

## **Report on Chickasaw Nation Boxing Commission 1<sup>st</sup> Event**

Date of Event: November 20<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Location of Event: Winstar Casino, Thackerville, OK  
Promoter: Top Rank

The Chickasaw Nation Boxing Commission was formed by Tribal Resolution on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and adopted written rules on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in regard to licensing and the regulation of Professional Boxing matches conducted on Tribal land in compliance with the "Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996" and "Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act".

The Chickasaw Nation Boxing Commission rules were reviewed by me and the standards are found to be as stringent, or more stringent, than those rules published by The Oklahoma State Athletic Commission.

Representatives from the Chickasaw Commission attended several small, large, and televised events months prior to their own event, to get a feel for what the requirements of a Boxing Commission are. They also attended weigh-ins, licensing, press conferences and rules meetings. They were given credentials to observe inspectors working in the dressing rooms and at ringside.

Several weeks prior to their event, a representative from the Chickasaw Commission spent time in the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission office assisting the Commission in preparation for events that the Oklahoma Commission was regulating.

The Chickasaw Nation established an account with Fight fax. Top Rank was licensed as a promoter and a matchmaker was licensed. Fighter insurance was requested and provided for the event. A proposed bout sheet was provided the Commission from Top Rank. The Commission checked suspension list and requested fight fax records to insure no fighters were on suspension and the bouts were fairly matched.

The weigh-in, fighter licensing, and pre-bout physicals were performed the day prior to the event and was accomplished without incident. Weights of the fighters were checked against the bout agreements to insure they were accurate and correct.

The Chickasaw Commission appointed the ring officials for the bouts and established what the fees would be. That information was passed on to the promoter. There were some minor issues with officials. Since there was an IBF eliminator on the card the IBF gave the Chickasaw Commission a list of officials they recommended for that bout. The Chickasaws, under advisement from the Oklahoma Commission, appointed two of the IBF recommended officials. The IBF officials appointed were assigned to work one of the undercard bouts. They refused to do so. This is something the Chickasaws will learn how to handle through experience. In the future they will send those kind of officials packing and use the judges on hand that are willing and able. The Chickasaws ended up re-tooling their bout list, assigning the IBF officials to only the IBF fight and everything went well.

A rules meeting was conducted informing all of the participants of their responsibilities.

All officials, sanctioning organizations, and promoters were given disclosures statements to complete and sign.

An ambulance with medical personnel and appropriate resuscitation equipment was on site.

A ring inspection was performed.

Dressing rooms were assigned and inspected.

All in all this was a very solid performance for the Chickasaw's first event. They will be a very good Commission because they are dedicating the time, money, and effort to make sure everything they do is in compliance with federal law. In addition, they are going far beyond their requirements to make events successful. With the training and development of their own crew of Inspectors and officials they will be able to stand alone in a very short time. Although I was not personally in attendance at this event, all of the above was reported to me by one of my Commissioner's and a couple of my assistants who attended and assisted the Chickasaws with the event.