



WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION ASOCIACIÓN MUNDIAL DE BOXEO



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Resolution No. 2025022817
WBA Championships Committee
Clarification of Heavyweight Division
February 28, 2025

I. Super Champion – Oleksandr Usyk

On September 25, 2021, Oleksandr Usyk (“Usyk”) defeated Anthony Joshua (“Joshua”) by unanimous decision in Tottenham, England, and became the WBA Super Champion.

On August 20, 2022, Usyk accepted the rematch against Joshua, and he won by split decision in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

On August 26, 2023, the WBA mandatory bout took place against the Official Challenger Daniel Dubois (“Dubois”), Usyk defeated Dubois by KO in nine (9) rounds in Wroclaw, Poland.

On May 17, 2024, Usyk fought Tyson Fury (“Fury”) for the Undisputed WBA/WBC/WBO/IBF titles. After twelve (12) rounds Usyk won by split decision.

On December 21, 2024, Usyk and Fury fought the rematch, Usyk won by unanimous decision in twelve (12) rounds.

II. Champion – Kubrat Pulev

On December 07, 2024, the WBA Championship Committee approved a bout for the WBA Heavyweight Championship between Mahmoud Charr (“Charr”) and Kubrat Pulev (“Pulev”). Pulev defeated Charr by unanimous decision in Sofia, Bulgaria.

ANALISIS

- A. *Unless otherwise directed by the Championship Committee, a boxer who obtains a title by defeating a champion must defend his title initially and subsequently against the Official Contender (If one is designated) or the leading available contender as follows:*
- a. *Non-Heavyweight Division: if previously Official Contender, within nine (9) months from the date the title was obtained; if not the Official Contender, within one hundred twenty (120) days.*
 - b. *Heavyweight Division: if previously Official Contender, within twelve (12) months from the date the title was obtained; if not the Official Contender, within one hundred eighty (180) days.*
- B. *A mandatory Contender for each weight division may be selected by the Championship Committee or through an eliminatory bout. The selection may be subject to conditions. Generally, the highest rated boxer in the division, or regional champion rated in the top 5, shall qualify to be named the official contender by the Championships Committee, unless he is, or is likely to be, unavailable to fight for the title in the period required. The Committee may remove a boxer's recognition as Mandatory Contender for failure to comply with these rules or failure to comply with any condition of the appointment as Mandatory Contender. WBA Rule C.29.*
- C. *If a boxer declines to participate in a Mandatory Defense, Elimination Bout, or Box Off, his title may be vacated, or he may be demoted or removed from the rankings. WBA Rule C.33*
- D. *Boxers and promoters are obligated to "know and be familiar with all Association rules," WBA Rule C.14.*

DECISION

Oleksandr Usyk

As Super Champion and unify WBA/WBC/WBO champion, Usyk who's coming from two consecutive wins for the unify heavyweight championships against the former lineal

champion Tyson Fury, will have 24 months to comply with his next WBA mandatory and as per the mandatory rotation between organization.

Kubrat Pulev

As WBA Champion, Pulev must defend the title against the next leading available contender WBA #1 world ranked Fabio Wardley (“Wardley”) with negotiation to begin on February 28, 2025, until March 30, 2025. The winner of Pulev/Wardley, or Pulev if a drawn must face the next leading available contender WBA#3 world ranked Michael Hunter (“Hunter”) in a mandatory defense within 120 days of said bout.

Any interested party may request reconsideration of this decision per WBA Rule F.5.

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

This resolution supersedes any previous resolutions.

Date: February 28, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Chavez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

*Carlos Chavez
Championship Committee Chairman*