

WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION ASOCIACIÓN MUNDIAL DE BOXEO



PRESIDENT GILBERTO JESUS MENDOZA

Resolution No. 202504041813
WBA Championships Committee
Heavyweight Division
April 04, 2025

I. Request

On 16 March 2025, Don King ("King") of Don King Productions ("DKP"), representing WBA #2 ranked contender Michael Hunter ("Hunter"), requested that the WBA reconsider Hunter as the official WBA heavyweight challenger.

On 19 March 2025, Queensberry Promotions Limited ("QPL"), on behalf the WBA #1 ranked contender Fabio Wardley ("Wardley"), requested the WBA to sanction an interim title shot against Jerrell Miller ("Miller") due to failed negotiations with WBA Heavyweight Champion Kubrat Pulev ("Pulev") and to avoid losing the date and venue of 7 June 2025 at Portman Road, Ipswich, England.

II. <u>Background</u>

On 05 March 2025, the WBA Championship Committee issued the Resolution 2025030417 instructing WBA Heavyweight Champion Kubrat Pulev to enter into negotiations with WBA mandatory contender Fabio Wardley.

<u>ANALISIS</u>

- A. Boxers and promoters are obligated to "know and be familiar with all association rules," WBA Rule C.14
- B. One mandatory contender for each weight class may be selected by the Championship Committee from the list of ranked boxers or by elimination. Conditions may be attached to the selection. In general, the highest ranked boxer in the division, or a regional champion ranked in the top 5, may qualify to be named an official contender by the Championship Committee, unless he is, or is likely to be, unavailable to fight for the title within the required time period. The Committee may revoke a boxer's recognition as a mandatory contender for failure to comply with these Rules or for failure to comply with any condition of his appointment as a mandatory contender. WBA Rule C.28.Boxers and promoters are obligated to "know and be familiar with all Association rules," WBA Rule C.14.

DECISION

Date: April 04, 2025

- A. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, the WBA has express authority to modify applicable defense periods and otherwise suspend applications of various rules under a special permit, and because the WBA "Regular" Title was inactive for a long period of time.
- **B.** Grant DKP request for reconsideration and name Hunter the WBA Heavyweight Official Challenger. Pulev and Hunter must begin a thirty (30) days negotiation. If no agreement is reached, the Championship Committee may call a purse bid. Based on WBA rule D. 9 the disbursement of the bid shall be distributed 75% to the Champion and 25% to the Challenger.
- C. Approved QPL request for the WBA Interim title between Wardley and Miller.
- **D.** The winners of Pulev-Hunter and Wardley-Miller must fight in one hundred eighty (180) days or no longer than December 31, 2025.
- **E.** All other issues that may arise shall be resolved by the interpretation of the WBA championships rules by the Committee.
- F. This resolution supersedes any previous resolution.

Carlos Chavez

Championship Committee Chairman