

**Executive Directors' Memo
2001-02**

TO: All Athletic Commission Personnel;
Deputy Commissioner

FROM: Charles DeRienzo

DATE: November 29, 2001

RE: **ACTIVITIES OF REFEREES PRIOR TO BOUTS**

Upon reporting to the locker rooms at the beginning of the event, all referees should go through some process of warming up. No referee should enter the ring "cold".

Knock down referees should have microphones ready to do the count over the microphone so that the referee in the ring should not have to look at the knock down referee to pick up the count. Instead, upon hearing the count through the speakers, the referee can pick up the count. The deputy commissioner should make sure at the beginning of the event, that a microphone is available to the knock down referee. The knock down referee should also ensure that the microphone is available prior to taking his/her seat.