World Boxing Organization

WBO FEMALE REGULATIONS OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS

(Any rule not included in the Female Regulations of World Championship Contests will be subject to the World Boxing Organization Regulations of World Championship Contests)

World Championship contests recognized by the World Boxing Organization shall be subject to the Rules of Woman's Boxing and to the WBO's Championship Committee rules not in conflict with the ones set forward. All Champions recognized by the WBO as World Champion in her category shall defend her World Championship as required by these Rules.

The recognition of a female boxer as World Champion in any of the weight categories may be suspended or revoked by the Organization, for a proven violation to the Rules and Regulations that govern World Championship Contests, for conduct detrimental to the good name and or prestige of professional boxing, or for any good reason that may be established by the World Championship Committee, including the refusal to participate in a bout that has been duly approved by the World Championship Committee.

A Female WBO Champion who during her reign becomes inactive due to pregnancy, shall relinquish the WBO Championship and upon her return request designation as the Mandatory Challenger if the Championship was filled during her absence, or request contesting to fill the vacancy as the case may be.

A Female World Champion recognized by the World Boxing Organization shall not participate in a Non-Title fight without the prior authorization of the WBO Championship Committee. This authorization shall be subject to such conditions as the WBO Championship Committee determines. In addition, this authorization will be granted only on the condition that the WBO Champion pay a fee to the WBO that is the equivalent of the amount that she WBO Champion would have paid to the WBO if the non-championship fight were conducted as a WBO Championship fight. If the WBO Champion participates in a non-title fight without the authorization, the Championship title may be declared vacant.

When a female champion in any weight category seeks to be a Champion of any other category or to unify the title with another Champion of another organization, she must previously request, in writing, the approval of the Championship Committee to participate in said bout. If she is to fight in another category, the female boxer, simultaneously submit a document agreeing to resign one of the two titles in the event of being victorious and obtaining the Champion title in another category. Her resignation shall be effective within ten days (10) following the acquisition of the new title. The Champion who does not request permission to unify her title shall be subject to losing the title held at the time of participating in the unification bout.

When a Female Champion holds a unification title, that is that she is a Champion of another Organization in its own division, every time she defends the title for one or the other body, she shall be defending it for both bodies, thus paying the corresponding sanctions to the bodies she represents and in compliance with the regulatory provisions in effect of the body involved in said defense. Should she fail to comply with this provision, the WBO shall deprive her of the title of Champion of the Division.

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When a Female Title, for whatever reason is declared vacant, the Championship Committee shall call on two of the highest and willing contenders, to participate in a World Championship Bout.

When the World Boxing Organization rules and regulations for Female Boxing conflict with the Local Boxing Commission Rules, the Local Commission Rules shall apply.

Defense of the Title

These are general rules that apply to female boxing only. Over and above these rules, female boxers are also required to abide by the rules of professional boxing in every jurisdiction and the applicable rules of WBO.

a) Every female Champion recognized by the World Boxing Organization, must make a mandatory defense of her Title every six (6) months, against the highest available and willing contender. The Championship Committee may order within each six (6) months to defend the title against an opponent to be accepted by the committee. If the Champion wishes to defend her title between mandatory defenses, she may do so against any rated boxer with the approval of the Championship Committee.
b) When a female World Champion recognized by the World Boxing Organization, fails to comply with her obligation to defend her Title on the date indicated by the Championship Committee, the Title in her division will be declared Vacant.
c) When the World Champion is not available to defend her Title, the Championship Committee may call for an Interim Champion Bout, between the two approved by the committee. The Interim Champion has the same obligations as the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.
d) When the World Champion is ready to resume fighting, she must defend the Title against the Interim Champion shall begin as soon as the Champion declares she is available, never more than 180 days.
e) A Female World Champion recognized by the World Boxing Organization shall not participate in a Non-Title fight, unless she has applied for and has been granted Special Permission. If the World Champion participates in a Non-Title fight without Special Permission, the title in the Champion's division may be declared Vacant.

Application for Sanction of a World Title Fight

All applications for sanction of a World Title Fight must be accompanied by a signed declaration by the Promoter and respective Boxers, undertaking that the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests will govern the fight.

The Application for sanction of a World Boxing Organization Title fight must also include:

a) Consent and waiver from Contestants

b) Promoters name
c) Date and Place
d) Copy of signed fight contracts for both Boxers.
e) Medical tests, including negative pregnancy test of the contestants.

Championship Bouts

The following rules should follow in any Female championship contest in addition to those general WBO Championship rules that could by apply for Female boxing.

1. All World Title bouts shall be scheduled for either ten (10) or twelve (12) rounds. In any case, each round will be two (2) minutes in duration, with a one (1) minute rest period in between.
2. Female Boxers shall be rated according to the different division mentioned in the Appendix A.
3. Female boxers shall wear breast and groin protectors.
4. Glove Size: Females boxers shall wear 8-oz gloves up to 147 lbs. included, and 10-oz gloves over 147 lbs.
5. Female Boxers shall provide a negative pregnancy test prior to each championship bout in addition to all other medical tests required by the local boxing authorities.
6. Female boxers shall use no facial cosmetics and they should have their hair secured with a soft and non-abrasive material.
7. The minimum age to compete for the world title shall be 18 years old.

Female Boxing Divisions:

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HEAVYWEIGHT	OVER 200 lbs. (Over 90,72 Kg.)
JR. HEAVYWEIGHT	UP TO 200 lbs. (90,72 Kg.)
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	UP TO 175 lbs. (79,38 Kg.)
SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	UP TO 168 lbs. (76,20 Kg.)
MIDDLEWEIGHT	UP TO 160 lbs. (72,57 Kg.)
JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT	UP TO 154 lbs. (69,85 Kg)
WELTERWEIGHT	UP TO 147 lbs. (66,68 Kg.)
JR. WELTERWEIGHT	UP TO 140 lbs. (63,50 Kg.)
LIGHTWEIGHT	UP TO 135 lbs. (61,24 Kg.)
JR. LIGHTWEIGHT	UP TO 130 lbs. (58,97 Kg.)
FEATHERWEIGHT	UP TO 126 lbs. (57,15 Kg.)
JR. FEATHERWEIGHT	UP TO 122 lbs. (55,34 Kg.)
BANTAMWEIGHT	UP TO 118 lbs. (53,52 Kg.)
JR. BANTAMWEIGHT	UP TO 115 lbs. (52,16 Kg.)
FLYWEIGHT	UP TO 112 lbs. (50,80 Kg.)
JR. FLYWEIGHT	UP TO 108 lbs. (48,99 Kg.)
MINI-FLYWEIGHT	UP TO 105 LBS. (47,63 kg.)
ATOMWEIGHT	UP TO 102 LBS. (46.27 Kg.)

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PURSE BIDS

a) Purse Bids for championship fights shall contain the elements required by these rules. Only those proposals submitted by Promoters registered with and in good standing with the WBO shall be accepted by the WBO.

b) Bid Deposits. Each Promoter shall submit a Purse Bid Deposit of Two Thousand ($2,000.) Dollars with its bid at the time the Promoter submits its proposal. The Purse Bid Deposit for all bidders shall be retained by the WBO and applied as the Purse Bidders Service Fee to cover the expenses incurred by the World Boxing Organization on calling the contest to bid.

c) Proposals. The proposals shall be submitted to the office where the President of the World Boxing Organization indicates that the bid shall be held, in two sealed envelopes as follows:

1. **ENVELOPE NO.1– DOCUMENTS.**

A Promoter whose bid does not meet the requirements of this section shall be automatically disqualified from the Purse Bid and cannot participate in the Purse Bid. The World Boxing Organization shall retain the disqualified Promoter's Bid Deposit as the disqualified bidder's Purse Bidders Service Fee and shall also return Envelope No. 2 "Proposal" which shall not be opened. Envelope Number 1 shall contain the following documents:

I. Certified check, cashier's check or bank money order payable to the World Boxing Organization, or money in cash, in the legal tender of the United States of America (dollars) for the Purse Bid Deposit in the sum of US$2,000.00 to cover the Promoter's Purse Bid Service Fee.

II. WBO Receipt or a copy thereof evidencing payment of the Annual Registration fee as WBO Championship Contest Promoter, or a copy of the Promoter's cancelled check or wire transfer to the WBO for the Annual Promoter's Registration Fee. The WBO President may waive this requirement for any Promoter known to the WBO President to have paid its Annual Registration fee.

III. A letter of authority for a representative of a proponent, for those bidders who cannot attend the bid and sends a representative who is not an officer or employee of bidder. This letter may be an original letter or may be sent by the proponent via facsimile, email, or telegraph.

2. ENVELOPE NO. 2 - PROPOSAL

I. A written proposal indicating the total purse offered to the Champion and the Challenger, the proposed sites for the Championship Contest, and the proposed date for the Championship Contest.

This amount will be net, with no deductions except for the Sanction Fees to be paid by the Champion and the Challenger pursuant to these WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests and tax withholdings required by the law of the country where the fight is to be held.

II. The Proposal shall include a Purse Bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bank money order payable to the World Boxing Organization, or money in cash, in the legal tender of the United States of America (dollars) totaling Twenty (20%) Percent of the total of the proposed purse. The Purse Bond of the successful bidder shall be retained by the World Boxing Organization to secure the Champion, Challenger and the WBO in the event that the successful bidder fails to promote the Championship Contest pursuant to the Purse Bid without just cause.

III. The Proposal shall indicate the place or places where the fight is to be held; the Proposal shall not identify more than three (3) potential sites.

IV. The Proposal shall Indicate the date the fight is to be held, which shall not be later than ninety (90) days nor earlier than forty-five (45) days from the date of the Purse Bid, counting from the date of adjudication of the bid, unless the interested parties agree to hold the bout prior to the forty-five (45) days established as minimum. The World Championship Committee may extend the 90 days during which a fight ordered by purse bid may be held for a period not to exceed 45 days for just cause shown.

d) In the event that no qualified bid is made, the Championship Committee may recommend to the President that the minimum bid be reduced by up to 50% and the purse bid rebid or that the Champion be granted a 120 day extension to make a voluntary defense. The President shall determine which option will be pursued within 30 days and the President will notify the contestants of his decision in writing on or before the expiration of the 30 day period.

e) When a Championship has been completed, the Purse Bond will be refunded to the Promoter, net of any collection costs or bank charges incurred by the WBO, upon receipt by the WBO of evidence of satisfaction by the Promoter of all obligations secured by the Purse Bond, including all WBO Sanction Fees for the Championship… (see WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests).

MINIMUM PURSE BID AMOUNT FOR FEMALE PURSE BIDS IS $25,000.00 IN ALL DIVISIONS.

Sanction Fees

The WBO shall be paid a Sanction Fee of a rate according to the following schedule: a)

Champion and Challenger:

1) Three percent (3%) of their purses with a minimum of $500.00 for the champion and $300.00 for the challenger; vacant titles $500.00 and a maximum of $250,000.00 per boxer.

2) A Unified Champion is a WBO Champion who holds more than one World Championship of World Sanctioning Bodies recognized by the WBO (the WBO, the WBA, the IBF and the WBC). The WBO sanctioning fee for a Unified Champion shall be two percent (2%) of his purse with a minimum of $500 up to a maximum of $250,000. The WBO Sanctioning fee for the Challenger to a Unified Champion shall be three percent (3%) of his purses with a minimum of $300.00 and a maximum of $250,000.00.

3) A Unification Championship is one in which a WBO Champion contests the Championship with a contestant who holds one or more of the World Championship of the other World Sanctioning Bodies recognized by the WBO (the WBA, the IBF and the WBC). The WBO sanctioning fee for a Unification Championship shall be two percent (2%) of purse of the WBO Champion with a minimum of $500 up to a maximum of $200,000. The WBO Sanctioning fee for the Challenger in the Unification Championship, that is the contestant who is the Champion of one or more of the WBA, the IBF and the WBC, shall be three percent (3%) of his purses with a minimum of $300.00 and a maximum of $200,000.00.

b) Promoter:

1. The Promoter's Sanction Fees for fights which are neither a Unified nor a Unification Championship shall be:

a) $1,000.00 in fights in which the combined purses of the boxers are up to $1,000.000.00 plus $1,000 for the Welfare Fund.

b) $3,000.00 in fights in which the combined purses of the boxers exceed the sum of $1,000.001.00 and are up to $5,000.000.00 plus $1,000 for Welfare Fund.

c) $5,000.00 in fights in which the combined purses of the boxers exceed the sum of $5,000,001.00 plus $1,000 for Welfare Fund.

d) The above notwithstanding, the Promoter’s Sanction Fees for a Championship in the

e) Heavyweight Division shall be $10,000 plus $1,000 for Welfare Fund

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2. The Promoter's Sanction Fees for fights involving a Unified or a Unification Championship shall be:

a) $4,500.00 in fights in which the combined purses of the boxers are up to $500.000.00 plus $1,000 for the Welfare Fund.

b) $6,000.00 in fights in which the combined purses of the boxers exceed the sum of $500.000.00 and are up to $1,000.000.00 plus $3,000 for Welfare Fund.

c) $7,500.00 in fights in which the combined purses of the boxers exceed the sum of$1,000,000.00 and is up to $3,000,000 plus $5,000 for Welfare Fund.

d) $9,000.00 in fights in which the combined purses of the boxers exceed the sum of $3,000,000.00 and are up to $5,000,000 plus $7,000 for Welfare Fund.

e) $10,000.00 in fights in which the combined purses of the boxers exceed the sum of $5,000,000.00 plus $10,000 for Welfare Fund.

f) The above notwithstanding, the Promoter's Sanction Fees for a Unification or UnifiedChampionship in the Heavyweight Division shall be $15,000 plus $10,000 for Welfare Fund

c) Welfare Fund:

The World Boxing Organization is a not-for-profit corporation committed to aid other institutions in the areas of education, rehabilitation, research that relates to boxing and boxing safety, and other social causes according to our constitution and bylaws. The Welfare Fund is devoted solely to the not–for profit purposes of the World Boxing Organization.

d) Sanction Fees are due whether or not a Championship is awarded:

In the event a sanctioned fight results in a no contest or a sanctioned fight is held as an overweight fight, all sanctioning fees are due regardless of whether a Championship is awarded.

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Consent and Waiver

Boxer's Name: _____

Date and Place: _____

I voluntarily desire to engage in a boxing contest sanctioned for the World Boxing Organization title.

I have received and submitted to the WBO a complete medical examination by my physician, Dr. _____, which certifies that I am medically clear and able to participate in the match described below, and further indicate that I am free of any communicable disease including HIV and Hepatitis B.

I understand and agree that while the referee and/or the physician may be approved or designated by the WBO; neither is employed by the WBO. I fully understand that I willingly assume all responsibility for any injury that I may incur in this boxing match.

I understand that I have one hundred eighty (180) days from the date that I obtained and or last defense to defend again or the title may be declared vacant.

I understand that participating in boxing carries a risk of serious injury and with my full knowledge of these risks to myself, my heirs, managers, executors, administrators, next of kin, employees and assigns hereby waive and release the WBO and its officers, Directors or employees from any and all claims, potential claims, damages, court costs and attorney's fees that may arise in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from my participation in or as a result of the boxing match I am willingly engaged and I further indemnify and hold harmless the World Boxing Organization, its officers, directors or employees from any such claim that I or my executors, administrators, heirs, next of skin, successors or assigns may have or assert for damages, court costs and attorney's fees with respect to the following fight:

Event: _____

Date: _____

Venue: _____

Signature's date: _____

_____ _____

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