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**RE: Clarification of Division
WBA Super Bantamweight Division**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Resolution No. 201601070612 dated January 7, 2015, regarding clarification of the Super Bantamweight Division.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

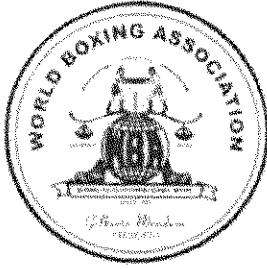
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WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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Resolution No. 201601070612
WBA Championships Committee
Clarification of Super Bantamweight Division
January 7, 2015

I. BACKGROUND

WHEREAS:

A. On November 13, 2010, Guillermo Rigondeaux (“Rigondeaux”) won the Interim WBA World Super Bantamweight Title by defeating Ricardo Cordoba via split decision in Dublin, Ireland.

B. On January 20, 2012, Rigondeaux defeated WBA Champion Rico Ramos in Las Vegas, Nevada by knockout to become Champion of the division. Rigondeaux successfully defended the title on two (2) more occasions in 2012.

C. On April 13, 2013, Rigondeaux became a Unified Champion after defeating WBO Champion Nonito Donaire via unanimous decision in New York, New York.

D. Since 2012, Rigondeaux has been the subject of various managerial/promoter disputes and has only defended the title on four (4) occasions since September 15, 2012, the last being December 31, 2014 against WBA No. 10 Hisashi Amagasa in Osaka, Japan.

E. On November 21, 2015, with consent from the WBA, Rigondeaux participated in a non-title bout against Drian Francisco, and won by unanimous decision.

F. There exists certain differences between the parties as to the propriety of placing Rigondeaux in the status of “Champion in Recess” and the parties seek to amicably resolve those differences.

II. ANALYSIS

A. A champion must remain active and regularly defend his title. Champions must defend their titles within nine (9) months. Within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the mandatory defense period, a champion is limited to fighting only a mandatory contender as directed by the WBA or leading available contender. WBA Rule C.13.

B. 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.

C. The WBA may modify or suspend 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.46a, e and g.

D. 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.

E. If a Champion is unavailable to timely defend the title due to injury or other legal impediment, a Champion may be granted status as a Champion in Recess. WBA Rule C.22.

F. Boxers and promoters are obligated to “know and be familiar with all Association rules,” including those “for Special Permits.” WBA Rule C.14.

III. DECISION

A. In light of Rigondeaux’s impressive record and accomplishments, the delays associated with various disputes, and the loss of his unification status, Rigondeaux is named Champion in Recess. Subject to the following paragraph Rigondeaux has consented thereto. Rigondeaux shall come out of recess and face the Quigg/Frampton winner on or before July 27, 2016. Until then, Rigondeaux may participate in non-title bouts.

B. WBA Champion Scott Quigg is authorized via special permit to participate in a unification bout with IBF Champion Carl Frampton on February 27, 2016, subject to compliance with all other WBA rules and decisions and payment of all applicable fees. The winner of said bout, or Quigg if a draw, must face Rigondeaux on or before July 27, 2016. If a purse bid is necessary for Rigondeaux/Quigg or Rigondeaux/Frampton, the purse split shall be 55% to Rigondeaux and 45% to Quigg or Frampton. If it appears that no agreement can be reached to permit the bout to happen by July 27, 2016, either side may request a purse bid.

Date: January 7, 2016



Gilberto Jesus Mendoza, Jr.
Championship Committee Chairman