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Founder
Chairman Championship Committee

January 22, 2026

Mr. Eddie Hearn Promoter Matchroom Boxing United Kingdom	Mr. Leon Margules Promoter Warriors Boxing United States
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Re: Purse Bid Notice – Interim Light Heavyweight Championship Contest
Callum Smith vs. David Morrell

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that the WBO Championship Committee is hereby ordering that purse bid proceedings be conducted in accordance with the WBO Rules and Regulations.

The purse bid will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. (Atlantic Standard Time)

Location:

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The bid shall be governed by Sections 11 through 13 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests:

WBO Regulations

The minimum bid amount for the Light Heavyweight Division is **\$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars)**.

The WBO President, Gustavo Olivieri, Esq., will preside over the proceedings. The purse bid will be live-streamed.

Conditions

The following conditions are acknowledged, understood, and accepted by all participants and must be strictly complied with by the winner of the purse bid upon adjudication

1. Scheduling

The bout must take place within 60 days from the adjudication of the purse bid.

2. Injury or Unavailability


If either Callum Smith and/or David Morrell is injured, unavailable, unwilling, unable, or otherwise impaired to compete, the Committee shall immediately convene to determine the appropriate course of action pursuant to WBO Rules, including but not limited to:


- (i) declaring the WBO Participant(s) unavailable;
- (ii) selecting the next available contender(s) in the division;

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- (iii) issuing any ruling or order authorized under the WBO Rules and Regulations.

3. **No Date, Network or Broadcast Excuses**

Lack of bout dates and/or network dates, network, broadcaster, streaming platform, or television date shall not constitute justified cause to delay, postpone, or avoid staging the bout.

4. **Bout Agreements**

Executed bout agreements must be submitted to the WBO within ten (10) days following the adjudication of the purse bid.

5. **Venue Unavailability Not a Justified Cause**

Lack of a confirmed venue, destination, location, or site does not constitute justified cause to delay or interfere with the timely production of the bout.

Deposit Requirement

A deposit of **twenty percent (20%)** of the total purse amount must be lodged with the WBO within two (2) business days following the adjudication of the purse bid, payable by:

- certified check,
- cashier's check,
- bank money order, or
- cash (U.S. Dollars).

WBO-licensed promoters may lodge a corporate check, provided that it is substituted with a wire transfer to the WBO within the same two-business-day period.

Failure to comply will result in the automatic declaration of default, and the promotional rights will be awarded to the next highest bidder pursuant to WBO Regulations.

Confirmation by Participants

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The WBO Participants must each confirm in writing within forty-eight (48) hours following the adjudication of the purse bid that they are ready, willing, able, and available to proceed with the bout.

Failure to provide such confirmation will result in the Championship Committee determining that the non-compliant participant is uninterested and unavailable to engage, participate, or fight as ordered.

Reservation of Rights

The WBO Championship Committee expressly reserves the right to issue any and all further rulings, orders, directives, or determinations necessary to protect the best interests of the sport of boxing, the WBO, and the Light Heavyweight Division.

Please call the WBO main offices if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

Cc: Gustavo Olivieri Esq./WBO President
Diana Meléndez/WBO Executive Director
Shaun Palmer/Matchroom
Luis De Cubas, Jr./Team Morrell

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