

**ONEIDA INDIAN NATION
ATHLETIC SAFETY ORDINANCE**

Ordinance No. O-16-02

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Oneida Indian Nation (the "Nation") by virtue of its sovereignty and inherent powers of self-government, the Nation establishes the Oneida Indian Nation Athletic Commission to regulate athletic events held on Nation lands. This Ordinance supersedes and replaces Ordinance No. O-99-03 (*Oneida Indian Nation Amended Professional Athletic Safety Ordinance*).

ARTICLE I – Purpose

1. No boxing, sparring, or wrestling matches or exhibitions shall be conducted, held or given on Nation lands except in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
2. The Oneida Indian Nation Athletic Commission (the "Commission") is hereby established as a governmental department of the Nation.
3. The Commission is created by this Ordinance to regulate, administer and oversee the conduct of all professional and amateur athletic events held on Nation lands, including in particular, professional and amateur boxing, mixed martial arts and wrestling for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and welfare of all persons engaged in such activities and that of members of the Nation and its guests.

ARTICLE II – The Commission

1. The Commission is vested with the sole regulatory control and jurisdiction over all boxing, sparring and wrestling matches or exhibitions to be conducted, held or given on Nation lands and over all licensing of any and all persons who participate in such boxing, sparring or wrestling matches or exhibitions and over any and all gyms, clubs, training camps and other organization that maintain training facilities providing contact sparring for persons who prepare for participation in such boxing, sparring or wrestling matches or exhibitions, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance. The Commission, in its sole discretion, may delegate the performance of some or all of the duties, obligations and activities described herein to one or more other athletic commissions or boards.
2. The Commission shall consist of members who shall be appointed to sit on the Commission by the Nation Representative(s) with the consent of the Men's Council. Such members shall serve at the will of the Nation Representative(s). Any vacancy on the Commission may, but need not, be filled by the Nation Representative(s). The Nation Representative(s) may increase or decrease the number of members serving on the Commission.
3. The Commission shall have the authority to interpret and implement this Ordinance and to promulgate regulations, rules, administrative guidelines, decision and such other pronouncements as the Commission deems appropriate in order to fulfill the purposes of this Ordinance ("Commission Rules"). All Commission Rules are subject to review and approval by the Nation Representative(s) and/or his designee.
4. The Commission shall, at its discretion, meet and conduct its business and shall establish such regulations and procedures, pursuant to Section 3 of this Article, as are necessary for it to carry out its obligations and responsibilities under this Ordinance.

5. The Commission shall report in writing at least annually to the Nation Representative(s) regarding its activities during the preceding year and as such other times as requested by the Nation Representative(s).

ARTICLE III -- Interpretation

1. This Ordinance shall be the sole law and procedure for the regulation of athletic events held on Nation lands.

2. The Nation does not, by enacting this Ordinance, waive in any respect its sovereign immunity, or that of its agents or officers, in any manner, under any law, for any purpose, or in any place.


3. This Ordinance is not subject to review or modification in any state or federal court or by an authority outside the Nation and is not subject to review or modification in any Nation court.

4. This Ordinance does not create any right, cause of action or benefit enforceable at law or in equity by any individual, entity or party against the Nation, its Representative(s), governing officials, officers, employees, agents, agencies or again the Commission, its members, officers, employees, or any other person.

ARTICLE IV – Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon enactment.

Enacted this 12^m day of August, 2016.



Ray Halbritter
Nation Representative(s)