



## PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### CONTEST OUTCOME APPEAL PROTOCOL

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#### Definition

APPEAL PROTOCOL ("Protocols") as set forth and revised in March 2021 by the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission ("PSUAC") to define expectations and roles within the Unarmed Combat community of Utah. The Director or designated representative ("Director") shall serve as the agent of the Commission to ensure that these Protocols are adhered to at all times.

To request an appeal of a contest outcome must be submitted on the Appeal Request form within (7) days of the contest to the Director of the PSUAC.

All such request shall exhibit fully completed request form which includes the following:

**a) Information regarding all participants in the contest**

*(example: names, dates, location, officials)*

**b) Reason for the appeal**

**c) Justification for the appeal** *(one of the following must be in question for the appeal to be granted)*

- Misapplication of the rule? *(if so, list the rule set forth by the ABC Unified Rules)*
- Proof of collusion *(Example: proof that someone conspired to effect the outcome of the contest)*
- Proof of distraction or not able to see the incident which led to the outcome

*(example: did the referee look away, or was the judge not watching the incident that led to the outcome in question)*

**\*\*Please note the absence of at least one of these criteria *may* be grounds for dismissal of the appeal\*\***

**d) The remedy sought by the person filing the appeal.**

Once your appeal is received, the Director will review the petition and "if appropriate" send a copy to the Commission members for review. The Director may deny or reject an appeal if:

- The appeal form is not filled out completely and correctly, and within the time allowed.
- There is no evidence of a misapplication of the rule
- No proof of collusion
- No proof of distraction (ie. Video evidence from the contest)

If a review of the appeal is granted, the petition will be heard at the next available Commission meeting as an informal hearing.

## Protocol for the Informal hearing

1. When the agenda item is called, the Director will explain the following;
  - Information regarding all participants in the contest  
(names, dates, location, officials assigned to the contest, and official outcome at that time)
  - Reason for the appeal as stated by the petitioner
  - Justification of the appeal (must read the ABC Unified Rule that applies, and/or display proof of collusion and/or proof of the distraction that led to the outcome, thus the appeal)
  - Remedy sought by the petitioner
2. The Commission then has the opportunity to ask questions of the petitioner, and/or persons related to the outcome in question (ie; Contestant, Referee, Judge, Ringside Physician, or Director)
3. The Petitioner will be granted (3) three minutes to make a statement regarding the incident, the facts they find relevant to the appeal, and the proposed remedy they seek.

The petitioner will kept to strict time limit, but may be afforded additional time buy any Commissioner. This may come in the form answering additional questions or additional time specifically to complete a statement or fact.

At the conclusion of the allotted time, the Director will ask the Commissioners if they need additional time or if they have made a decision. If a decision has been made, a Commissioner will then make a motion regarding the decision a vote will be cast. A final order will be issued and the matter will be closed.