



WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

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VIA EMAIL

<p>Mr. Bob Arum Top Rank Boxing Team Barboza, Jr. / Ramirez, Jr.</p>

Re: Negotiations – Jr. Welterweight Division
Arnold Barboza, Jr. vs. Jose Carlos Ramirez, Jr.

Dear Mr. Arum:

Please be advised that the WBO World Championship Committee is hereby ordering the commencement of negotiations for the subject matter bout. The parties herein are granted 20 days upon notice of this order to reach an agreement or purse bid proceedings will be ordered pursuant to WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. Any of the parties herein may request purse bid proceedings at any time during the negotiations. The minimum bid in the WBO Jr. Welterweight Division is one-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

Notwithstanding the above, on June 10, 2023, Teofimo Lopez, Jr., won the WBO Jr. Welterweight Championship via unanimous decision against former “Undisputed” and “Lineal” WBO Jr. Welterweight Champion Josh Taylor. Immediately thereafter, Teofimo Lopez, Jr., manifested publicly and to the WBO President, his desire of relinquishing the WBO Jr. Welterweight Championship.

Now, if this Committee determines to declare the WBO Jr. Welterweight Championship “Vacant,” and the Barboza, Jr./Ramirez, Jr., bout is conducted, but Teofimo Lopez, Jr., decides to fight, considering the peculiar circumstances surrounding his decision as well as his personal affairs, we are recommending to the WBO Executive Committee Members that based on his extraordinary professional accomplishments (e.g., “Undisputed” Lightweight Champion and recently defeating the “Lineal” WBO Jr. Welterweight Champion in Josh Taylor), that he shall have the right to fight as the Mandatory Challenger in the Jr. Welterweight division regardless of any “Undisputed Champion” who wishes to fight for the WBO Jr. Welterweight Championship¹ in a period no greater than 12 months from the date the Barboza, Jr./Ramirez, Jr. bout takes place.

¹ This provision shall be authorized the majority vote of the WBO Executive Committee Members





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Therefore, this Committee sets forth the following additional conditions: (i) Teofimo Lopez, Jr., personally, has 24 hours upon issuance of this notice to confirm in writing to the WBO Championship Committee whether he retains his WBO Jr. Welterweight Championship; if the WBO Championship Committee does not receive such confirmation in writing within the term stated herein or having the 24 hour term elapsed without no confirmation, on behalf of Teofimo Lopez, Jr., it will be understood that the WBO Jr. Welterweight Championship is declared "Vacant"; (ii) if Teofimo Lopez, Jr., personally, confirms in writing that he is retaining his WBO Jr. Welterweight Championship, the Barboza, Jr./Ramirez, Jr., negotiation order is terminated "Ipso Facto"; (iii) "Undisputed" WBO Lightweight Champion Devin Haney, personally, has 24 hours upon issuance of this notice to confirm in writing to the WBO Championship Committee whether he will move up to Jr. Welterweight Division to face Arnold Barboza, Jr. (iv) if the WBO Championship Committee does not receive such confirmation in writing within the term stated herein or having the 24 hour term elapsed without no confirmation, on behalf of Haney, it will be understood that he will stay in the Lightweight Division; (v) if Haney, personally, confirms in writing to moving up to the Jr. Welterweight division, the Barboza, Jr./Ramirez, Jr., negotiation order is terminated "Ipso Facto".

Lastly, this Committee reserves its right to issue all further rulings necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO regulations of world championship contests, including rendering those rulings that best serve professional boxing and the WBO Jr. Welterweight Division.

Yours truly,

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

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