



## WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

*Luis Batista Salas, Esq.*  
 Chairman  
 WBO Championship Committee

April 28, 2023

**VIA EMAIL:**

Mr. Bob Arum  
 Promoter  
 Top Rank, Inc.  
 Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A.

**Re: WBO Jr. Welterweight Elimination Championship Contest – Mr. Jose Carlos Ramirez**

Dear Mr. Arum:

On Friday, April 28, 2023, the WBO confirmed receipt of email correspondence by Mr. Jeremy Koegel, on behalf of Top Rank advising that Mr. Rick Mirigian, on behalf of Arnold Barboza, Jr., does not wish to proceed with the ordered bout (Barboza/Paro) on the financial terms afforded by Matchroom's winning bid held on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Consequently, Top Rank indicated that the referenced communication served as formal notice that Barboza, Jr. will not participate in the bout.

Considering the foregoing, and having reviewed the WBO Jr. Welterweight Ratings, the next available contender is Mr. Jose Carlos Ramirez. Therefore, Mr. Ramirez is hereby granted 48 hours upon issuance of this notice to confirm in writing to the WBO whether he is interested, available, ready, willing, and able to fight Liam Paro in the Jr. Welterweight Elimination Championship Contest. Failure to comply with this condition will result in the Committee ruling that Mr. Ramirez is uninterested and/or unavailable to participate against Paro "Ipso Facto", and with the Committee proceeding in selecting the next available contender in the Jr. Welterweight Division.

Lastly, this Committee 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. Welterweight Division.

Yours truly,

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

Cc: Francisco Valcárcel, Esq./ WBO President  
 Carl Moretti/Top Rank  
 Shaun Palmer/Matchroom  
 Angelo Dicarlo/Team Paro  
 Rick Mirigian/Team Barboza, Jr.

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