



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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## **Resolution No. 201604060612** **WBA Championships Committee** *Super Bantamweight Division* *April 06, 2016*

### **I. BACKGROUND**

On January 7, 2016, the WBA Championships Committee issued Resolution No. 201601070612 clarifying the status of the division. The Resolution named Guillermo Rigondeaux (“Rigondeaux”) as Champion in Recess and authorized Scott Quigg (“Quigg”) to participate in a unification bout with IBF Champion Carl Frampton (“Frampton”) via special permit conditioned on the winner facing Rigondeaux as the next opponent. The Resolution was provided to Frampton’s representatives January 8, 2016.

On February 27, 2016, Frampton defeated Quigg via split decision in Manchester, UK, to become the WBA and IBF Unified Champion of the division.

On February 29, 2016, the WBA again wrote to Frampton advising him of his mandatory obligation to face Rigondeaux as his next opponent.

In March 2016, press releases announced that Frampton did not intend to face Rigondeaux in his next bout.

On March 11, 2016, the WBA wrote to Frampton inquiring whether the press releases were accurate and requested he confirm his intentions on or before March 18, 2016. The WBA received no response. Additionally, Rigondeaux’s representatives were not approached by anyone on Frampton’s behalf to negotiate a bout.

### **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 refuses to comply with mandatory defense obligations or conditions associated with special permits may have their recognition removed. WBA Rule C.11, C.14, and C.27.

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 Frampton’s announced intention to face an opponent other than his mandatory, and for failing to timely respond to WBA inquiries as to his intent, Frampton’s recognition as Champion is removed.

B. Rigondeaux shall come out of recess and face Interim Champion Moises Flores (“Flores”) as his mandatory defense on or before August 1, 2016. If either Flores or Rigondeaux wish to face any other opponent, the WBA may consider an application for special permit consistent with WBA rules.

Date: April 06, 2016



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