



WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.
Chairman
Championship Committee

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Mr. Harrison Whitman
Chief Strategy & Legal Officer
Probellum

Re: WBO Bantamweight Mandatory Championship Contest
John Riel Casimero vs. Paul Butler

Dear Mr. Whitman:

Please be advised that the WBO World Championship Committee grants sanction approval for the above-referenced Bantamweight Mandatory bout between John Riel Casimero and Paul Butler, scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022, in Liverpool, England, United Kingdom.

Furthermore, sanction approval is hereby granted under the sole and exclusive responsibility of the promoter of the event concerning the compliance with all relevant Covid-19 protocols enforced by the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBoFC) and all other laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by the relevant government authorities to ensure the participant's safety and well-being.

Conversely, kindly note that Casimero has not discharged a mandatory title defense since winning the title against Zolani Tete on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at the Utilita Arena, Birmingham, West Midlands, United Kingdom. Thereafter, Casimero had two successful voluntary title defenses against Duke Micah on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at the Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Connecticut, and against Guillermo Rigondeaux on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at the Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, California, USA, respectively. Consequently, more than two years have elapsed without a mandatory title defense, and therefore, Casimero must discharge his mandatory defense obligations per WBO Regulations.

Moreover, the sanction granted is subject to compliance with all the terms and conditions stated in the amended "**Resolution**" issued by this Committee on December 23, 2021, and the following provisions: (i) the Casimero/Butler bout taking place no later than Saturday, April 30, 2022; (ii) in the event that Casimero does not attend the official weigh-in for any reason whatsoever, refuses to fight, is injured or suffers an injury, or is unavailable to participate regardless the circumstances, the Bantamweight Championship Title will be declared Vacant "*Ipsa Facto*" and with Casimero being rated in the Bantamweight division per WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests;





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WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests; and (iii) in the event that Paul Butler does not attend the official weigh-in for any reason whatsoever, refuses to fight, is injured or suffers an injury, or is unavailable to participate regardless the circumstances, the WBO Championship Committee shall withdraw Butler's mandatory challenger status designation and proceed with selecting the first available contender in the WBO Bantamweight Division and authorize the Champion pursuing a voluntary title defense, or issue any other ruling in accordance with WBO Regulations.

Lastly, this Committee reserves its right to issue all further rulings and determinations necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

In closing, please do not hesitate to contact the WBO offices if you have any further questions or concerns.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis Batista Salas".

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

Cc: Francisco Valcárcel, Esq./President
Steve Pacitti, Esq./Team Casimero
Paul Butler/Team Butler

