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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

Date: September 1, 2026

Parties:

Mr. Oscar Collazo
WBO Mini-Flyweight Champion

Mr. Miguel Cotto
Promoter
Miguel Cotto Promotions

Mr. Eric Gomez
Promoter
Golden Boy Promotions

RE: IN THE MATTER OF WBO MINI-FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION OSCAR COLLAZO

I. ISSUES PRESENTED

Whether, pursuant to the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, this Committee shall permit the subject matter participant to enter the ring, be announced and recognized as WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion prior to the commencement of his scheduled WBA/WBC Flyweight World Championship Contest. We respond in the affirmative and explain below.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Oscar “El Pupilo” Collazo (“Collazo”), of Villalba, Puerto Rico, is the reigning and undefeated WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion and currently holds a professional record of fifteen (15) victories, no defeats, and twelve (12) victories by knockout.

Collazo has maintained a longstanding and distinguished relationship with the World Boxing Organization (“WBO”) throughout virtually his entire professional career.

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On December 3, 2021, in only his fourth professional contest, Collazo defeated Pedro Villegas by third-round technical knockout in Panama City, Panama, thereby capturing the vacant WBO Latino Mini-Flyweight Championship.

Thereafter, Collazo continued his progression through the WBO championship structure. On July 16, 2022, Collazo defeated former World Champion Vic Saludar by unanimous decision over twelve (12) rounds at Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, California.

On January 28, 2023, Collazo faced Yudel Reyes in a WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship Title Eliminator at the YouTube Theater in Inglewood, California. Collazo prevailed by knockout in the fifth round, thereby establishing himself as the leading contender for the WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship.

Following the foregoing, the WBO World Championship Committee ordered then-WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion Melvin Jerusalem to discharge his mandatory championship obligation against Collazo.

On May 27, 2023, at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Indio, California, Collazo challenged Jerusalem for the WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship. Collazo prevailed after Jerusalem retired following the seventh round, thereby becoming WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion in only his seventh professional contest and establishing a historic benchmark as the Puerto Rican male boxer to capture a World Championship in the fewest professional fights.

Following his championship victory, Collazo embarked upon an exceptional and active World Championship reign.

On August 26, 2023, at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Collazo successfully defended his WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship against Garen Diagan, prevailing by stoppage after six (6) rounds.

On January 27, 2024, at the Footprint Center in Phoenix, Arizona, Collazo successfully defended his WBO World Championship against Reyneris Gutierrez, earning a third-round technical knockout victory.

On June 7, 2024, at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York, Collazo successfully defended his WBO World Championship against Gerardo Zapata, prevailing by unanimous decision after twelve (12) rounds. Thereafter, Collazo pursued a significant World Championship Unification Contest.

On November 16, 2024, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Collazo faced then-undefeated WBA Mini-Flyweight World Champion Thammanoon Niyomtrong in a WBO/WBA World Championship Unification Contest. Collazo prevailed by seventh-round technical knockout, successfully retaining his WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship while simultaneously capturing the WBA World Championship and further consolidating his standing among the elite fighters of the division.



On March 29, 2025, Collazo successfully defended his unified World Championships against Edwin Cano, prevailing by fifth-round knockout. On September 20, 2025, Collazo successfully defended his WBO and WBA World Championships against Jayson Vayson, earning a seventh-round stoppage victory. On March 14, 2026, Collazo continued his championship reign by successfully defending his WBO and WBA Mini-Flyweight World Championships against Jesus Haro, prevailing by stoppage following the sixth round.

Thereafter, on June 20, 2026, Collazo competed in the Flyweight Division against Neider Valdez at Frontwave Arena in Oceanside, California. The contest did not place Collazo's WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship at stake. Rather, Collazo competed for the WBO International Flyweight Championship and prevailed by second-round stoppage after scoring three knockdowns, improving his professional record to 15-0 with 12 knockouts.

Consequently, Collazo remains undefeated and has established an extensive WBO championship résumé encompassing a WBO Regional Championship, a World Championship Title Eliminator, the WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship, numerous successful World Championship defenses, a World Championship Unification victory, and most recently the WBO International Flyweight Championship.

The WBO further acknowledges Collazo's longstanding loyalty to the Organization, his active championship tenure, his professional accomplishments, and his continued representation of the WBO throughout his professional career.

On or about August 19, 2026, the WBO received official written communications from Golden Boy Promotions and Miguel Cotto Promotions, Collazo's authorized promotional representatives, respectively, confirming that Collazo intends to move from the Mini-Flyweight Division (105 lbs.) to the Flyweight Division (112 lbs.) to pursue an opportunity to become a two-division World Champion.

Specifically, the WBO was formally advised that Collazo will challenge reigning WBA/WBC Flyweight World Champion Ricardo Sandoval ("Sandoval") on October 10, 2026, at Wintrust Arena in Chicago, Illinois.

The Sandoval/Collazo WBA/WBC Flyweight World Championship Contest has since been formally announced by the event promoter, Golden Boy Promotions, and will be broadcast worldwide on DAZN.

Accordingly, Collazo will move upward two weight categories, from Mini-Flyweight (105 lbs.), bypassing the Junior Flyweight Division (108 lbs.), to compete at Flyweight (112 lbs.) in pursuit of becoming a two-division World Champion.

Notwithstanding his announced intention to compete in the Flyweight Division, Collazo, through his authorized representatives, has respectfully petitioned the WBO World Championship Committee for special consideration permitting him to enter the ring on October 10, 2026, wearing his WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship belt and to be officially introduced, announced, acknowledged, and



recognized as the reigning WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion immediately prior to the commencement of the Sandoval/Collazo contest.

Collazo predicates his request upon, inter alia, his longstanding relationship and loyalty to the WBO; his professional merits and accomplishments; his active and distinguished reign as WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion; his numerous successful World Championship defenses; his unified championship status; and the historic significance of his attempt to become a two-division World Champion.

The WBO World Championship Committee has carefully considered Collazo's request, the complete championship record, the interests of the Mini-Flyweight Division, the rights of the WBO World-Rated Contenders, and the applicable WBO Rules and Regulations Governing World Championship Contests.

For the reasons stated herein, the Committee shall proceed accordingly.

APPLICABLE WBO RULES AND REGULATIONS

WBO JURISDICTION

Accordingly, Collazo, as the reigning WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion and WBO International Flyweight Champion, is a WBO Participant and is bound by and subject to the WBO Rules and Regulations.

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

The authority and discretion of the WBO World Championship Committee to consider and resolve the present matter is governed by Section 1 of the WBO Regulations Governing World Championship Contests.

Among the powers vested in the World Championship Committee are the authority:

(1) To determine the format and venue for making any determination that is the subject matter of the WBO World Championship Rules;

(19) To determine whether an Interim Championship is warranted and to sanction an Interim Championship Bout;



(20) To determine the contestants for an Interim or Vacant Championship;

(21) To make or recommend exceptions or variations from the Rules as the World Championship Committee determines are necessary; and,

Section 1(c) further provides that the foregoing 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 Governing World Championship Contests.

Accordingly, this Committee possesses broad authority and discretion to fashion an equitable resolution that reconciles Collazo's legitimate championship interests with the rights of the World-Rated Contenders and the WBO's institutional responsibility to maintain an active and orderly Mini-Flyweight Division.

INTERIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The WBO Regulations further expressly recognize the World Championship Committee's authority to sanction an Interim World Championship when circumstances warrant such determination, including circumstances in which a reigning WBO World Champion moves outside his division to compete for another World Championship.

The sanctioning of an Interim World Championship is an exceptional measure and not the ordinary course of administration of a WBO World Championship Division. Nevertheless, the Regulations expressly vest this Committee with the discretion to employ an Interim Championship where necessary to protect the interests of the division, its World-Rated Contenders, and the orderly administration of WBO World Championships.

ANALYSIS

The issue before this Committee requires balancing two legitimate and important interests.

First, the Committee recognizes the extraordinary professional accomplishments, longstanding WBO relationship, and legitimate historical aspirations of Oscar Collazo. Second, the Committee has an independent institutional obligation to maintain an active Mini-Flyweight Division and to protect the competitive rights and legitimate expectations of the World-Rated Contenders who have earned their respective positions within the WBO World Ratings. These interests are not mutually exclusive.

Collazo has been an exemplary WBO Champion. His relationship with the Organization did not commence upon winning the World Championship. Rather, he developed through the WBO championship system, beginning with the WBO Latino Championship, progressing through the WBO World Ratings and World Championship Title Eliminator process, and ultimately earning and capturing the WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship.



Since becoming World Champion on May 27, 2023, Collazo has remained an active and distinguished champion. He has successfully defended the WBO World Championship on numerous occasions, unified the WBO Championship with the WBA World Championship, competed internationally, and consistently represented the WBO Championship at the highest level of the sport.

The Committee further recognizes that Collazo's proposed October 10 contest represents an ambitious attempt to accomplish another significant milestone in his professional career: moving directly from 105 pounds to 112 pounds and defeating a reigning unified Flyweight World Champion to become a two-division World Champion.

Under these particular and exceptional circumstances, the Committee finds Collazo's request to enter the ring and be officially recognized and introduced as the reigning WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion to be reasonable.

The Committee therefore determines that Collazo shall be permitted to enter the ring for the October 10, 2026 Sandoval/Collazo contest wearing and displaying his WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship belt and shall be permitted to be officially introduced, announced, acknowledged, and recognized as the reigning WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion immediately prior to the commencement of the contest.

However, the Committee's accommodation of Collazo's request cannot operate indefinitely or to the detriment of the WBO Mini-Flyweight Division and its World-Rated Contenders. Collazo has formally elected to compete for another World Championship at 112 pounds. His October 10 contest against Sandoval is not a temporary non-title appearance; rather, it represents a deliberate championship opportunity two weight categories above the Mini-Flyweight Division and an announced pursuit of becoming a two-division World Champion.

Therefore, although the Committee is prepared to afford Collazo the requested recognition immediately preceding the contest, the Committee must simultaneously establish a definitive mechanism by which the WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship will continue without unnecessary inactivity or uncertainty. The WBO cannot indefinitely place the Mini-Flyweight Division in abeyance while its reigning Champion pursues a World Championship opportunity two divisions above his current championship category. The rights and interests of the World-Rated Contenders must likewise be protected.

Presently, Ryusei Matsumoto is the WBO's No. 1 World-Rated Mini-Flyweight Contender and Russell Acosta is the WBO's No. 3 World-Rated Mini-Flyweight Contender. Both fighters are available and willing to compete. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in this Committee under the WBO Regulations, and particularly the Committee's authority to determine whether an Interim Championship is warranted and to designate the contestants thereto, the Committee determines that an Interim WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship Contest between Ryusei Matsumoto and Russell Acosta is appropriate, equitable, and necessary under the particular circumstances presented herein.



Said Interim World Championship Contest is scheduled for September 27, 2026, in Tokyo, Japan.

The Interim Championship serves several legitimate purposes. It maintains activity and competitive continuity within the WBO Mini-Flyweight Division; protects the rights and interests of the leading World-Rated Contenders; provides certainty concerning the future administration of the championship; and simultaneously permits Collazo the requested deference to enter the Sandoval contest on October 10 as the recognized WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion.

The Committee further finds that maintaining two WBO Mini-Flyweight Champions beyond the commencement of Collazo's Flyweight World Championship Contest would be unnecessary and inconsistent with the orderly administration of the division.

Therefore, a definitive transition shall occur upon the commencement of Sandoval/Collazo. For purposes of clarity and to avoid any ambiguity whatsoever, Collazo shall remain the recognized WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion through his ring entrance, official introductions, and all pre-bout ceremonies immediately preceding the October 10, 2026 contest.

However, upon the sounding of the opening bell officially commencing Round One of the Ricardo Sandoval vs. Oscar Collazo WBA/WBC Flyweight World Championship Contest, the WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship held by Collazo shall automatically be declared VACANT, without the necessity of any further notice, hearing, resolution, or action by this Committee.

Simultaneously, provided that the September 27, 2026 WBO Interim Mini-Flyweight World Championship Contest between Matsumoto and Acosta is conducted and produces an official winner, the winner thereof shall automatically be elevated from WBO Interim Mini-Flyweight World Champion to full WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion upon the sounding of the opening bell commencing Sandoval/Collazo on October 10, 2026.

This carefully tailored determination affords Collazo the recognition and institutional deference warranted by his accomplishments and longstanding relationship with the WBO while ensuring that the Mini-Flyweight Division remains active, orderly, and responsive to the rights of its World-Rated Contenders. The Committee has also considered the financial implications ordinarily associated with a reigning WBO Champion participating in a World Championship Contest outside the WBO framework.

Under the particular circumstances presented herein, and in recognition of Collazo's longstanding relationship with the WBO, his active and distinguished championship tenure, his numerous successful World Championship defenses, his unified championship accomplishments, and the exceptional nature of his pursuit of a World Championship in a second division, **the Committee determines that Collazo shall not be assessed or required to pay any WBO sanctioning fee in connection with the October 10, 2026 Sandoval/Collazo contest.**



This waiver forms part of the specific relief afforded under this Resolution and is based upon the particular and exceptional facts presented herein. It shall not be interpreted as establishing a general precedent or automatic entitlement applicable to other WBO Participants under materially different circumstances.

The Committee likewise emphasizes that the overall relief granted herein is based upon the exceptional facts surrounding Collazo's championship history, accomplishments, relationship with the Organization, and the particular circumstances of his October 10, 2026 World Championship opportunity.

RULING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, having considered the foregoing factual record, Collazo's petition and supporting representations, the applicable WBO Rules and Regulations Governing World Championship Contests, the interests of the WBO Mini-Flyweight Division, and the rights and interests of the World-Rated Contenders, the WBO World Championship Committee hereby determines as follows:

1. Oscar Collazo's request for authorization to participate in the October 10, 2026 WBA/WBC Flyweight World Championship Contest against Ricardo Sandoval in Chicago, Illinois, is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to all terms and conditions set forth herein.
2. Collazo shall be permitted to enter the ring for the Sandoval/Collazo contest wearing and displaying his WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship belt.
3. Collazo shall further be permitted to be officially introduced, announced, acknowledged, and recognized as the reigning WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion during the official ring introductions immediately preceding the Sandoval/Collazo contest.
4. The WBO hereby sanctions the WBO Interim Mini-Flyweight World Championship Contest between WBO No. 1 World-Rated Contender Ryusei Matsumoto and WBO No. 3 World-Rated Contender Russell Acosta, scheduled for September 27, 2026, in Tokyo, Japan, subject to compliance with all applicable WBO Rules and Regulations and all additional terms and conditions imposed by the WBO.
5. The winner of Matsumoto/Acosta shall be recognized as the WBO Interim Mini-Flyweight World Champion upon the official conclusion of said contest.
6. Collazo shall continue to be recognized as the full WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion through and including his ring entrance, presentation of the WBO Championship belt, and official introductions immediately preceding Sandoval/Collazo.
7. Immediately upon the sounding of the opening bell commencing Round One of the Ricardo Sandoval vs. Oscar Collazo contest on October 10, 2026, Collazo's WBO Mini-Flyweight World Championship shall be **AUTOMATICALLY DECLARED VACANT**.



8. Simultaneously with the vacancy described in Paragraph Seven (7), the winner of the September 27, 2026 Matsumoto/Acosta Interim Championship Contest shall be **AUTOMATICALLY ELEVATED AND RECOGNIZED AS THE FULL WBO MINI-FLYWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION**, without the necessity of any further proceeding, hearing, resolution, or action by this Committee.

9. The foregoing automatic elevation shall occur irrespective of the ultimate result of Sandoval/Collazo, because the operative event triggering the vacancy shall be Collazo's participation in and commencement of the Flyweight World Championship Contest, and not the final result thereof.

10. The newly elevated WBO Mini-Flyweight World Champion shall thereafter be subject to all applicable WBO Rules and Regulations Governing World Championship Contests, including any mandatory championship obligations subsequently determined and ordered by the WBO World Championship Committee.

11. Oscar Collazo shall **NOT** be charged, assessed, or otherwise subject to any WBO sanctioning fee in connection with his participation in the October 10, 2026 Ricardo Sandoval vs. Oscar Collazo WBA/WBC Flyweight World Championship Contest.

12. The foregoing fee waiver is granted solely under the exceptional and particular circumstances addressed in this Resolution and shall not constitute a general precedent or automatic entitlement in any future matter.

13. The WBO World Championship Committee reserves jurisdiction and authority to issue any further determination, order, clarification, exception, or directive necessary, convenient, or appropriate to enforce the terms and intent of this Resolution and to preserve the orderly administration of the WBO Mini-Flyweight Division.

14. This Resolution constitutes a final determination of the WBO World Championship Committee concerning the subject matter addressed herein, subject to any rights and remedies provided under the WBO Constitution, By-Laws, and applicable Rules and Regulations.

The WBO World Championship Committee wishes Oscar Collazo continued success in his pursuit of becoming a two-division World Champion and recognizes his distinguished accomplishments, longstanding loyalty to the Organization, and exemplary representation of the WBO Championship.

The Committee likewise recognizes the merits of Ryusei Matsumoto and Russell Acosta and their respective rights as leading World-Rated Contenders to compete for the WBO Interim Mini-Flyweight World Championship and to ensure the continued activity and integrity of the division.

APPEAL RIGHTS



Any party aggrieved by this Resolution shall have the right to appeal in accordance with the applicable WBO Appeals Regulations. Any such appeal must be filed within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Resolution and must comply with all procedural, filing, notice, and other requirements established by the WBO Appeals Regulations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 1 day of September 2026.

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