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To: Mixed Martial Promoters

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Re: Compensation to Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Fights

Recently, the office was notified of amateur fighters receiving compensation for their participation in amateur mixed martial arts bouts. Specifically those amateur fighters were being paid a percentage of their ticket sales.

Pursuant to 317.001 (1) "Amateur, a person who competes in a boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, or full-contact karate event who has **NOT** (emphasis added) competed as a contestant for **VALUABLE CONSIDERATION**, (emphasis added) in any event in which similar boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, or full contact karate skills were used or allowed." Incidentally, mixed martial art is defined as full contact karate for the purposes of the rules of the office.

Therefore, promoters are prohibited from paying any percentage of tickets sold by an amateur fighter in addition, they should not be receiving gym discounts or other valuable consideration.

If you are aware of promoters who are paying amateur fighters by this method, please notify the office.

Amateur Sanctioning Groups should take this opportunity to refresh promoters on the requirements of the law in the State of Missouri.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.