



AMENDMENTS TO IFBB PRO RULES

Pursuant to Article 3.7 of the Professional Rules (2005 Edition), the Professional Division held their annual meeting at the Orleans Hotel, Mardi Gras Room, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, on Wednesday, October 12, 2005. The following officials were present:

Jim Manion	Chairman, Professional Division
Jim Rockell	Men's Representative
Rob Wilkins	Athlete Liaison (The Americas)
Pawel Filleburn	Athlete Liaison (Europe)
Peter McGough	Media Representative
Steve Weinberger	Promoter Representative
Bob Cicherillo	Athlete Representative (Men's Bodybuilding)
Betty Pariso	Athlete Representative (Women's Bodybuilding)
Jenny Lynn	Athlete Representative (Figure)
Adela Garcia*	Fitness Athlete
Matt Crane*	Judge
Asher Frig*	Judge
Steve O'Brian*	Judge/Promoter
Bill Tierney*	Judge
Wanda Tierney*	Judge
John Tuman*	Judge/Promoter
Gary Udit*	Judge/Promoter
Jon Lindsay*	Promoter
Matt Bristol*	Expeditor
Joe Palumbo*	Expeditor
Amy Wilkins*	Expeditor/Recorder of Minutes

*Observer, no vote

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
I	Call to Order: Jim Manion, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and welcomed all members and observers to the annual meeting of the Professional Division. NEW BUSINESS A total of ten (10) proposals were submitted for discussion and vote.	
II	<u>Proposal #1:</u> A proposal that there be two (2) categories at all Professional Men's Bodybuilding Competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Up to and including 200 lbs; and ● Over 200 lbs 	REJECTED
III	<u>Proposal #2:</u> A proposal that, subject to the approval of the promoter, a registered Professional Athlete,	ADOPTED¹

upon presentation of his or her Professional Card, shall receive two (2) free tickets to any Professional Competition(s) that he or she may choose to attend.

¹ *This proposal was adopted subject to the following additional terms and conditions:*

- *The registered Professional Athlete must contact the promoter at least two (2) weeks before the Competition date;*
- *The two (2) free tickets will be selected by the Promoter; and*
- *The registered Professional Athlete may be asked to participate in the Competition e.g. award presenter*

III Proposal #3: **ADOPTED²**

A proposal that the Professional Division guarantee the total amount of the prize money at all Professional Competitions.

² *The Chairman advised that, if from this point forward a promoter failed to pay the total amount of the prize money, the Chairman would assume liability for this payment.*

IV Proposal #4: **ADOPTED**

A proposal that all official information regarding Professional Competitions be published on the Official Website of the Professional Division, at www.ifbb.com/ifbbpro/.

V Proposal #5: **ADOPTED³**

A proposal that the judge's individual scores be made public at the completion of all Professional Competitions.

³ *The round-by-round scores are already published at www.ifbb.com/ifbbpro/.*

**Note: The scoring of individual rounds is done by hand. There is currently no computer program to record individual scores. A computer is used at some events when available.*

VI Proposal #6: **TABLED⁴**

A proposal that the current Professional Judging/Scoring format for Professional Men's and Women's Bodybuilding be replaced by the NPC system.

⁴ *It was decided that this proposal would be submitted to a vote by all registered male and female Professional Bodybuilding Athletes; that these Athletes will be contacted by the Professional Division regarding this matter; and that all votes will be received by the Professional Division (Head Office) by December 1, 2005.*

**Note: Round 1 (Comparisons of Quarter Turns) and Round 2 (Comparisons of Mandatory Poses) would be judged. Round 3 (Posing Routines)*

would not be judged. Round 4 (Mandatory Poses & Posedown) would include the top 5 or 6 and would be judged.

VII Proposal #7: **REJECTED**⁵

A proposal that the Promoter of a Professional Competition must provide, free of charge, airfare and hotel expenses to a mandatory number of Professional Athletes (4-6).

⁵*This is left to the discretion of each Promoter.*

VIII Proposal #8: **ADOPTED**⁶

A proposal that the number of Professional Athletes who qualify for the Mr. Olympia be extended to the next-highest-placed Athlete in the event that the top Athletes are already qualified.

⁶*If the top Athletes are already qualified for the Mr. Olympia, the next-highest-placed Athlete will also qualify. If that Athlete is already qualified, no additional Athletes will qualify.*

IX Proposal #9: **REJECTED**⁷

A proposal that, for Professional Competitions where the total prize money is less than \$50,000, a mandatory increase of 10% shall be applied every three years. That, for Professional Competitions where the total prize money is greater than \$50,000, a mandatory increase of 5% shall be applied every three years.

⁷*Promoters will try to increase the total prize money if feasible; however, there were strong objections against such increases being mandated.*

X Proposal #10: **ADOPTED**

A proposal that judges shall receive a Judging Fee of \$100 and a per diem of \$75, except for the Arnold Classic and Olympia, where the Judging Fee shall be \$200 and the per diem \$75.

OTHER BUSINESS

XI The issue of registered Professional Athletes participating in the activities of other organizations was discussed. Article 14.9 of the Professional Rules (2005 Edition) will be enforced:

14.9 Non-sanctioned Events:

Any Professional Athlete, Judge or Official who participates at a competition or event not approved or sanctioned by the Professional Division may be fined, suspended or expelled. Participation shall include, but shall not be limited to, competing, guest posing, giving a seminar, lecture or similar presentation, judging, officiating and/or taking part in a non-Professional Division sanctioned competition or event in any other way, shape, or form.

- XII The issue of the Peer Selection Process for Athlete Representatives for the year 2006 was discussed.⁸

⁸After further evaluation, the Chairman recommends that, due to the short time in which the current Athlete Representatives have been in office, the Peer Selection Process to select new representatives shall take place only at the end of 2006.

- XIII Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

*These minutes have been approved by the Chairman, Professional Division, October 25, 2005.