**BYLAWS OF THE COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

  ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSES, and OfficeS

**Section 1. Name**

In accordance with 5 M.R.S. § 12004-G(4-D) and 8 M.R.S. § 522(1), the name of this commission is The Combat Sports Authority of Maine (“the Authority”).

**Section 2. The purposes of the Authority are:**

1. To regulate, supervise, and promoteprofessional and amateur mixed martial arts and boxing in the State of Maine;
2. To ensure safety and integrity in the conduct of mixed martial arts and boxing events in the State of Maine and to promote public trust in those events’ safety and integrity;
3. To enforce all legal requirements established by the Maine Legislature for the regulation and conduct of mixed martial arts and boxing events;
4. To adopt and enforce relevant requirements established by national and international sanctioning authorities for the conduct of mixed martial arts and boxing events;
5. To establish qualifications for, and responsibilities of, all participants in mixed martial arts and boxing events in the State of Maine and to issue certifications to such persons;
6. To establish categories of officials deemed necessary for the conduct of mixed martial arts and boxing events in the State of Maine; to issue certifications to such persons; to establish qualifications for, and responsibilities of, such persons; and to set compensation (if any) for such persons;
7. To prescribe certification fees and such other fees deemed necessary for adequate regulation of mixed martial arts and boxing events in the State of Maine;
8. To enforce the provisions of 8 M.R.S. Chapter 20 and the Authority’s Rules;
9. To promulgate rules pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 523(1); and
10. To take such other action necessary and incidental to the Authority’s purposes.

Section 3. Offices

The location of the principal office of the Authority shall be in the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The location of the registered office of the Authority shall be the same as its principal office.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Authority is governed by 8 M.R.S. §§ 522(3) and 522(5).

**ARTICLE III**

**OFFICERS**

Section 1. Election

The Authority shall elect four (4) officers: a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Complaint Officer. Election shall be by a simple majority of Authority membership. The Authority shall hold election of officers every July, and officers shall serve for one year, but members may be reelected for additional terms.

**Section 2. Duties**

1. The Chairperson shall call and preside over all Authority meetings, unless it is deemed necessary for another individual to fulfill that role.  The Chairperson shall be responsible for appointing all committees of the Authority and charging them with such tasks deemed appropriate for carrying out any purpose of the Authority. Between meetings, the Chairperson shall consult as appropriate with all Authority members so that they are informed fully about all new matters relating to the purposes of the Authority.
2. The Secretary shall record and maintain accurate minutes of Authority meetings, and the Secretary shall maintain all other Authority records. In consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary shall respond to all requests made pursuant to Maine’s Freedom of Access Act.
3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate financial records of the Authority, for collection of all fees due the Authority, and for making all disbursements approved by the Authority.  The Treasurer shall give a financial report at every meeting of the Authority and at any other time as requested by the State or Authority members. The Treasurer shall be responsible for establishment and maintenance of the Combat Sports Reserve Fund required by 8 M.R.S. § 525.
4. The Complaint Officer shall maintain accurate records relating to complaints received by the Authority, shall review and forward a copy of every complaint to the Attorney General, and shall assist the Attorney General in the investigation of complaints and their presentation to the Authority.  The Complaint Officer shall be disqualified from voting on the disposition of any complaint investigated by her/him.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEETINGS**

All meetings shall be held only after notice given to all members and the general public in accordance with the Maine Freedom of Access Act and policies established for agencies of the State of Maine. Official Authority action requires a majority vote of Authority members. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern meeting procedure.

ARTICLE V

ENFORCEMENT

The Authority shall conduct enforcement and disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the provisions of 8 M.R.S. §§ 529, 530, and 532 and Chapter 375 of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

If the Authority determines that disciplinary action against a holder of Authority certification is appropriate, the Authority may:

1. Impose a monetary penalty against that person; and/or refuse to issue, not renew, suspend, or revoke that person’s certification; or
2. Subject to approval of the Attorney General, enter into a consent agreement with the certificate holder.

**ARTICLE VI**

**COMPENSATION**

Beginning September 1, 2011, Authority members shall receive a per diem payment of $35.00 for any event or meeting for which their attendance is required. Additionally, beginning September 1, 2011, Authority members shall receive mileage and expense allowances for any event or meeting for which their attendance is required. The mileage and expense allowances shall be the same as those established from time to time by the Office of the State Controller. Payment of the per diem, expense, and mileage allowance is subject to submission to the Treasurer of an expense voucher in a form approved by the Authority.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended or revoked at any meeting of the Authority.

The above Bylaws were adopted by the Combat Sports Authority of Maine at its

meeting this date, March 14, 2012.

Malinda McKinnon, Secretary