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RE: Cooling off Period for Referees

In response to concerns about referee impartiality, the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission will require from this date forward that all applicants for a referee's license issued under 523 CMR 6.10 certify that they have not fought in an unarmed combat event within one year of the date of application. An applicant may have been licensed as a fighter within one year of the application, so long as he or she has not fought within one year of the application. No person may simultaneously be licensed as both a referee and a fighter.

This rule is intended to create a cooling off period for referees who have previously been licensed as unarmed combatants, whether amateur or professional, or within mixed martial arts, boxing or southeast asian kickboxing.