



## WBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The present ruling stems from an official request filed by Hatanaka Boxing Gym of Nagoya, Japan, on behalf of WBO Flyweight Champion Mr. Kosei Tanaka on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020, seeking WBO Super Champion status recognition in light of Mr. Tanaka's professional achievements.

This Committee having considered Mr. Tanaka's perfect professional record, having won WBO World Championship Titles in three (3) weight divisions, and having met other substantial criteria as per Section 14 Super Champion provision of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, and having the Committee examined its applicability, and enforcement and fully advised in the premises; it is hereby determined as follows:

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2013, Mr. Tanaka debuted professionally in the Minimum Weight division (105 lbs) having won a unanimous decision (UD) against Mr. Oscar Raknafa; bout held at the International Conference Hall, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan; and,

**WHEREAS**, Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, in just his third (3) professional bout, Mr. Tanaka won the Minimum Weight Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) Championship Title against Mr. Ryuji Hara, by way of Technical Knockout (TKO) in round ten (10); bout held at the Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, Japan; and,

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, Mr. Kosei Tanaka won the Vacant WBO Minimum Weight World Championship Title defeating Mr. Julian Yedras via unanimous decision (UD); bout held at the Park Arena, Komaki, Aichi, Japan. In just five (5) professional bouts, Mr. Tanaka won his first WBO World Championship Title; and

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, Mr. Tanaka successfully defended his WBO Minimum Weight Championship Title against former WBO Oriental, WBO Asia Pacific, and WBO World Minimum Weight Champion, Mr. Vic Saludar via Knock Out (KO) in round six (6); bout held at the Aichi Prefectural Gym, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan; and,

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, Mr. Tanaka became a two-division WBO World Championship Title winning the WBO Jr. Flyweight (108 lbs) title by defeating former WBO Minimum and WBO Interim Jr. Flyweight Champion Mr. Moises Fuentes by way of Technical Knockout (TKO) in round five (5); bout held at the Memorial Center, Gifu, Gifu, Japan. With only eight (8) professional fights, Mr. Tanaka became a two-division WBO World Champion; and,

**WHEREAS**, as WBO Jr. Flyweight Champion, Mr. Tanaka, had two successful defenses against former WBO Jr. Flyweight Champion Mr. Angel "Tito" Acosta winning via unanimous decision (UD), and against Mr. Ransan Chayanram winning by way of Technical Knockout (TKO), respectively, and,

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, in just his twelve (12) professional bout, Mr. Tanaka won the WBO Flyweight Championship Title becoming a three (3) division WBO World



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Champion upon defeating former WBO Flyweight Champion Mr. Sho Kimura via Majority Decision (MD) bout held at the Takeda Teva Ocean Arena, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan; and,

**WHEREAS**, since becoming a WBO Three Division World Champion, Mr. Tanaka has successfully defended his WBO Flyweight Championship Title on three occasions against world-class opposition such as former WBA & IBF Jr. Flyweight Champion Mr. Ryoichi Taguchi, winning via Unanimous Decision (UD), and against world title contender Mr. Jonathan Gonzalez by way of Technical Knockout (TKO), and most recently, against Mr. Wulan Tuolehazi via Knockout (KO); and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tanaka has a perfect professional record consisting of fifteen (15) wins, no losses and no draws, and nine (9) of said wins by way of knockout (KO); and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tanaka's total combined professional record consists of 253 wins, 32 losses, and 14 draws; and,

**WHEREAS**, the quality of Tanaka's opposition and their respective records is a respectable one, having a total combined record of 253 wins, 32 losses, with only 14 draws, and having fought numerous former WBO, WBA & IBF World Champions respectively; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tanaka won WBO World Championship Titles in three (3) weight divisions at Minimum (105 lbs), Jr. Flyweight (108 lbs), and Flyweight (112 lbs), respectively; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tanaka defended his WBO Minimum, Jr. Flyweight and Flyweight Championship titles against credible, respectable and highly skilled opposition; and,

**WHEREAS**, the WBO Championship Committee has full authority as per our WBO Rules and Regulations of World Championship Contests to resolve any and all matters with the following being within our powers and discretion, including any or all powers necessary, helpful or convenient to accomplish the purpose, policies and the intent of these rules; and,

**WHEREAS**, the WBO Championship Committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending the WBO Executive Committee granting Mr. Tanaka official WBO Super Champion status recognition in light of his professional accomplishments; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 14 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests governs WBO Super Champion status recognition and the intent of said provisions seeks as follows:

- (a) It is the policy of the World Boxing Organization to encourage its Champions to pursue recognized status as Undisputed World Champions and unify the Championships of the four major world sanctioning organizations (the WBO, WBA, WBC and IBF). A World Champion who has achieved preeminent status may require and be entitled to additional scheduling flexibility to achieve his place in boxing history and for the good



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of the sport. A boxer may be considered for designation of Super Champion status when he meets the following criteria:

(1) The boxer presently or previously has or had a multiple bout contract with a major television network (HBO, SHOWTIME, ZBF, Sky or other similar broadcast company), for multiple years; and

(2) As a WBO Champion

(A) The boxer has successfully defended his title cumulatively a minimum of ten (10) title bouts, or;

(B) In the event of less than ten (10) successful defenses has defended his/her title against opponents of high recognition and high skills; and

(C) Has substantially met the other standards set forth herein.

(3) The boxer's amateur history will be considered; and

(4) The quality of prospective Super Champion's record including the quality of his opponents and their records will be considered.

(5) Additionally, the following factors will be considered in determining Super Champion designation:

(A) If the prospective Super Champions has been a WBO World Champion in more than one (1) weight division; or

(B) If the Prospective Super Champion has held more than one (1) Championship of the four major world sanctioning organizations;  
Or

(C) If the prospective Super Champion has unified the Championships of more than one (1) of the four (4) major world sanctioning bodies

(b) Current champion status is not required to qualify or continue as a SuperChampion.

(c) The Championship Committee may recommend Super Champion status for the boxer to the Executive Committee, if a boxer has substantially complied with the conditions set forth herein. Super Champion status shall be



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determined by the vote of the Executive Committee.

**WHEREAS**, having the WBO Championship Committee reviewed Mr. Tanaka's WBO Super Champion status request, having considered his professional record and accomplishments, and having examined Section 14 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests regarding "Super Champion" status recognition provision, its applicability, and enforcement in this matter, the Committee rules as follows:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the WBO Championship Committee according to the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests rules the following:

1. Mr. Tanaka is a three-division WBO World Champion, having won titles in the WBO Minimum, Jr. Flyweight, and Flyweight divisions, respectively.
2. Mr. Tanaka has a perfect professional record consisting of fifteen (15) wins, no losses and no draws, and nine (9) of said wins by way of knockout (KO).
3. Mr. Tanaka's three-division world champion accomplishment came in just fifteen (15) professional bouts.
4. Mr. Tanaka successfully defended the titles mentioned above against highly skilled and respectable opposition including former WBO, WBA & IBF World Champions.
5. Mr. Tanaka's total combined record is an outstanding one consisting of 253 wins, 32 losses, with only 14 draws.

Wherefore, in light of the aforementioned accomplishments, this Committee issues the following recommendation:

- a) WBO World Championship Committee recommends the WBO Executive Committee grating recognition of WBO Flyweight Champion Kosei Tanaka WBO Super Champion status.

It is dated in San Juan, Puerto Rico on this Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

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Championship Committee