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**PRESIDENT
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Resolution No. 202405221702
WBA Championships Committee
Bridgerweight Division-Evgeny Tishchenko
May 27, 2024

I. BACKGROUND

On November 28, 2023, The WBA Championship Committee approved Evgeny Tishchenko (“Tishchenko”) and Leon Harth (“Harth”) to fight for the newly created division WBA Bridgerweight vacant title.

On December 09, 2023, Tishchenko and Harth fought in Dubai. Tishchenko won the WBA Bridgerweight title by TKO in six (6) rounds.

On March 30, 2024, the WBA received notification of the Middle East Professional Boxing Dubai, UEA, stating that Tishchenko “A” sample tested positive for a banned substance 2-Amino-5-Methylhexane. Tishchenko, his promoters RCC Boxing (“RCC”), were provided notice of the positive test and afforded the opportunity to have the “B” sample tested as their expense if they wished to challenge the “A” sample result.

After providing the results to Tishchenko, RCC requested that the “B” sample be tested, which was completed April 05, 2023. The “B” sample was positive for Presence 2-Amino-5-Methylhexane.

On May 9, 2024, the WBA championships committee received communication from Leon Harth requesting his reinstatement in his previous position because the result had been changed to no contest. Stating that “On April 5, 2024, it was reported to the WBA by the presiding boxing commission (MEBC) that Tishchenko failed the post-fight antidoping test and the result of his bout with Harth was changed to ‘no contest’.”

II. ANALYSIS

A. Boxers, their representatives, and promoters are obligated to “know and be familiar with all Associations rules.” WBA Rule C.14.

B. No boxer who has tested positive for a prohibited substance can be rated, retain a title, or be permitted to participate in a sanction bout for no less than six months from the date of the positive test. WBA Rule C. 45.

C. *The WBA rules and medical guidelines adopt the prohibited substances list as identified by the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”), WBA Rule E. 24. The IOC has adopted the prohibited list publish by WADA.*

D. *Title Vacation and/or Removal of Recognition. A boxer’s title, status, or recognition may be lost, removed, or vacated for any of the following reasons:*

2. Violation of Association rules;

E. *A boxer, or his representative, may request that the Championship Committee reconsider its decision on any matter within ten (10) days of said decision. WBA Rule F.5.*

III. DECISION

Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, which Tishchenko are presumed to know, the WBA has express authority and discretion to interpret and apply its rule and guidelines in the best interests of boxing and the WBA. The decision taken is as follows:

1. Due to Tishchenko’s positive test for a prohibited substance, Tishchenko’s title and recognition is vacated.

2. This is a vacant title of a recent created division, therefore, the purse bid protocol cannot be applied.


3. The Championships committee orders the fight between ZHAOXIN ZHANG, No.1 vs. MUSLIM GADZHIMAGOMEDOV, No.7 for the vacant title. The fight shall take place in no less than 45 or later than 90 days.

4. Leon Harth is reinstated in the position he occupied in November ratings, before the fight that has been declared null, took place.

5. The winner of the Zhang vs. GADZHIMAGOMEDOV will have to fight vs. Leon Harth in 180 days counted from the date of said fight.

6. This resolution supersedes any previous resolution.

7. This decision is of a special and exceptional nature and therefore it cannot be invoked as a precedent.



Carlos Chavez
Championships Committee
Chairman

Date: May 27, 2024