



WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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President

Resolution No. 201602241612 **WBA Championships Committee** *Cruiserweight Division* *February 24, 2016*

I. REQUEST

On February 13, 2016, on behalf of WBA Cruiserweight Champion Denis Lebedev (“Lebedev”), World of Boxing Promotion Co. requested that the WBA grant a special permit to sanction a unification bout between Lebedev and Victor Ramirez (“Ramirez”), the IBF Cruiserweight Champion.

The WBA provided notice of Lebedev’s request to potentially interested parties, including Beibut Shumenov and Yunier Dorticos, and their representatives.

II. 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,” to “extend or otherwise modify a mandatory defense period,” or to “unify an association title with that of another organization.” WBA Rule C.46.a, d, e and g.

C. Pursuant to WBA Rule C.47, “Requests to engage in a title unification bout shall be given special consideration, and the committee and President may give greater weight to the reasons and arguments for such requests, in recognition of the interest of the boxing community to effectuate title unifications.”

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. 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. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, Lebedev’s Special Permit Request is conditionally granted subject the following conditions:

(i) The winner of Lebedev/Ramirez, or Lebedev if a draw, must face Dorticos within 120 days of said bout.

(ii) Unless the WBA receives signed bout contracts for a bout between Dorticos and Lebedev/Ramirez within 30 days of the bout, the WBA shall issue a call for purse bid.

Date: February 24, 2016



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