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Via Electronic Mail;

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On behalf of WBO Middleweight Champion Denzel Bentley
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On behalf of WBO Middleweight Mandatory Challenger Yoenli Hernandez

Re: Purse Bid Order - WBO World Middleweight Mandatory Championship Contest
Denzel Bentley vs. Yoenli Hernandez

Gentlemen:

The World Championship Committee of the World Boxing Organization ("WBO"), by and through its Chairman, hereby issues this formal Purse Bid Order concerning the mandatory defense of the WBO World Middleweight Mandatory Championship between Champion Denzel Bentley and Official Mandatory Challenger Yoenli Hernandez.

On September 4, 2026, the World Championship Committee issued a Negotiation Order directing the parties to negotiate in good faith for a period of twenty (20) days for the purpose of reaching an agreement for the mandatory championship contest, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the WBO Regulations Governing World Championship Contests.

As of today, September 22, 2026, the negotiation period has fully elapsed. Accordingly, the Committee finds that the parties have been afforded a full, fair, and reasonable opportunity to negotiate privately in accordance with the Committee's Negotiation Order and the WBO Regulations.

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The Committee further finds that, absent timely notice of a finalized agreement or a jointly supported request demonstrating substantial progress in negotiations, there exists no sufficient basis under the WBO Regulations to further delay the mandatory championship process.

Having carefully considered the present circumstances, the Committee concludes that the prompt commencement of purse bid proceedings is appropriate and necessary to protect the best interests of the WBO, ensure the continued and orderly activity of the Middleweight Division and its world-rated contenders, including Mandatory Challenger Yoenli Hernandez, safeguard the timely discharge of the Champion's mandatory championship obligation, and preserve the integrity and orderly administration of the WBO World Championship.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the World Championship Committee under the WBO Regulations Governing World Championship Contests, and in furtherance of the purposes, policies, and objectives of the World Boxing Organization, the Committee hereby orders that purse bid proceedings be commenced.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

That purse bid proceedings for the WBO Middleweight Mandatory Championship Contest between Champion Denzel Bentley and Official Mandatory Challenger Yoenli Hernandez shall be conducted pursuant to *Sections 11 through 14 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests (See, WBO Regulations)* and under the following terms and conditions:

Purse Bid Proceedings

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2026

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

Venue:

World Boxing Organization Main Offices
1056 Muñoz Rivera Avenue
Suite 711-714
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00927

The purse bid proceedings shall be conducted by Gustavo Olivieri, Esq., President of the World Boxing Organization, pursuant to the WBO Regulations Governing World Championship Contests. **The minimum bid in the Middleweight Division is Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (200,000.00).**

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For purposes of transparency, openness, and the orderly administration of the championship process, the purse bid proceedings shall be broadcast live through the WBO's all official social media platforms for the benefit of the worldwide boxing community.

Purse Distribution

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the WBO Regulations Governing World Championship Contests applicable to mandatory championship contests, the purse shall be distributed as follows:

(A) In fights between the Champion and the first available contender held in the country of origin, residence, or nationality of the Champion, or at a neutral venue:

- Champion: 75%
- Challenger: 25%

(B) In fights for the title held in the country of origin, residence, or nationality of the Challenger:

- Champion: 80%
- Challenger: 20%

Conditions Governing the Purse Bid Proceedings

1. Availability of the Participants. Should either WBO World Middleweight Champion Denzel Bentley or Official Mandatory Challenger Yoenli Hernandez suffer an injury, become medically impaired, be prevented from competing, refuse to compete, or otherwise become unavailable to participate in the mandatory championship contest for any reason or circumstance, the World Championship Committee shall proceed with taking any affirmative action authorized under the WBO Regulations, including but not limited to:

- (i) declaring the affected WBO Participant unavailable;
- (ii) selecting the next available eligible contender in the WBO Middleweight Division; and
- (iii) issuing any additional ruling or order deemed necessary or appropriate under the WBO Regulations Governing World Championship Contests.

2. Twenty Percent (20%) Deposit. The successful purse bid winner shall lodge with the WBO Main Offices a deposit equal to twenty percent (20%) of the total purse bid by certified check, cashier's check, bank money order payable to the World Boxing Organization, or cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, no later than two (2) business days following the adjudication of the purse bid.

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Alternatively, any WBO-licensed promoter may initially submit a corporate check, provided that such payment is replaced by a wire transfer payable to the WBO Main Offices within the same two (2) business-day period.

Failure to comply with this provision shall automatically constitute a default, and the World Championship Committee may declare the successful bidder in default and award the promotional rights to the second-highest qualified bidder pursuant to the WBO Regulations.

3. Confirmation by the Participants. Within forty-eight (48) hours following the adjudication of the purse bid, both WBO Participants shall confirm in writing to the WBO that they are ready, willing, able, and available to participate in the championship contest.

Failure to timely provide such written confirmation may result in the Committee determining that the non-complying participant is unwilling or unavailable to proceed and taking any action authorized under the WBO Regulations.

4. Executed Championship Agreements. Fully executed Championship Bout Agreements shall be submitted to the WBO Main Offices within ten (10) days following the adjudication of the purse bid.

5. Television, Broadcast and Streaming Rights. The absence of a television, broadcast, digital, or streaming platform agreement shall not constitute good cause to extend the period within which the championship contest must be conducted unless otherwise expressly authorized by the World Championship Committee.

6. Championship Contest Date. The successful purse bid winner shall stage the WBO World Middleweight Mandatory Championship Contest no later than ninety (90) days and no earlier than forty-five (45) days following the adjudication of the purse bid, unless otherwise ordered by the World Championship Committee.

7. Acceptance of Conditions. The WBO Participants, their respective promotional representatives, and the successful purse bid winner shall be deemed to acknowledge, accept, and agree to be bound by all of the terms, conditions, rulings, and directives contained herein together with all applicable provisions of the WBO Regulations Governing World Championship Contests.

8. Default by the Successful Bidder. Should the successful bidder fail to promote the mandatory championship contest in accordance with this Order or otherwise default on any material obligation imposed by this Order or the WBO Regulations, the World Championship Committee may revoke the promotional rights awarded through the purse bid proceedings and take any further action authorized under the WBO Regulations, including awarding the promotional rights to the second-highest qualified bidder or issuing such additional rulings as justice and the best interests of the championship require.

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9. Additional Conditions. The World Championship Committee expressly reserves the authority to impose such additional terms, conditions, directives, or requirements during or following the purse bid proceedings as it may deem necessary, appropriate, or convenient.

10. Reservation of Jurisdiction. Finally, the World Championship Committee expressly reserves its continuing jurisdiction over this matter and the authority to issue such additional rulings, directives, interpretations, or orders as may be deemed necessary, helpful, appropriate, or convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations Governing World Championship Contests, including protecting the best interests of the World Boxing Organization, the WBO World Middleweight Championship, the Middleweight Division, the participants, and the sport of professional boxing.

Notwithstanding the issuance of this Order, the parties may continue negotiating and confirm in writing to the Committee that an agreement has been reached at any time prior to the commencement of the scheduled purse bid proceedings. Should such an agreement be timely submitted and approved by the WBO before the opening of the purse bid hearing, the purse bid proceedings shall be cancelled accordingly.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon its issuance and shall remain in full force and effect unless modified, superseded, or otherwise ordered by the World Championship Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

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Andy Ayling/Team Bentley

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