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## VIA EMAIL:

Mr. Dominic McKean  
Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs  
Disrupt Promotions

### **Re: WBO Jr. Lightweight Division - Sanction Request Archie Sharp vs. Albert Bell**

Dear Mr. McKean:

I refer to your correspondence dated November 22, 2023, regarding the subject matter and requesting that the mandatory challenger in the Jr. Lightweight Division be selected and determined by the WBO World Championship Committee according to the current list of the best-classified boxers promulgated by the WBO Ratings' Committee.

Furthermore, you mention that it is Disrupt Promotions' intention to arrange a bout between Albert Bell/Archie Sharp. Therefore, you are requesting that the foregoing contest be made for an Interim Championship and/or the winner be designated as the mandatory challenger for Emanuel Navarrete's next title defense.

Conversely, be advised that Emanuel Navarrete is a WBO "Super Champion" with all the rights and privileges conferred by such designation.<sup>1</sup> One of the privileges afforded by such recognition is the Champion's extension of mandatory title defense obligations. Moreover, Navarrete has up to 18 months to discharge his mandatory obligation against the mandatory challenger designated and selected by the Championship Committee.

Per our records, Navarrete's last mandatory title defense was against Oscar Valdez on August 12, 2023. Therefore, Navarrete's next mandatory obligation shall be called no later than February 2025, subject to the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. Wherefore, based on the pending current timeline to discharge the next mandatory, an interim championship and/or elimination bout is not warranted nor justified. In other words, no mandatory is due.

Consequently, your request is **HEREBY DENIED**.

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<sup>1</sup> See, Section 14 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests





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Notwithstanding today's ruling, this Committee may grant sanction approval between the proposed fighters for a regional title, if the parties voluntarily agree to do so. Lastly, we strongly recommend to both participants to keep active and in compliance with the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

In closing, we thank both participants for their continued support, interest and loyalty to the World Boxing Organization and wish all the best in their future professional endeavors. This is a final decision of the WBO Championship Committee. The affected WBO participant may appeal such determination to the Complaint and Grievance Committee as per Rule 34, which as per Article 3(e) of the WBO Appeals Regulations, must be submitted in writing to the WBO President within fourteen (14) days of this decision as its sole and exclusive remedy.

Please do not hesitate to contact the WBO main offices if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Cc: Francisco "Paco" Valcárcel, Esq./WBO President  
Victor Green/Team Albert Bell  
Archie Sharp/Fighter

