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Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Felix Zabala
President
All Star Boxing
Representative of WBO Jr. Flyweight World Champion René Santiago

Re: WBO Jr. Flyweight Championship – Medical Status of Champion Rene Santiago

Dear Mr. Zabala:

On behalf of the World Boxing Organization ("WBO") World Championship Committee, I extend our regards and acknowledge receipt of the information advising that WBO Jr. Flyweight World Champion Rene Santiago sustained an elbow injury during training which, according to the information provided, will impair his scheduled participation in his upcoming WBO World Championship contest.

At the outset, the Committee expresses its concern regarding Mr. Santiago's condition and sincerely wishes him a complete and prompt recovery. Injuries are an unfortunate reality in professional boxing, and the WBO recognizes the importance of safeguarding the health and well-being of its World Champions. At the same time, the Committee must ensure that all applicable provisions of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests are properly observed in order to preserve the orderly administration of the championship.

Accordingly, Team Santiago is hereby directed to submit, in writing, to the WBO World Championship Committee within **ten (10) days** from the date of this notice, a comprehensive, current, and duly certified medical report concerning Mr. Santiago's condition. Such report shall include, at a minimum:

1. A detailed diagnosis describing the nature and extent of the elbow injury;
2. The prescribed course of treatment, including any surgical or rehabilitative recommendations, if applicable;
3. The attending physician's professional prognosis, specifically stating the anticipated period of recovery and the estimated date upon which Mr. Santiago is expected to be medically fit to resume full training and active competition.

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Upon receipt of the foregoing documentation, the Committee shall evaluate the matter pursuant to Section 19(f) of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, which provides as follows:

"...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 one hundred eighty (180) days. The disability extension will be granted only if the Committee determines, based upon competent medical advice, that the Champion is reasonably expected to recover from his disability within the allowable term of the disability extension."

Please be advised that strict compliance with the foregoing directive is mandatory. Failure to timely submit the requested medical certification and supporting documentation may compel the Committee to intervene pursuant to the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. In such event, the Committee expressly reserves continuing jurisdiction over this matter and the authority to issue any and all further rulings deemed necessary, appropriate, or convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations, including those determinations that best serve the interests of the championship, the sport of professional boxing, and the WBO membership.

The Committee appreciates your prompt attention to this matter and thanks you for your continued professionalism and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Gustavo Olivieri, Esq./WBO President

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