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COMMISSION BULLETIN 2019-1 DATA TRACKING CHIPS

The Commission may authorize, in its sole discretion, a licensed promoter to use a data tracking chip and/or sensor (“Chip”), of a type approved by the Commission, for placement on a combatant’s glove in a safe and unobtrusive location, prior to and during a bout in New York State.

To seek approval for the use of a Chip at a Commission-sanctioned event, the promoter must notify the Commission of the request 30 days prior to the bout in writing and must present a Chip for Commission approval, along with the process for affixing the Chip onto a combatant’s glove and any additional information as requested by, and to the satisfaction of, the Commission. The promoter must notify both combatants assigned to a bout of its request for those combatants to use the same Chip no later than weigh-in (unless otherwise directed by the Commission), with a combatant having a right to opt out of use without penalty. Commission authorization for use of the Chip during a specific bout will not be granted unless both combatants agree to each use the same Chip during the bout, the written consent of both combatants is provided to the Commission by the licensed promoter, and the Commission finds that the use of the Chip is in furtherance of the best interests of combative sports and will not adversely impact the health and safety of any combatant, the integrity of the competition, or the integrity of the glove itself.

Commission staff must observe the placement and attachment of a Chip to the glove before a bout, to the satisfaction of the Commission, which reserves its right to not allow use of a Chip during a bout and/or event.

Under no circumstances will the action of a bout be delayed or stopped due to a malfunction of any Chip in use. In the event that a Chip becomes dislodged and/or falls out, the referee shall call time during a lull in the action of the bout to remove it from the ring. Under no circumstances will the action of a bout be delayed or stopped to replace or reposition a Chip.

A list of Commission-approved data tracking chips and/or sensors shall be maintained on its website.

Implemented by vote of the Commissioners on April 30, 2019.