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**PRESIDENT
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Resolution No. 202404161508
WBA Championships Committee
David Morrel - Super Middleweight Division
April 15, 2024

I. REQUEST

On April 15, 2024, on behalf of WBA Super Middleweight Champion David Morrell (“Morrell”), TGB Promotions (“TGB”) requested that the WBA grant a special permit to sanction a bout in the Light Heavyweight division for the WBA title between Morrell and WBA #6 world ranked Radivoje Kalajdzic (“Kalajdzic”) on June 2024, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.

TGB based their request on Morrell accomplishments with the WBA, winning the Interim World Title in just his third pro bout and, since being elevated to WBA Champion, Morrell has defended the title on five (5) occasions.

II. BACKGROUND

- A. Morrell holds a professional record of 10-0-0 with nine (9) knockouts.
- B. On June 27, 2021, Morrell won the WBA Super Middleweight title by knockout in one (1) round against Mario Cazares (“Cazares”) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.
- C. Since then, Morrell successfully defended the WBA Championship in the Super Middleweight Division, on five (5) occasions with all wins by way of knockout.
- D. As an amateur Morrell compiled a record of 130 wins and 5 loses. He won gold medals at the 2016 Youth World Championships, 2017 Cuban National Championships and 2018 Indian open International Boxing Tournament.

III. ANALYSIS

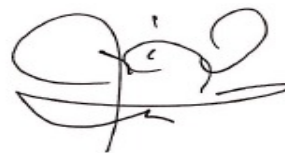
- A. The WBA may modify the periods for mandatory defenses for good cause, either in response to a request for a Special Permit, or on its own initiative. WBA Rule C.16.

- B. The WBA may modify or suspend the strict application of these rules when the WBA deems them justified in its sole discretion to accommodate special circumstances. WBA Rule C.46. Those reasons include to “engage in an optional title defense,” to “engage in a bout of recognized importance and significance for the boxing world,” or to “extend or otherwise modify a mandatory defense period.” WBA Rule C.46.a, e and g.
- C. The WBA may grant Special Permit Requests and require conditions. “The Committee and the President in their sole discretion shall consider the best interests of boxing, the purposes and policies of the Association, and such other factors that may be relevant, and shall make their best effort to balance competing interests.” WBA Rule C.47.
- D. Boxers and promoters are obligated to “know and be familiar with all Association rules,” including those “for Special Permits.” WBA Rule C.14.

IV. **DECISION**

- A. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, the WBA has express authority to modify applicable defense periods and otherwise suspend application of various rules under a special permit.
- B. Morrell Special Permit Request is conditionally granted subject to his compliance with all other WBA rules, regulations, payment of all applicable fees and the following conditions:
 - 1. The winner of Morrell / Kalajdzic will be name WBA “Regular” Light Heavyweight Champion. If Morrell is declared the winner, he will vacate the WBA Super Middleweight title.
 - 2. WBA #1 Super Middleweight world ranked Edgar Berlanga “Berlanga”, will be name Mandatory Challenger of the Super Middleweight division, due to his recent victory over Pdraig McCrory that was sanction as final eliminator.
 - 3. All other issues that may arise shall be resolved by the interpretation of WBA championship rules by the committee.
 - 4. This resolution supersedes any previous one on this matter.

Date: April 15, 2024



Carlos Chavez
Championship Committee Chairman