



St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

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MIXED MARTIAL ARTS EVENT NOT SANCTIONED BY TRIBE

Venue not Licensed

Akwesasne Territory. A mixed event (Halloween Bash), scheduled for October 17, 2009 at the *All Inn Lounge* is not a sanctioned event under the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Department of Athletic Regulation (SRMT DAR). Tribal Council Resolution, TCR 2009-057, adopted by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, assigns the authority to the tribe's Compliance Department to regulate athletic events such as boxing and mixed martial arts.

Such events require safety inspections and regulations to ensure compliance with fire code standards and athletic regulations that ensure contestants are competing under the safest circumstances.

According to the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Compliance Department, a NOTICE OF VIOLATION and a NOTICE OF SUSPENSION was issued on March 14, 2008, to the *All Inn Lounge and Catering*. The Compliance Department suspended the license for multiple counts of non-compliance with the Tribe's Alcohol Beverage Control Act. Therefore, the *All Inn Lounge* is not a tribally-regulated establishment.

Any promoters or fighters who participate in non-sanctioned events in Akwesasne will be ineligible to take part in future SRMT DAR-sanctioned events. The Mohegan Tribe's Department of Athletic Regulation supports the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's decision and will not allow any of the fighters or promoters to participate in future events sanctioned by them. "The DAR has worked very hard to establish rules and regulations for the sport to ensure the safety of the fighters, provide guidance to promoters and allow the sport to grow responsibly. Non-sanctioned fights put the fighters, investors, promoters and the integrity of the sport in jeopardy," noted SRMT Compliance Director Elliot Lazore.

Therefore, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe does not assume any liability or responsibility for any accidents or incidents, foreseen or unforeseen, that may occur as a result of attendance or participation at the event scheduled for October 17, 2009.

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The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is the duly elected and federally recognized government of the St. Regis Mohawk People.

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