The Boxing and Wrestling Commission does hereby exercise the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B). By this Emergency Rule, the commission will amend Chapter 5, Subchapter B. Class "B" Wrestling to provide small event wrestling promoters relief from the responsibility of verifying bloodwork lab reports. This responsibility was formerly held by ring doctors and/or event coordinators under Chapter 1, General Rules. Due to the promulgation of R.S. 4.83(B) in 2018, Class B events are not required to have a doctor, event coordinator or commissioner in attendance at these events to review and verify bloodwork lab reports to ensure the validity and negative results of HIV, Hepatitis B and C. The commission will provide an avenue for collection of these Class "B" lab reports and establish a database whereupon the commission will become responsible for the review and verification of these lab reports for a fee of $150 per event. The database will contain no personal medical information. This database will be restricted to the name of the contestant, date of blood testing, the negative or positive results and expiration date so as to track when contestants require new testing every six months in accordance with §108.A, Medical Requirements under this Title.

This Emergency Rule is effective June 20, 2020, and will remain in effect for a period of 120 days, unless renewed by the commissioner or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Chapter 5. Professional Wrestling
Subchapter B. Class "B" Wrestling
§525. Wrestling Promoters Class "B" Licensing
A. - F. …
G. Blood work laboratory results for Class "B" contestants, as required by General Rules - §108(A) Medical Requirements, will be reviewed and verified by the commission and the results entered into an established database.
   1. Class "B" contestant's lab reports will be submitted to the commission directly from the testing physician's laboratory or independent laboratory via hard copy, fax or other electronic submission to confirm negative results and verification of legitimacy.
   2. A fee of $150 per Class "B" event will be collected by the commission from the promoter to cover the costs of this verification process.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 4:64, 4:65 and 4:83(B)
HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Office of the Governor, Boxing and Wrestling Commission, LR 45:541 (April 2019), amended LR 46:

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