

ABC – MMA - CLARIFICATION FOR SCORING 10-8 **ROUND**

- **Clarifying the Written Criterion for the Appropriate use of the Score 10-8**
 - **Intention:** *To improve judging fairness and consistency by better defining what constitutes a 10-8 round (particularly in the absence of a dominant striking advantage). This clarification sets forth a more concise standard for evaluating dominant rounds where the predominant action is grappling/wrestling.*
 - **Current Standard:** *A round is to be scored as a 10-8 Round when a contestant wins the round by a large margin by impact, dominance, and duration of striking or grappling in a round.*
 - **Proposed Clarification:** *A 10-8 round in MMA is where one fighter wins the round by a large margin. This is demonstrated by clearly meeting two of the three required criteria (Impact/Damage, Domination, and Duration). It is important to clarify, in the absence of Impact/Damage, static positional control alone is not considered Dominance.*
 - In the absence of Impact/Damage to be considered Dominant, there must be, singularly or in combination, the threat of some types of submissions, strikes, or an overwhelming pace which is measured by improved or aggressive positional changes that cause the losing fighter to consistently be in a defensive or reactive mode.*
 - Dominance, can be the outclassing of an opponent, demonstrated by the winning fighter offensively executing verifiable offensive movements, with little effective defense preventing them. Often the dominated fighter has limited ability to mount any notable offence in that round.*
 - **Reasoning:** *Despite the best efforts of the ABC Officials Trainers, it continues to be struggle amongst judges as to what constitutes a clear 10-8 round in the absence of striking impact/damage. This clarification sets forth a clearer standard for evaluating dominant rounds where only grappling/wrestling impact/damage is present.*

