



WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

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Championship Committee

January 17, 2023

VIA EMAIL:

Mr. Eddie Hearn
President
Matchroom Boxing
United Kingdom

Re: WBO Female Voluntary Jr. Lightweight Championship Contest
Alycia Baumgardner vs. Elhem Mekhaled

Dear Mr. Hearn:

Please be advised that the WBO World Championship Committee hereby grants sanction approval for the subject matter bout to be conducted on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at the Madison Square Garden Theater in New York, New York, United States of America. This bout is not sanctioned as undisputed considering that the legitimate WBA “Super Champion” in Jr. Lightweight Division is Ms. Hyun Mi Choi, whose status is currently “Champion in Recess¹”. The World Boxing Organization’s institutional policy pertaining to sanction approval of unification and/or undisputed championship bouts is exclusively limited to the legitimate champions per division. In this case, Ms. Choi is the sole and only WBA Female Jr. Lightweight Champion recognized by the WBO.

Furthermore, sanction approval is subject to WBO Rules and Regulations and granted under the sole and exclusive responsibility of the promoter of the event concerning the compliance with all relevant health and safety protocols enforced by the New York State Athletic Commission (NYSAC) and all other laws, statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by the relevant government authorities to ensure the participants’ safety and well-being.

¹ See, <https://www.boxingscene.com/baumgardner-approved-fight-undisputed-crown-choi-named-champion-recess-by-wba--171371>

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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 Female Jr. Lightweight Division.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis Batista Salas", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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