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Resolution No. 201202171008
WBA Championships Committee
Super Lightweight Division
17 February 2012

I. REQUESTS

On 1 February 2012, on behalf of the WBA Super Lightweight Champion, Marcos Maidana (“Maidana”), his manager Sebastian Contursi (“Contursi”) requested the WBA Championships Committee grant Maidana a special permit to sanction a non-title, ten round bout between Maidana and Devon Alexander (“Alexander”) on 25 February 2012. Alexander is rated No. 8 in the Welterweight Division by the WBA.

Considering that the Special Permit Request is for a non-title exhibition bout, thus does not impact any boxer’s interest, notice was not issued to other boxers in the division.

II. BACKGROUND

A. On 9 April 2011, Maidana became WBA Interim Champion after defeating Eric Morales in Las Vegas, Nevada.

B. After 23 July 2011, Maidana was elevated to Champion of the division by virtue of Amir Khan’s Super Championship after defeating the IBF Champion, Zab Judah.

C. On 23 September 2011, Maidana defended the championship by defeating Peter Petrov.

D. On 10 December 2011, Khan lost his title to Lamont Peterson (“Peterson”), but filed a protest requesting a re-match. After reviewing the protest, the WBA ordered a rematch, which is scheduled for 19 May 2012.

III. DECISION

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 engaging in a fight in a different weight division or in a non-title bout, and to “extend or otherwise modify a mandatory defense period.” WBA Rule C.46.a, b and c.

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

D. Considering Maidana’s activity in the division and the Khan v. Peterson re-match, Maidana’s Special Permit Request is granted.

E. Assuming all other relevant rules are complied with, the WBA will authorize Maidana’s proposed 25 February 2012 bout against Alexander as a non-title, ten round, exhibit bout. Neither boxer can lose or win the WBA Super Lightweight Title in said bout.

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