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Kentucky Boxing & Wrestling Commission To Host the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports' Annual Meeting

Event to be held in downtown Louisville July 20-24

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 21, 2024) – The Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Commission (KBWC) is hosting the 36th annual meeting of state boxing commissioners and other officials July 20-24 at the Galt House in downtown Louisville.

The Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (ABC), which includes state and Tribal Nation boxing and combat sports regulators from across the country, will bring its 150 members together for training, an industry medical symposium, legislative updates, regular business, and other relevant topics.

"We are excited to welcome our fellow regulators and combat sports officials to Kentucky this summer," said Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Ray Perry. "As an Association member, we understand that bringing together experts from several areas to train and educate officials makes for better and safer sporting events."

The five-day meeting consists of training sessions for both new and veteran participants, including:

- Boxing Judge Class and Test
- Basic MMA Referee Class
- Advanced MMA Referee Class
- Bare Knuckle Judges Course
- MMA Judges-All Levels
- Boxing Referee-Class and Test
- Inspector Training

KBWC Executive Director Matt Byrd said he's especially thrilled to welcome back the ABC to Louisville. "The ABC was here about this time last year, training officials at the Ali Center. We've worked since then to attract the entire conference. It is the first time in 36 years for Louisville to host, and we are proud to use the opportunity to expand the legacy of boxing in Louisville that was built by Ali and other greats."

ABC was created through the Muhammad Ali Professional Boxing Safety Act to offer safety protection and to prevent exploitation of participants. For more information about the ABC and to register for the meeting, visit their website at abcboxing.com.

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