 31 of each year
- d. Be accepted and recognized as so by the Advisory Board.

**B. For Ring Officials** (Judges and Referees):

- a. Request the respective affiliation in writing to the SNMMA through the President of the SNMMA.

- b. To verify before the SNMMA his corresponding status by means of the certification of some local, national or international mixed martial arts authority affiliated to the SNMMA.
- c. Accompany the affiliation request with the annual due of One Hundred Dollars US (\$100) Dues must be paid by March 31 of each year
- d. Be accepted and recognized as so by the Advisory Board.

**C. For Promoters and Managers:**

- a. Request the respective affiliation in writing to the SNMMA through the President of the SNMMA.
- b. To verify before the SNMMA his corresponding status by means of the certification of some local, national or international mixed martial arts authority affiliated to the SNMMA.
- c. For Promoters, accompany the affiliation request with the annual fee of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS US (\$1,000) for Promoter and FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) for Managers. Dues must be paid by March 31 of each year.
- d. Be accepted and recognized as so by the Directory.

***Article 4.03 Establishment of Annual Fees and Sanction Fees***

The amounts of the admission fees and annual payments established for the different categories of members, as well as the Sanction Fees will be set forth by the Advisory Board, (Board of Directors) of the SNMMA, based on the needs of the Annual Budget, which could be modified to the discretion of this Directory (Board of directors), and must be notified before their enforcement.

***Article 4.04 Obligations of the Members***

The persons, federally recognized tribes, mixed martial arts organizations, and those other entities, organizations, which have been accepted as members in any category of the SNMMA are bound to strictly comply with all the regulations established in these Bylaws and other regulations of the SNMMA. In the same way they bind to agree and comply with the agreements, regulations, and other decisions taken by the Advisory Board (Board of directors) and Assemblies of SNMMA. The SNMMA shall not accept any inequalities based on race, religion, politics or nationality.

***Article 4.05 Non compliance with the quotas***

The date of maturity of the annual fees of the National Affiliate Members to the SNMMA will be March 31 of every year. Those members included in these categories who are behind one year in the payment of their annual fee, will automatically be excluded from the list of members of the SNMMA.

To enter again in the SNMMA, they will have to pay the quotas pending up to the date of their withdrawal providing that their lag is not major of three years, and in these cases, they must request, a new admission, complying with the requirements and steps set forth in these Bylaws for the admission of new members.

***Article 4.06 Loss of Membership***

The members of the SNMMA will lose their Membership quality when, in the opinion of the Advisory Board and / or the General Meeting, commit the following faults:

- a) When in the exercise of his activities oppose systematically the intentions and purposes of the SNMMA, violate the present Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or infringe openly the dispositions of the Directory or of the General Meeting.

b) When they incur serious faults of organizational ethics to the detriment of the image of the SNMMA, or inconsiderate and repeated acts of disloyal competition and / or unjustified attacks to the SNMMA, or that affect the ordinary execution of the activities of the SNMMA.

c) For realizing, tackling, propitiating, and directing individual or jointly acts in opposition to the SNMMA that could cause moral or material prejudice to the SNMMA or its members.

The Advisory Board of the SNMMA, have the power to suspend, to impose fines, to expel, or apply kind of sanction that it considers to be pertinent, to any of the members of the SNMMA, depending on the circumstances and qualification of the gravity of the fault committed by the above mentioned member.

No person who has propitiated or participated in actions against the good development and image of the SNMMA, for the fulfillment of its mission to develop, promote and regulate the sport of mixed martial arts in a fair and professional manner to federally recognized tribes, may not hold the office of President or any other directive office or be members of committees of SNMMA. This norm is applicable with the same force to any member and director of the SNMMA that have participated, or supported actions against the good development and purpose of the SNMMA, in detriment and prejudice of the activity the organization shall develop around the world. In these cases the Advisory Board is empowered to request and sanction with the separation of these members from the Directory of the SNMMA. Besides the motives set forth in these Bylaws, the Advisory Board is empowered to exclude a member of the Directory of the SNMMA, according to the following causes:

a) Repeated failure to attend meetings.

b) Any conduct as a Director or individually which is disloyal or contrary to the interests of the SNMMA, such as seeking or obtaining an improper personal benefit on account of the director's position, exploiting for personal benefit information obtained as a director, or engaging in activities in competition with the SNMMA; or

c) To engage in any action with detriment to the honesty, image and seriousness of the Directory.

d) A violation of the Code of Conduct SNMMA.

No boxer who has been the object of any legal measure, which in any way limits the full exercise of his rights or who is in jail because of a sentence, shall not, in any way, be ranked or recognized by the SNMMA. In the same way, the SNMMA may refrain from ranking or maintaining any relationship with the boxers or persons involved in acts or conducts which are damaging the good name, integrity or prestige of the SNMMA or of mixed martial arts. Any person that has been affected by a decision or authority of the SNMMA has the right to appeal to the corresponding organ according to the provisions of the respective Legal Statements.

## **CHAPTER V**

### ***THE GENERAL MEETING***

#### ***Article 5.01 The General Meeting or Annual Convention***

Is the supreme authority of the SNMMA, consisted of those members duly accepted who have complied with the regulations set forth in these Bylaws, and who are duly certified to participate in all the Meetings deliberations, according to the following conditions:

Voting Members

a) SNMMA Advisory Board Members

b) National Affiliate Members

Non-Voting Members

- a) Ring Officials
- b) Promoters and Managers
- c) Champions and ex Champions
- d) Special Members
- e) Honorary Members
- f) Other Members

**Article 5.02** The General Meeting of Annual Convention will gather in ordinary sessions in the second quarter of the calendar year, in the place, time and date decided by the Advisory Board, it could also gather in extraordinary sessions when convoked by the President or upon request of the Advisory Board . To select the site of the General Ordinary Meeting there will be a Convention Committee, formed by the President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer who will be in charge of studying the existing alternatives and will recommend the most convenient place to hold the General Meeting or Annual Convention. .

**Article 5.03** The quorum for the installation of the General Ordinary Meeting or Annual convention shall be the presence of one-third or the members qualified to vote. The General Ordinary Meeting or Annual Convention will consider the following aspects:

- a) Report from the Credentials Committee to insure all present can vote.
- b) Verification of the quorum
- c) Reading and consideration of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting
- d) Directory and Committees Reports of action
- e) Medical Seminar
- f) Ring Official Seminar
- g) Pending matters
- h) Election of dignitaries.
- i) Resolutions
- j) Various matters, previously submitted
- k) Conclusions, Recommendations, Agreements and Close

The President at his discretion can modify, cancel, and change the agenda or order of the matters.

***Article 5.04 Faculties and Attributes of the General Meeting***

- a) To qualify its members, based on the report by the Credential Committee.
- b) To design the policies and general procedure of the SNMMA, and to elaborate the code of ethics.
- c) To approve or modify the General Income and Expense Budget of the SNMMA.
- d) To elect by majority vote of the members present, the Directory Members of the SNMMA.
- e) To be informed of and decide on sanction and exclusion and withdraw recognition of the members of the SNMMA, in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws and the Regulations of the SNMMA.
- f) To be informed of, approve, or repeal the amendments made to the Bylaws of the SNMMA, as well as to the rest of the regulations that govern it.

***Article 5.05 Elections***

**Elected Officers**

a) The President shall be elected by majority of votes of those members qualified to exercise that right at the General Meeting or Annual Convention of the SNMMA. The Presidential period shall be four (4) years.

b) In addition those requirements set forth for the members or candidates for the Directory, only those persons or candidates who have been members of the Directory for five (5) consecutive years previous to the election, and attended the last five (5) Annual Convention, are eligible to run for Presidency of the SNMMA. The persons who wish to be candidates for the Presidency SNMMA must not hold office as President of a National Affiliate at the time of the proposal. They must also be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.

#### **Appointed Officers**

The Executive Vice-president, the Treasurer, the Director of Championships Committee, the Director of the Ratings Committee, the Legal Advisor, the Director of the Legislative Committee, and the Director of the Medical Advisory Committee shall be freely appointed and/or removed by the President.

#### ***Article 5.06 The Advisory Board***

The Advisory Board shall be the authority organ that will be in charge of the matters of the SNMMA during the period between each General Meeting or Annual Convention, in accordance to the attributes indicated in these Bylaws, Regulations and other Legal Statements of the SNMMA.

The Directory meetings shall be held at the date and place set by the President. The quorum for the Directory Meeting shall be with the attendance of half plus one of the members. The majority vote of the members present in the Directory meetings shall be sufficient to take any decisions. The President will only vote in case of a tie.

#### ***Article 5.07 Faculties and Attributes of The Directory***

a) To exercise the maximum authority of the SNMMA in the absence of the General Assembly.

b) To gather for General Meetings or Annual Conventions, or whenever the President convokes them.

c) To approve the report of the members or any officer of the SNMMA, making any comments and suggestions.

d) To be informed of, approve, repeal any amendment that may be made to the Championships Regulations or any other Legal Statement that govern it.

e) To be informed of and decide on those matters that the President or one third of the members, submit for their consideration.

f) Propose and consider any amendment to the Regulations of the SNMMA.

g) To design plans and programs for the regional development of mixed martial arts in the federally recognized tribes.

h) To design, encourage and contribute in the development of preventive programs against the consumption of drugs throughout the different federally recognized tribes.

i) To stimulate the compliance of the safety and protection measures of mixed martial arts, to make mixed martial arts as safe a sport as possible and to promote the boxer's health and welfare.

j) To endorse the application of justice and watch for the transparency and equality of competition during a world championship contest and eliminatory bouts.

k) The Directory is empowered to approve items and expenses, which were not considered in the Annual Budget, which expenses may not exceed Fifty (50 %) of the Annual Budget. The Treasurer has the obligation to inform of such expenses the General Meeting of such expenses and the reasons supporting them.

l) The Directory shall have the power to suspend, to impose fines, to expel, or apply any kind of sanction that it considers to be pertinent, to any of the members of the SNMMA, depending on the circumstances and qualification of the gravity of the fault committed by the above mentioned member

#### ***Article 5.08 Liability of the Members***

No Advisory Board or officer shall be personally liable for any action taken by the board or corporation, unless the Advisory Board member or officer breaches or fails to perform a duty required by statute, and the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness.

#### ***Article 5.09 Expenses and Compensation of Directors***

Members of the Directory shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred by them in connection with attending meetings of the SNMMA, as well as general office expenses resulting from their posts functions. The president and the Treasurer will draw the general expense budget of the main office and compensation of the operational staff of said office, as well as the compensation budget for those Members specified by the Directory for rendered service to the SNMMA that may require compensation. The fees may be based upon a specified amount per annum or month as well as a specified amount per meeting attended, a combination of both, or any other reasonable method. The remaining members of the Directory and/or Members of committees that are not subject to compensations will receive an amount per travel expenses for attending meetings of the Directory, which, shall be determined by the President and the Treasurer. The emoluments here established (honoraries, compensations, and travel allowances) for being voluntary and essentially of not remunerative content, are liable to be suppressed or modified when the interests of the SNMMA, prior report of the Finance Committee suggests it.

#### ***Article 5.10 Members of the Advisory Board***

The following members will form the Advisory Board of the SNMMA:

- 1) President
  - 2) Executive Vice-president
  - 3) Secretary
  - 4) Treasurer
  - 5) National Coordinator
  - 6) Legal Adviser
- Sub-Committees:
- 7) Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee
  - 8) Chairman of the Ranking Committee
  - 9) Chairman of the World Championship Committee
  - 10) The Chairman of the Legislative Committee

#### ***Article 5.11 The President***

The President shall be the superior authority of the SNMMA, and will preside the all the meetings held for the conduction of matters. The President together with those members elected by the General Meeting and those appointed shall take possession of his office when the election finishes. Vice-president shall fill the temporary or absolute absence of the President.

#### ***Article 5.12 Faculties and Attributes of the President***

- a) To exercise the SNMMA's representation in accordance with the attributes established in the Bylaws and the Constitution.
- b) To exercise the representation of the SNMMA at a National and International level, in all lawful acts, of any nature whatsoever, and in all those acts which are necessary in carrying out his duties.
- c) The appointment and removal of the different Directors and Permanent Committee members and of those who should make up same, in order to attain the proposal and objectives of the SNMMA.
- d) To call meetings of the Advisory Board.
- e) To order the call to General Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings in accordance with the Bylaws.
- f) To authorize all necessary payments, for its functioning, ends and objectives of the SNMMA. The Treasurer shall oversee all disbursements to be made by the SNMMA and shall be correctly processed in accordance with general accepted accounting principles.
- g) To decide on creating those committees which, in his opinion, are advisable.
- h) To direct the General Ordinary or Extraordinary Meetings and those meetings of the Directory.
- i) To call General Ordinary or Extraordinary Meetings when circumstances make it necessary.
- j) To appoint the SNMMA representative for each World Championship fight in order to ensure compliance with the regulations established for the recognition and validity of all World Championship fights.
- k) To appoint in cooperation with local authorities and in accordance with those local laws, the International Officials (judges and referees) that shall participate in for each World Championship Fight. In this sense, he shall respect the Neutrality and Impartiality principle.
- l) The President, together with the Treasurer, shall be in charge of all matters related to the SNMMA's Finances. The President and the Treasurer are the persons authorized to determine and select the bank accounts for the movement of the SNMMA funds with any institution in the world as they consider convenient. In addition, they are the sole persons who are authorized to delegate and indicate the persons who may move funds, indicating the amount of money that can be moved or drawn by said persons delegated as well as the other conditions of the delegations. The President and the Executive Vice-president are authorized to make all the administrative proceedings before the banks for the opening, close, operation, and movement of the respective accounts.
- m) To authorize, jointly with the Treasurer, the credentials of all members of the SNMMA.
- n) To sign agreements with other mixed martial arts organizations, which are to the SNMMA's benefit, and reporting such agreements to the Directory and General Meetings.
- o) To submit any urgent important matter to the Directory's consideration and vote. The President or the Executive Vice-president should sign the vote request. The Advisory Board must send the vote to the President or Executive Vice-president within five (5) days after receiving the request. Those votes that are not received in those five (5) days stated herein will be considered in favor of the proposition that has the majority votes.

***Article 5.13 Faculties and Attributes of the Executive Vice-president***

- a) To be the support of the Presidency.
- b) To call all General Ordinary or Extraordinary Meetings of the SNMMA upon request of the President..
- c) To keep an updated record of the World Championships Statistics.
- d) To be Responsible of the management and direction of the principal office of the SNMMA.
- e) To keep an updated record of the minutes of the General Meetings and Directory.
- f) To be informed of the International Mixed martial arts Environment to propose updating and modifications to the Bylaws and other Legal statement of the SNMMA.
- g) To be responsible for the maintenance and strengthening of the relations with other mixed martial arts entities, keeping adequate coordination and information channel that help the decision taking that may benefit mixed martial arts.
- h) To promote, together with the regions recognized by the SNMMA, actions aimed to their development.
- i) To coordinate the organization all the meetings of the SNMMA.
- j) To draw, together with the Treasurer, the Income and Expenses Budget.
- k) To keep the relations and communication channels necessary with the members of the SNMMA.
- l) To keep and maintain the equipment and communication means to send and receive timely information in order to render an effective service to the members.
- m) They are the person who replace the president in cases of absence.
- n) To develop the link that contributes to the strengthening of the SNMMA with the authorities of their zones of influence.
- o) To oversee the good image of the SNMMA in their zones of influence.

***Article 5.14 Faculties and Attributes of the Treasurer***

- a) The Treasurer shall be in charge of receiving payments of all duties from all members of the SNMMA, collect payment of licenses from each registered promoter, sanction fees, percentage paid by the boxers, license granted to managers, payment for operating and functioning license that should be made by Associate Members of the SNMMA, donations, as well as any other sums it must receive. Likewise, he shall pay all expenses approved by the President.
- b) The Treasurer shall present to the President a monthly Treasury Statement containing the income and expenses that occurred as well as the balance sheet or financial statement, and the budget report. The Treasurer shall present a similar written report to the Directory and to the General Meeting.
- c) The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping adequate accounting records for the SNMMA.

d) Together with the President, the Treasurer shall sign checks or vouchers to make payment for any concept by the SNMMA and shall be responsible for his pursuant to the Legal Bases of the SNMMA and to law.

e) The Treasurer shall account to the President or the Directory when so requested, for all Treasury movements during any stipulated period. To these ends, he shall present the books, vouchers, documents receivable and accounts payable, balance sheet or financial statement of the SNMMA and funds available in his possession.

***Article 5.15 Faculties and Attributes of the National Coordinator***

To coordinate the organized development of mixed martial arts in the regions of the federally recognized tribes through strategic plans and proceedings in cooperation with the regional federally recognized tribe authorities. To stimulate and to propitiate the formation of regional leaders establishing agreements of cooperation for its continuity and growth. To indicate directives for the plans and activities that they must execute.

**CHAPTER VI  
COMMITTEES**

***Article 6.01*** The SNMMA shall have permanent committees; whose Directors and members will be designated by the President. These Committees that will fulfill Advising labors to the Advisory Board in each of their specific matters as listed but not limited to the following:

- a) Executive Committee
- b) Ratings Committee
- c) Championships Committee
- d) Legislative Committee
- e) Credentials Committee
- f) Medical Advisory Committee
- g) Administration, Budget and Finance Committee
- h) Appeal Committee

The President may create, at his discretion, other Committees he may consider necessary for the good functioning of the SNMMA.

***Article 6.02 Executive Committee***

During the period that lapses between the meetings of the Advisory Board the Executive Committee will exercise the authority and functions that correspond with exception of the following attributions:

- a) Promulgate or amend regulations and rules of the SNMMA
- b) Propose, appoint or remove any member of the Advisory Board.
- c) Change any decision taken by the President

The Executive Committee will be formed by the President, the Treasurer, the Legal Advisor, the Director or the Ratings Committee, the Director of the Championships committee and the Executive Vice-president, as they are the members that are more related to the day-day work, and they will make decisions on behalf of the SNMMA. They will be in charge of the tasks and activities that may require immediate attention to guarantee the operational and administrative continuity.

***Article 6.03 Ratings Committee***

It is an organ of analysis, evaluation and hierarchical structuring of the boxers in their careers performance. For the fulfillment of this labor, it must keep updated activity records and results of the fights, as well as the caliber of the contenders. It must be able to provide opportune information that justifies the movements that take place in the ratings. The Ratings Committee will periodically prepare lists of the boxers in every

category of weight, in accordance to the "Norms and Procedure for Ranking". In agreement with the results of the fights every month, it will grant recognitions and mentions of stimulus to the most outstanding boxers.

***Article 6.04 Championships Committee***

- a) The World Championships Committee shall have the duty and all attributes necessary to have the Regulations and Rules complied with for the World Championship fights as recognized and approved by the SNMMA.
- b) Any World Championship fights recognized by the SNMMA shall be governed by the existing Regulations on World Championships
- c) Each boxer recognized by the SNMMA, as a world champion in his respective category shall defend his title the times required, pursuant the provisions of the Regulations on World Championship Fights of the SNMMA.
- d) The World Championships Committee shall keep a permanent and strict control and watchfulness on World Championship fights authorized by the SNMMA, ensuring that all fights are carried out in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the Legal Bases of the SNMMA. The World Championships Committee is empowered to abstain from authorizing the realization of professional mixed martial arts fight in any place, country, region or territory that is objectively considered that does not gather the enough guarantees for the exact execution of the Regulations, Rules that Govern World Championships fights, as well as the other Legal Statements of the SNMMA.
- e) The recognition of a professional boxer as a World Champion in any of the weight categories, or divisions, may be suspended or revoked by the SNMMA because of a proven violation of the Regulations and Rules, which govern the World Championships, the Bylaws of the SNMMA. In the same way the SNMMA may penalize a World Champion and any boxer due to conducts which injures the good name, integrity and prestige of professional mixed martial arts or by any act against the fundamental principles of ethics, moral of this sport duly proven by the World Championships Committee or any other authority of the SNMMA. In the same manner, the SNMMA may abstain from rating or maintaining relations with a boxer or with persons involved in acts or conduct that injure the good name or integrity of the SNMMA or of mixed martial arts.
- f) The World Championships Committee shall send to the Treasurer the total value of all sanction fees charged for approvals, once received, and it shall be responsible for making payments effective.

***Article 6.05 Legislative Committee***

The Legislative Committee shall be in charge of studying any proposed amendments to the Constitution, to the Bylaws and to the Regulation, and shall present its report in the expressed manner ordered by the Constitution. However, the General Assembly may decide on any amendment on which the Legislative Committee did not provide a report as stipulated herein, based on the provisions of the Constitution.

***Article 6.06 Credential Committee***

At the opening of each General Meeting of the SNMMA, the President shall appoint a Credential Committee made up by the Treasurer, the Chairman of the Legislative Committee and one (1) other member to be freely appointed by him, qualified to vote. The President shall likewise appoint one of the members to preside the committee who, at the opening of the General Meeting, shall inform the names of the federally recognized tribes, states, countries, cities, provinces or political subdivisions represented at the General Meeting, as well as the name of its duly registered delegates and representatives who are authorized to vote.

***Article 6.07 Administration, Budget and Finance Committee***

The Administration and Budget Committee shall be responsible for preparing the general income and expense budget of the SNMMA in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### ***APPEALS***

**Article 7.01** The members of the SNMMA, by reason of the Rules and Regulations which govern mixed martial arts in their respective jurisdictions, pursuant to the fundamental principles of the SNMMA and in benefit of the best interests of mixed martial arts and of the SNMMA, shall refuse permission to any person to compete, officiate acts, or take part in any activity related to professional mixed martial arts within their jurisdiction, while the penalty imposed by the respective entity, organization or federation member remains in effect.

**Article 7.02** The Appeals Committee will know, and decide all the matters and issues that are submitted for its consideration by the affected parties in exercise of its attributions and powers, as consequence of any decisions issued by the World Championships Committee, Ratings Committee and the Advisory Board of the SNMMA. Any other matter or issue related to the sanctions, fines, suspensions and abrogate linked and inherent to the Professional mixed martial arts activity, given by any other authority, organ, organization or active Member of the SNMMA with faculty for this, will correspond to the President of the SNMMA to his solely judgment to consider and to discuss if the matter or issue has to be known or reviewed by the Appeal Committee.

## **CHAPTER VIII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

**Article 8.01** It shall correspond to the Convention, with the vote of two third (2/3) of its members who are present to vote, to decide on any amendment of the Bylaws, Regulations and Rules. The amendments approved by the Convention shall have immediate effect except if the respective provision states otherwise.

**Article 8.02** For the consideration of the proposals, which comprise the modifications or amendments, the following procedures, shall be followed:

- a) Only those members qualified will have the right to propose amendments to the Legislative Committee consideration, which must be presented to the committee sixty (60) days before the General Meeting.
- b) The Legislative Committee shall write the proposed amendments in adequate language.
- c) The Legislative Committee shall inform the proponent of any difficulties or problems that may be created by amendment.
- d) The Legislative Committee shall succinctly explain the purpose of the amendment.
- e) The Legislative Committee, if it considers convenient, may express its point of view with regard to the proposed amendments.
- f) The Legislative Committee shall send to the Presidency all the amendments proposed together with its report on same, preferably thirty-(30) days before the General Meeting.
- g) The Executive Vice-president, in turn, shall prepare a copy on the proposed amendments to be distributed to all Members of the SNMMA when they register at the Convention.

The Advisory Board may amend or promulgate regulations, when they consider it convenient. These Regulations and Rules approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Advisory Board shall have immediate effect.

The Directory shall have the obligation of presenting the approved amendments or modification to the General Meeting, for their consideration.

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