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DURHAM COUNTY BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

2020 Snapshot and Requests

LOCAL COMBATIVE SPORTS SNAPSHOT

- NCBA moved from Dept. of Public Safety to Dept. of Commerce
- Make combative sports central to State's economic development plan
- All new boxing licenses held until further notice due to budget negotiations; uncertainty for workers going into 2020

NEW BYLAWS SNAPSHOT

- Create wider opportunities for competition and training; champion equity, inclusion, and pay parity; and propose combative sports regulations specific to Durham County.
- Create equitable access to combative sports, specifically regarding race, gender, immigration status, and financial access.
- Promote the benefits of youth combative sports and create wider opportunities to access training and competition in Durham County.
- Develop partnerships with other city, county, and state Commissions, commissions, committees, and regulatory bodies to further combative sports goals in Durham County.

2020 SNAPSHOT

- County-wide needs survey (coaches, athletes, promoters, schools, etc.)
- There are very little sanctioned boxing or wrestling competitions in Durham; engage gyms to hold tournaments and competitions
- Women in combative sports have fewer opportunities to compete; promote competition/training opportunities for women athletes
- Consider regulation prohibiting removal of cultural/religious expression for safety reasons (*example, NJ wrestler obligated to cut dreadlocks*)
- Consider regulation barring gender-based uniform or attire rules, which do not implicate athlete safety

COMMISSION REQUESTS

- **Change name to "Durham County Combative Sports Commission"**
- the Commission believes boxing and wrestling are only a few combative sports that require similar oversight; we request to expand oversight over similar combative sports (kickboxing, MMA, etc.)
- **Request an additional two members**
- due to upcoming equity and inclusion work, the Commission believes diverse voices are necessary to develop proper initiatives; a three-member Commission is negatively impacted if one person cannot attend a meeting, limiting important discussions to two voices
- **Streamlined process for Commission to propose regulations**

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