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Resolution No. 201603100808 **WBA Championships Committee** *Super Featherweight Division* *March 10, 2016*

I. BACKGROUND

On January 29, 2016, the WBA notified Super Featherweight Super Champion, Takashi Uchiyama (“Uchiyama”), and WBA Champion, Javier Fortuna (“Fortuna”), of their mandatory defense obligations against each other.

On March 10, 2016, on behalf of Uchiyama, Watanabe Promotion requested that the WBA grant a special permit for Uchiyama to face the WBA Interim Champion of the division, Jezreel Corrales (“Corrales”), on April 27, 2016 in Tokyo, Japan.

The WBA provided notice of Uchiyama’s request to potentially interested parties, including Fortuna and his representatives. The WBA received no opposition to the request.

On April 27, 2016, Corrales defeated Uchiyama via knockout and inherited Uchiyama’s mandatory defense obligation against Fortuna.

Fortuna has announced his intent to defend his title against WBA ranked #8, Jason Sosa (“Sosa”), in Beijing, China on June 24, 2016. Fortuna has neither requested nor received a special permit to face anyone other than Corrales.

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. Per WBA Rules C.11, C.13, C.27, and C.29, a Champion must defend the title against the mandatory designated by the WBA in the applicable timeframe. Failure to do so is cause for a removal of recognition.

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, Uchiyama's Special Permit Request was granted subject to compliance with all other WBA rules, regulations, payment of all applicable fees.

B. Corrales, now the Super Champion of the division, will pay a 3% sanction fee on all future bouts;

C. Corrales and Fortuna must begin immediate negotiations to face each other to satisfy the previously existing mandatory defense obligations on or before July 25, 2016. If signed bout contracts are not submitted to the WBA within 30 days, a call for purse bid will be issued. Either party may request a call for purse bid before the deadline.

D. Fortuna may immediately request a special permit to face Sosa, conditioned on compliance with all other applicable WBA Rules and payment of applicable fees.

Date: March 10, 2016



George Martinez
Championship Committee Chairman