

INSTANT REPLAY POLICY/GUIDELINES

The ABC Instant Replay policy/guidelines shall include, but not be limited to the following. The Supervising Commissioner, or, his/her designated representative will be the Instant Replay authority and his/her decision will be final.

Instant replay is another tool when effectively used can aid the Supervising Commission in their effort to achieve a fair and reasonable outcome on questionable issues, given that proper reviewing and monitoring equipment is available at the venue.

Instant replay should provide a timely review of certain instances that occur in striking sport events that may have an effect on the outcome of the bout. Instant replay should not be used if the replay review cannot be completed during the 60 second rest period. Therefore, a timeout may not be called during the round nor extended time be given during the rest period between rounds. Challenges of an issue occurring during the final round of a bout must be completed within 2 minutes of the conclusion of the bout.

A designated, licensed corner person is the only individual that can challenge an issue and must notify the referee immediately at the conclusion of the round in which the issue occurred. If the designated, licensed corner person doesn't notify the referee of a challenge to an issue that occurred during the previous round before the end of the rest period. An appeal may be filed with the respective commission in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations and a hearing will be scheduled before the full commission at a later date.

Due to the cost associated with the purchase and maintenance, Commissions are not required to provide recording equipment. Any and all such equipment is the responsibility of the promoter, manager or contestant. Supervising Commissions may require promoters to provide a complete copy of the bouts within a stated number of days after the conclusion of the event as a condition of bout approval/licensing as outlined in the respective rules and regulations, or by policy.

In the event that a clear and obvious violation occurs during the bout, and the referee makes the wrong application of the rule. The Supervising Commission, at his/her discretion may discuss and correct the violation with the referee during the designated rest period. Therefore, not interrupting the flow and official time of the bout. This should be done immediately following the round in which the issue in question occurred. Only video recorded by the promoter, a person contracted by the promoter or Commission will be accepted for challenge and the appeal process.

- A. Instant Replay may be used to reverse the decision of the referee under the following conditions:
1. The bout must be televised or recorded.
 2. Televised bouts must have Instant replay capability, with a monitor and communication between the commission representative and the producer of the televised event designated to a Commission Representative providing several camera angles.
 3. Club Show bouts may be recorded by the promoter, a contractor of

the promoter or the Commission. Any "CD" or "DVD" being considered for an appeal of a specific issue must be of good quality, not grainy, distorted or unclear. The specific issue under appeal must be submitted to the Supervising Commission no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the bout. The specific issue in question must be submitted on a CD and becomes the property of the Supervising Commission.

4. No review on cell phones, IPADS, Laptops or similar devices will be considered.
5. All video shall be shot from an unobstructed angle above the ring ropes. However, in the event that the bout is held in a cage. The recording shall be done from over the top of the cage as is the current practice. In all other instances, the recording should be done from a vantage point with the least line of sight obstruction.

B. Instant Replay may be used only under the following circumstances:

1. Only a specific issue will be reviewed, not an entire bout.
2. Rule violation[s] and misapplication by the referee are reviewable.
3. Review the source of a cut or an injury.
4. Review instances that can potentially change the outcome of a bout.
5. Review to correct an outcome that resulted in the wrong decision.
6. The final decision will be announced to both corners and to the audience.

Indisputable video evidence shall be required to reverse a referee's decision. This guideline/policy, shall have no effect on the appeal process, or rules and regulations currently in place with the various Commissions.

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