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## Amateur Mixed Martial Arts and Pankration **MEDICAL SUSPENSION CLEARING INSTRUCTIONS**

*Any fighter who has been suspended from competition for medical reasons, shall follow the CAMO Policy set forth below in order to clear the suspension. A mandatory medical suspension for a KO, TKO, or HARD BOUT cannot be lifted and must expire prior to competition—no exceptions. No medical clearances will be accepted at an event and must be submitted, in writing, to the CAMO office well in advance.*

### ***CAMO Policy for clearing suspensions:***

A medical suspension issued by a ringside physician can ONLY be cleared by a licensed physician (MD or DO only). A medical clearance issued by a chiropractor, nurse, or physician assistant will not be accepted. Any clearance must contain the following to be valid:

**1. PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE** – The examining physician must sign the clearance letter and include his/her medical license number.

**2. INJURY REFERENCE** – All medical suspensions must specifically refer to the injury, in writing, for which the fighter was suspended.

**3. CLEARED TO FIGHT** – A valid medical clearance must specifically state the fighter is “cleared to fight” or “cleared for MMA”. Clearance to compete in sports, athletics, or non-specific terminologies will not be accepted.

**EXAMPLE:** (for a fighter suspended for a possible broken right hand)

<p>Dr. John Smith, M.D. 123 Medical St. Anywhere, CA 90123 Telephone: (123) 555-1234</p>	
FOR: <u>Fighter Name</u>	DATE: <u>7/7/11</u>
<p><u>No fracture of <u>Right hand</u>. Patient is cleared to compete in MMA immediately.</u></p>	
Lic#: <u>A012345</u>	<u>John Smith</u> M.D.

**NOTE: FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS** – Any athlete, coach or licensee found to have manipulated, altered or otherwise falsified medical documents for the purpose of lifting a suspension will be suspended immediately and may have their license revoked/denied indefinitely. All suspensions will be reported to a national database and the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC). Fighters will be held responsible for all documents submitted on their behalf.