**BNB CRITIQUE**

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I have revued the documents provided by the advocates of BNB and submit the following for the Commission’s consideration.

To the spiral bound document, consider the following focusing on the article by Dr. Muzzi referred to in a letter to me by Mr. Jeffrey Guerriero, attorney for BNBC:

1. The study, while being one of the first to study BNB, is an observational study which does not carry the weight of a double blind, controlled study. The numbers in the study are small, thus decreasing its relatability of the study.
2. Fighters age 40 or older are likely to be fighters at the end of their careers thus more likely to become injured.
3. “Most fights end in a KO” increasing the risk of concussions.
4. Some of these contests will be televised and are subject to the $50,000 fee. Does this also apply to streaming?
5. The article claims a rate of injury of 43.62% where somewhere between 11.7 and 53% are concussions and a KO rate of 28%. According to these numbers, almost one of the fighters in every bout will be injured.
6. What is the rule on transgender fighters?
7. Women are allowed to fight. Are their separate rules for them?

BKFC RULES Document I will highlight differences in our rules.

1. Age limits are the same.
2. Medical Requirements “determine mental fitness for competition”—What is this? We have rules for fighters 40 years and older—I suggest that we follow our rules.
3. We require the same blood tests and require their negativity.
4. Licensed Physicians—they require 3 MD’s with no mention of an ambulance.
5. Concussion Testing—baseline and post fight? How are we going to do this?
6. Rejection and Reports—Who determines if a referee is unfit?
7. They submit that a physician can stop the contest. Our rules have the physician recommend to the referee to stop the contest.
8. Requires a referee to be aware of the BNB rules and mechanics of officiating a match. How do the referees (and others) become educated?
9. Hygienic gloves shall be provided by the promotion.
10. BNB fighters may be required to submit a urine specimen for a specific gravity test. Who provides the instrument and does the testing. (This test is to determine the state of the fighter’s hydration.)

WEIGHT CLASSES

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| WEIGHT CLASS | COMMISSION WTS | BNB WT CLASS | BNB WTS |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ATOMWEIGHT | 105-115 |
| MINI FLYWEIGHT | UP TO 108 LB | STRAWWEIGHT | 115-125 |
| FLYWEIGHT | 108-111 |  | 125-135 |
| BANTAMWEIGHT | 112-118 |  | 135-145 |
| FEATHERWEUGHT | 119-126 |  | 145-155 |
| JR LIGHTWEIGHT | 127-130 |  |  |
| LIGHTWEIGHT | 131-135 |  | 155-165 |
| JR WELTERWEIGHT | 136-140 |  |  |
| WELTERWEIGHT | 141-147 |  | 165-175 |
| JR MIDDLEWEIGHT | 148-154 |  |  |
| MIDDLEWEIGHT | 155-160 |  | 175-185 |
| SUPERMIDDLEWEIGHT | 161-168 |  |  |
| LIGHT HEAVYWEIGH | 169-175 |  | 185-200 |
| CRUISERWEIGHT | 176-190 |  | 200-225 |
| HEAVYWEIGHT | >190 |  | 225-265 |
|  |  | SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT | 265 AND ABOVE |

REPORTS OF INJURY

Ringside physicians shall report all cases where contestants have been injured. Report to whom?

FIGHTING RING

Shape in a circle. What are the ropes made of? What is an unarmed combatant?

TIMEKEEPING EQUIPMENT

The timekeeper should have a paper accounting of every minute and half minute of the round. What is this?

TOEING THE LINE

What and why is this?

LENGTH OF THE BOUT

Scheduled for a maximum of 5 rounds, 6 in a draw championship contest. Length of a round is 2 minutes with a one minute rest period between rounds.

These are my thoughts after a review of the documents presented to me. Attached is a copy of the attorney letter to me.

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