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April 6, 2026

Mr. Eddie Hearn
Promoter
Matchroom Boxing
United Kingdom

Via Electronic Email:

Re: WBO Interim Lt. Heavyweight Champion – Callum Smith – Interim Medical Certification

Dear Mr. Hearn:

On behalf of the World Boxing Organization (“WBO”) Championship Committee, I extend our regards and acknowledge the communication conveyed on April 6, 2026, by Matchroom Boxing representative, Mr. Tom Dallas, to WBO President Gustavo Olivieri, Esq., advising that WBO Interim Light Heavyweight Champion, Mr. Callum Smith, sustained an injury during training which will prevent his participation in the scheduled mandatory title defense against Mr. David Morrell, set for Saturday, April 18, 2026, in Liverpool, England, United Kingdom.

At the outset, the Committee expresses its understanding of the unfortunate circumstances arising from such injury and extends its concern for Mr. Smith’s health and recovery. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and in keeping with the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, the Committee must ensure that all procedural and regulatory requirements are strictly observed.


Accordingly, Team Smith is hereby directed to submit, in writing, to the WBO Championship Committee within ten (10) days from the issuance of this notice, a comprehensive and duly certified medical report concerning Mr. Smith’s condition. Said report must include: (i) a detailed diagnosis and explanation of the injury sustained; (ii) the prescribed treatment plan; and (iii) a clear medical prognosis, including the attending physician’s professional opinion as to when Mr. Smith is expected to be ready, willing, and able to return to active competition.


Please be advised that this matter shall be evaluated pursuant to Section 19(f) of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, which provides:

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“...if the Champion is unable to defend his Championship within the time periods provided in these rules because he is physically disabled for a justified cause, and said disability has been verified and accepted by the Championship Committee, the Champion may be granted a reasonable time to recover from the disability and retrain to competition condition, which shall not in total exceed 180 days. The disability extension will be granted only if the Committee determines, based on competent medical advice, that the Champion is reasonably expected to recover from his disability within the allowable term of the disability extension.”

Kindly note that strict compliance with the above requirements is mandatory. Failure to timely submit the requested medical certification and supporting documentation shall compel the Committee to intervene in accordance with the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. In such event, the Committee expressly reserves its right to issue any and all further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Rules, including those determinations that best serve the interests of boxing and the WBO.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and your continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

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