



## 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 Super Champion Mr. Kosei Tanaka on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2020, seeking installment at the number one (1) position in the WBO World Jr. Bantamweight Ratings and consequently, be designated Mandatory Challenger in the aforementioned division in light of the rights and privileges afforded under his WBO Super Champion status.

This Committee having considered Mr. Tanaka's request, having reviewed petitioner's rights and privileges per the WBO's Super Champion provision, its applicability, and enforcement, and being 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 Mini-Flyweight Weight division (105 lbs) winning via 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 Mini-Flyweight 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 Mini-Flyweight 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 Mini-Flyweight Weight Championship Title against former WBO Oriental, WBO Asia Pacific, and WBO World Mini-Flyweight 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 Mini-Flyweight 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,



## WBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, in just his twelve (12) professional bout, Mr. Tanaka became a three (3) division WBO World Champion upon winning the WBO Flyweight Championship Title against 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**, on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020, the WBO World Championship Committee recommended to the WBO Executive Committee granting Mr. Tanaka WBO Super Champion status in light of his numerous professional accomplishments, including holding a perfect professional record consisting of fifteen (15) wins, no losses and no draws, with nine (9) of said wins by way of knockout (KO); Tanaka's total combined professional record consists of 253 wins, 32 losses, and 14 draws. Furthermore, the quality of petitioner's opposition is a respectable one having fought numerous former WBO, WBA & IBF World Champions, respectively; 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.

**WHEREAS**, the WBO Executive Committee unanimously voted in favor of granting Mr. Tanaka WBO Super Champion distinction with all the rights and privileges afforded by the applicable WBO provision; and,

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2020, Mr. Tanaka officially relinquished his WBO Flyweight Championship Title and requested installment at the number one (1) position in the WBO World Jr. Bantamweight Ratings, and consequently, be designated as WBO Mandatory Challenger of current WBO Jr. Bantamweight Champion Mr. Kazuto Ioka; 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**, Section 14 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests sets forth the applicable criteria in conjunction with the rights and privileges afforded to a WBO Super Champion; and,



## **WBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, regarding to mandatory challenger designation per the rights afforded by the above-mentioned provision, Section 14 (d) (2) in relevant, provides as follows:

### **SECTION 14. SUPER CHAMPION**

#### **(d) PRIVILEGES AFFORDED SUPER CHAMPIONS.**

*Those fighters recommended by the Championship Committee and approved by the Executive Committee qualify for the following rights and privileges:*

#### **(2) ELIGIBILITY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DESIGNATION AS THE MANDATORY CHALLENGER IN HIGHER OR LOWER DIVISION.**

*If requested by a Super Champion, the Championship Committee may designate the Super Champion as the mandatory challenger for the immediate higher or lower division.*

**WHEREAS**, having the WBO Championship Committee reviewed Mr. Tanaka's request for installment at the number one (1) position in the WBO World Jr. Bantamweight Ratings and consequently, be designated as the mandatory challenger in the aforementioned division in light of his rights and privileges per his WBO Super Champion status recognition, this Committee rules as follows:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the WBO World Championship Committee pursuant with the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests rules as follows:

1. WBO World Championship Committee recommends to the WBO Ratings Committee installing Mr. Tanaka at the number one (1) position in the WBO World Jr. Bantamweight Division Ratings.
2. WBO World Championship Committee designates Mr. Tanaka as the mandatory challenger in the WBO Jr. Bantamweight Division in accordance with his WBO Super Champion status recognition.

It is dated in San Juan, Puerto Rico on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020

**WBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis Batista Salas", is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.

By: Luis Batista Salas, Esq.  
Chairman Championship Committee