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WBO STATEMENT REGARDING HAMZAH SHEERAZ AND THE SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO — September 18, 2026 — The World Boxing Organization (“WBO”) confirms that Queensberry Promotions has formally notified the organization in writing that Hamzah Sheeraz, after consideration of the terms resulting from the purse bid proceedings concerning his mandatory championship obligation against Official Mandatory Challenger Zhanibek Alimkhanuly, has elected not to proceed with the contest and has voluntarily relinquished his WBO Super Middleweight World Championship.

The WBO acknowledges and respects the decision communicated by Hamzah Sheeraz and his team, as well as the right of fighters and their teams to make decisions concerning

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their professional careers in accordance with what they consider to be in the fighter's best interests.

The doors of the WBO will always remain open to Hamzah, and we sincerely wish him and his team all the very best and continued success as he moves forward in his professional career.

The WBO World Championship Committee will render the applicable ruling on Monday, September 21, 2026, addressing the status of the WBO Super Middleweight World Championship and the division moving forward.

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