

**TITLE 15      GAMBLING AND LIQUOR CONTROL**  
**CHAPTER 6    BOXING, WRESTLING, AND MARTIAL ARTS**  
**PART 7        THE PREMISES, ITS FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

**15.6.7.1       ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Athletic Commission.  
[15.6.7.1 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.2       SCOPE:** The provisions in Part 7 apply to all licensees of the commission.  
[15.6.7.2 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.3       STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Part 7 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 is promulgated pursuant to the Professional Athletic Competition Act, Sections 60-2A-1 through 60-2A-30, NMSA 1978 (1980 Repl. Pamp.); specifically Sections 60-2A-2, 60-2A-4, 60-2A-8, 60-2A-9, 60-2A-10, 60-2A-20, 60-2A-21, 60-2A-29, and 60-2A-31.  
[15.6.7.3 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.4       DURATION:** Permanent.  
[15.6.7.4 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.5       EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 23, 2002, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[15.6.7.5 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.6       OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 7 of Chapter 6 is to set forth all commission requirements for the building premises, facilities, and equipment that are to be used for an event regulated by the commission.  
[15.6.7.6 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012]

**15.6.7.7       DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]  
[15.6.7.7 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.8       THE PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT:** Any building or premise in which professional or amateur event, contest, or exhibition regulated by the commission is to be held must first be approved by the commission. A promoter may only arrange for and hold events, regulated by the commission in premises and with equipment approved by the commission.  
[15.6.7.8 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012; A, 01-15-2015]

**15.6.7.9       [RESERVED]**  
[15.6.7.9 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.10      SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OFFICIALS:** The promoter must ensure a suitable technical zone, separate ringside, cage or fighting area seats are provided for the judges, the timekeeper, the knockdown counter, the physicians, the commission representatives and other person(s) identified by the commission.

**A.**       The attending commission representative must approve seating accommodations prior to the commencement of any event.

**B.**       The promoter must also provide one seat in each contestant's corner for the inspectors on duty to occupy during the event.

**C.**       There shall also be a separate and cordoned-off area for working officials sitting ringside, cage or fighting area.

[15.6.7.10 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012]

**15.6.7.11      [RESERVED]**  
[15.6.7.11 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.12      THE RING:** Any ring in which an unarmed combat contest excluding mixed martial arts or exhibition is to be conducted, must first be inspected and approved by the commission chair or his designee as having met the following requirements.

**A. Size:** The standard ring shall be at least twenty (20 x 20) square feet within the ropes, but no more than twenty-four (24 x 24) square feet, unless otherwise approved by the commission; and have no less than eighteen (18) inches of unencumbered platform surface extending from the ropes.

**B. Elevation:** The ring shall not be elevated more than four (4) feet off of the floor, and shall be provided with two sets of suitable steps for use of contestants, coaches, and officials.

**C. Ropes:** The ring ropes shall be four (4) in number with the bottom rope off-set from the other three. The bottom rope shall be between thirteen (13) and eighteen (18) inches from the ring surface. The ropes shall be no ~~less~~ less than one (1) inch in diameter and should be covered with a soft material to avoid injury to the participants.

**D. Padding:** The ring surface shall have a smooth, firm surface covered with clean canvas or other resilient material stretched taut and laced tightly to the ring platform. Between the surface and the cover, there shall be a layer of ensolite padding or similar material, at least one (1) inch thick that extends over the entire surface inside and outside of the ropes.

**E. Ring posts:** The ring posts shall be four (4) in number and shall extend no more than fifty-eight (58) inches from the surface of the ring. Each post shall be at least eighteen (18) inches distant from the ring ropes. Ring posts and turnbuckles shall be suitably padded to insure the participants' safety.

**F. Lighting:** The ring shall be amply illuminated by overhead lights that should be so arranged that shadows shall be eliminated and discomfort from heat and glare are minimized for persons in and near the ring. [15.6.7.12 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012]

#### **15.6.7.13 [RESERVED]**

[15.6.7.13 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

#### **15.6.7.14 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:**

**A. Commission approval required:** All medical facilities and equipment to be used at any event regulated by the commission must be approved in advance by the commission.

**B. Promoter responsibility:** The licensed promoter of any event regulated by the commission must provide adequate emergency medical equipment and must ensure that the commission has approved all medical facilities and equipment for the event.

**C. Specifications for medical facilities and equipment:** The commission shall provide to each licensed promoter, a bulletin containing commission-approved specifications and information regarding the medical facilities and equipment required for each event.

[15.6.7.14 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

#### **15.6.7.15 [RESERVED]**

[15.6.7.15 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

**15.6.7.16 OTHER EQUIPMENT:** The commission or commission representative must approve all equipment used in conjunction with the contest.

**A. The gong:** The gong must not be less than ten (10) inches in diameter, and it must be adjusted and secured at ringside.

**B. Scales:** The commission must approve, in advance of any contest, any scale that will be used for any contestant weigh-in.

**C. Buckets and bottles:** There must be a clean bucket and a clean bottle in each contestant's corner for each bout or event, along with an additional bucket for the disposal of contaminated materials in each corner.

**D. Second's stools:** The promoter must provide second's stools for each contestant's corner.

**E. Miscellaneous equipment:** The promoter must provide gloves, water, mats and any other equipment or articles as required by the commission for the proper conduct of any bout or event.

[15.6.7.16 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 08-26-2012]

#### **15.6.7.17 [RESERVED]**

[15.6.7.17 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002]

#### **15.6.7.18 DRESSING ROOMS:**

**A. Contestant's dressing rooms restricted:** No one shall be allowed in a contestant's dressing room except his manager, his seconds, and the commission representatives.

**B. Commission approval for exceptions to restrictions:** The commission or its representative may make exception to the restrictions in Subsection A of 15.6.7.18 NMAC, and permit members of the press and members of the promoting corporation into a contestant's dressing room.

**C. Food and beverages in dressing rooms:** At the contestant's discretion, food and non-alcoholic beverages may be allowed in the contestant's fitting room subject to approval by a commissioner, deputy, or designated official. No tobacco products shall be allowed.  
[15.6.7.18 NMAC - N, 03-23-2002; A, 01-15-2015]

**HISTORY of 15.6.7 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:**

Material in the part was derived from that previously filed with the commission of public records - state records center and archives:

NMAC 80-5, Rules To Safeguard Health, filed 9-24-80.

Those relevant portions of NMAC Rule 92-7, Rules To Safeguard Health, filed 8-17-92.

NMAC 80-7, The Premises, Its Facilities And Equipment, filed 9-24-80.

NMAC Rule 92-9, The Premises, Its Facilities And Equipment, filed 8-17-92.

**History of Repealed Material:**

NMAC Rule 92-7 (aka 15 NMAC 6.5), Rules To Safeguard Health, filed 8-17-92; repealed effective 03-23-2002.

NMAC Rule 92-9 (aka 15 NMAC 6.7), The Premises, Its Facilities And Equipment, filed 8-17-92; repealed effective 03-23-2002.

**Other History:**

NMAC Rule 92-7 and NMAC Rule 92-9 were recompiled into the first version of the New Mexico Administrative Code as 15 NMAC 6.7 and named The Premises, Its Facilities And Equipment.

15.6.7 NMAC, The Premises, Its Facilities And Equipment, replaced 15 NMAC 7, The Premises, Its Facilities And Equipment, effective 03-23-2002.