



# WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

***Luis Batista Salas, Esq.***  
***Chairman***  
***Championship Committee***

December 10, 2021

Via Email:

Mr. Harrison Whitman  
Chief Legal Office  
Probellum  
Dubai, UAE

Re: Sanction Letter - Interim WBO Bantamweight Championship Contest - Paul Butler vs. Joseph Agbeko

Dear Mr. Whitman:

Please be advised that on Thursday, December 9, 2021, the WBO confirmed receipt of written correspondence on your behalf indicating that approximately at 2:00 a.m. local time in Dubai, UAE, WBO Bantamweight Champion, John Riel Casimero was admitted to the American Hospital Dubai in Dubai due to an alleged medical condition, and therefore, unable to participate in the schedule WBO Bantamweight Mandatory Championship Contest against Paul Butler on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at the Coca Cola Arena in Dubai, UAE.

Furthermore, also on Thursday, December 9, 2021, Casimero's hospital admission was via text messages to Mr. Harrison Whitman of Probellum by Casimero team member Mr. Stephen Lunas Jr.

Considering the foregoing, Probellum confirmed that current number 10 rated Bantamweight contender Joseph Agbeko was standby ready, willing, and able to replace Casimero and fight Butler.

Consequently, having examined the preceding circumstances, this Committee grants sanction approval for an Interim WBO Bantamweight Championship Contest between Butler/Casimero subject to the following provisions:

John Riel Casimero must "Show Cause" to within the next 10 days upon issuance of this letter and submit in writing a medical certification by the medical institution in which Casimero was admitted regarding his medical condition. Also, Casimero shall file with the WBO his medical record from the American Hospital Dubai in Dubai, UAE.

Lastly, if Casimero fails to comply with the conditions stated in the "Show Cause" notice letter, this Committee shall declare the WBO Bantamweight Championship Title "Vacant" "Ipso Facto" without further notice, citation, or hearing, and with the Committee elevating the the winner of the Interim Championship Contest between Butler/Agbeko to full WBO Bantamweight Championship Status.

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In closing, be advised that this Committee reserves the right to issue all further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, or convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, including the enforcement of all the conditions set forth in the Purse Bid proceedings of Casimero/Butler on Thursday, October 3, 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact the WBO Offices if you have further questions.

Yours Truly,

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

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

Cc: Francisco Valcárcel, Esq./President  
Mr. Anthony Catanzaro/Probellum

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