



## **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE WBO HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION**

### **Parties**

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Mr. Fabio Wardley  
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Cc:

- Mr. George Warren, Queensberry Promotions
- Mr. Alex Dombroff, Attorney for Queensberry Promotions

### **ISSUE**

Resolution to elevate WBO Interim Heavyweight Champion, Fabio Wardley, to “*Full Champion*” status, effective immediately, in light of Oleksandr Usyk’s relinquishment of the WBO Heavyweight Championship.

### **FACTUAL RECORD**

1. On November 17, 2025, the WBO received and confirmed email communication from Mr. John Hornewer, acting on behalf of the WBO Heavyweight Super Champion, Oleksandr Usyk, in which Mr. Hornewer formally reported that Oleksandr Usyk relinquishes the WBO Heavyweight Super Championship of the World.
2. This communication constitutes formal notice of Usyk’s relinquishment of the WBO Heavyweight Championship, thereby creating a vacancy in the WBO Heavyweight Division.
3. In light of this confirmed relinquishment, and after reviewing the applicable Championship Rules, including those governing Interim Championships and succession, the WBO World Championship Committee convened to evaluate and vote upon the status of the Interim Heavyweight Champion,

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Mr. Fabio Wardley.

4. The Committee unanimously determined that, given the vacancy created by Usyk's relinquishment and Wardley's standing as Interim Champion in good order, elevation to Full Champion status is warranted and mandated under the WBO Regulations.

### APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

All parties agree that they are bound by the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. Section 35(f) provides that "These Regulations apply to all WBO Participants. The term WBO Participant includes, but is not limited to, WBO World Champions and WBO World Championship Contenders. All WBO Participants who participate in any WBO sanctioned activity do so on the express condition that such WBO Participant is bound by and subject to these WBO World Championship Rules and all WBO Rules and Regulations." *[Emphasis Added]* Accordingly, this Committee has full jurisdiction and authority to resolve the matter.

### SECTION 1. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Section 1(b)(21) and (c) provides, in relevant as follows:

- (1) To determine the format and venue for making any determination that is the subject matter of the WBO World Championship Rules; and
- (21) To make or recommend exceptions or variations from the Rules as the World Championship Committee determines are necessary; and,
- (c) The above powers shall be interpreted to include any and all powers necessary, helpful, or convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

### ANALYSIS

The WBO Preamble provides, in relevant part: "The World Boxing Organization's Regulations are intended to reconcile the interests of all necessary elements of World Championship Boxing in a manner that is in the best interest of the sport. The most important interests are those of the Championship contestants themselves and their worldwide fans." *[Emphasis Added]*

Given the vacancy created by Usyk's relinquishment and Wardley's status as Interim Champion, the required course of action is straightforward: elevate WBO Interim Heavyweight Champion Fabio Wardley to "Full Champion" status, effective immediately.

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## DECISION — WBO CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Thus, having considered the facts herein and reviewed the applicable WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, and exercising the authority and discretion vested in this Committee, it is hereby RESOLVED as follows:

1. Fabio Wardley is hereby elevated from WBO Interim Heavyweight Champion to WBO “*Full Champion*” status with all rights, benefits, obligations, and protections conferred by such designation.
2. The WBO World Championship Committee reserves its right to issue any further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, or convenient to accomplish the policies, purposes, and intent of the WBO Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to rulings that best serve the interests of boxing and the WBO Heavyweight Division.
3. This Resolution is final, definitive, and enforceable.
4. Pursuant to Rule 34 and Article 3(e) of the WBO Appeals Regulation, any affected WBO Participant may appeal this determination to the Complaint and Grievance Committee. Such appeal must be submitted in writing to the WBO President within fourteen (14) days of this decision, which shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy.

Dated: November 21, 2025  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

### WBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

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