



WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

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Chairman
WBO Championship Committee

February 14, 2023

VIA EMAIL:

<p>Mr. Bob Arum Top Rank, Inc. Team Josh Taylor / Team Teofimo Lopez</p>

**Re: Negotiations – WBO Jr. Welterweight Mandatory Championship Contest
Josh Taylor vs. Teofimo Lopez**

Dear Mr. Arum:

Please be advised that in the wake of the recent postponement of the Josh Taylor/Jack Catterall WBO voluntary title defense, the WBO World Championship Committee is hereby ordering the commencement of negotiations for the Mandatory title defense obligation in the Jr. Welterweight division between Josh Taylor and Teofimo Lopez, Jr.¹ The camps herein are granted 10 days upon issuance of this notice to reach an agreement or purse bid proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. The minimum bid for the Jr. Welterweight Division is \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars). Any of the parties involved may request a purse bid ceremony at any time during the negotiation process.

Lastly, this Committee reserves its right to issue all further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, including serving the best interests in the WBO Jr. Welterweight division.

Yours truly,

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

Cc: Francisco Valcárcel, Esq./ WBO President
Josh Taylor/Fighter
Tom Grant/Team Taylor
Carl Moretti/Top Rank
Jeremy Koegel/Top Rank

¹ The Taylor/Catterall voluntary bout has been postponed on multiple occasions; Taylor's last bout was conducted on February 26, 2022; the WBO Mandatory in the Jr. Welterweight division is due.

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