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Unified Champion – Naoya Inoue
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Bantamweight Division

I. BACKGROUND

Naoya Inoue (“Inoue”) is the current WBA Bantamweight Champion and has held this status since May 25, 2018 by defeating Jamie McDonnell via KO in the 1st round in Tokyo, Japan. Thereafter, Inoue successfully defended the title on two occasions, and holds a professional record of 18wins, 0 losses, with 16 knockouts, including those recently as part of the World Boxing Super Series over Juan Carlos Payano and Emmanuel Rodriguez. Inoue previously held the Light Flyweight and Super Flyweight world titles.

II. ANALYSIS

1. Pursuant to rule WBA Rule C.17, the President and Championship Committee, under special circumstances, may recognize a World Champion as a Unified Champion when he is also recognized as a world champion in a comparable weight class by one or more of the other sanctioning organizations. The WBA considers Inoue’s career achievements and exceptional boxing record such a circumstance.

2. The appointment of Inoue as Unified Champion will not unduly burden the remaining ranked contenders and will permit activity in the division.

III. CONCLUSION

1. The President and WBA Championship Committee, after considering all relevant information, hereby name Inoue as Unified Champion of the division based upon his significant accomplishments to date and dominance of the division.

2. Inoue's mandatory defense period is extended by another nine (9) months to a total of eighteen (18) months.

3. The WBA sanction fee for Inoue purses while Unified Champion will be 3 % of the gross amount declared in the bout agreement, including non-title bouts. All other fees and charges will be pursuant to applicable WBA rules.

4. All other issues that may arise shall be resolved by the interpretation of WBA championship rules by the committee.

Date: May 18, 2019



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