



# WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

*Samuel Viruet, Esq.*  
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*Ratings Committee*

November 29, 2022

**VIA EMAIL:**

Mr. Frank Warren  
President  
Queensberry Promotions

**Re: Show Cause – WBO Jr. Featherweight Participant Zolani Tete**

Dear Mr. Warren:

Please be advised that on November 21, 2022, official boxing press outlet “Boxingscene” confirmed<sup>1</sup> that WBO Jr. Featherweight Participant Zolani Tete had tested positive for a banned substance around the time of his fourth-round knockout of Jason Cunningham on July 2, 2022, at the OVO Arena Wembley in London, United Kingdom. According to the report, the administered test in controversy was collected by the UKAD anti-doping agency.

Considering the above, Tete’s promotional outfit (Queensberry Promotions), issued a public statement confirming the fighter’s reported adverse finding per the “Boxingscene” November 21, 2022, article and stating that in light of a pending investigation no further comment would be provided.

Conversely, Section 19 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests triggers when a WBO Participant has tested positive for an illegal or any performance enhancing drug. In relevant the provision states as follows:

**SECTION 19. FAILURE OF THE CHAMPION TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTRACT OR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

- (a) If any WBO Participant, including WBO World and Regional Champion (s), fails to comply with his contractual obligation to fight in any WBO Championship Contest without justifiable cause or is determined by a Host Commission, a licensing commission or otherwise has tested positive for an illegal or any performance-enhancing drug or fails to inform the WBO of any medical condition, impairment or any other circumstance which jeopardizes his participation in a WBO World Championship Contest, or if a WBO Participant or any of his team members misleads, attempts to mislead or petitions a local boxing commission to illegally or incorrectly license said WBO

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<sup>1</sup> See, <https://www.boxingscene.com/report-zolani-tete-faces-up-four-year-ban-testing-positive-banned-substance--170618>





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Participant, the Committee may recommend to the WBO President and to the Executive Committee that the fighter be stripped of the title and that the title be declared vacant, or take any action deemed proper, equitable and just against the WBO Participant in accordance with these regulations.

Therefore, based on the foregoing facts, and the governing provision, Mr. Tete is hereby ordered to show cause within the next 10-days upon issuance of this notice as to why the WBO Ratings Committee should not suspend his rating position in the Jr. Featherweight Division. Failure to comply with this order will constitute a waiver of all rights hereunder and with the Committee proceeding per WBO Regulations of World Championship Contest "*Ipsa Facto*".

Lastly, the WBO reserves the right to issue any further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO rules, including, but not limited to rendering all rulings necessary to serve the best interests in the sport of professional boxing, including those in the WBO. Jr. Featherweight Division.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Viruet", is positioned above the typed name.

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SAMUEL VIRUET, ESQ.  
WBO Ratings Committee  
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Cc: Francisco Valcarcel, Esq.  
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Zolani Tete

