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Prohibited Bettor

The New York State Athletic Commission (the “Commission”) is vested with the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all authorized combative sports within the State of New York (General Business Law § 1004). The Commission is enacted to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of all participants in combative sports and spectators thereto, to preserve the integrity of combative sports through means of licensing, oversight, enforcement, and the authorization of sanctioning entities, and to facilitate the development and responsible conduct of combative sports throughout the state (General Business Law § 1003(1)).

It is the sense of the Commission that wagering by a Commission licensee on combative sports matches over which the licensee has influence due to their direct participation therein or oversight thereof is contrary to the best interest and integrity of combative sports. The Commission recognizes that this is in accordance with the spirit of New York State’s sports wagering regulations, which define a “prohibited sports bettor” in part as “any person whose participation may undermine the integrity of wagering on a sports event or the conduct of such sports event itself,” including “any athlete whose performance may be used to determine, in whole or in part, the outcome of such wagering” and “any person who holds a position of authority or influence sufficient to exert influence over the participants in a sports event that is the subject of a sports wager” (NYS Gaming Commission regulations at 9 NYCRR § 5329.1(k)).

Therefore, any Commission licensee directly participating in or overseeing a combative sports match in New York State within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is found to have wagered on said match shall be subject to administrative action by the Commission, which may include application denial, cancellation of the combatant’s bout, and/or disciplinary action such as the imposition of a fine, reprimand, purse forfeiture, license suspension, license revocation, modification of the official bout result, or any combination thereof.

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