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INTRODUCTION

The present ruling emanates from an order issued by the WBO Championship Committee on Thursday, February 17, 2022, requesting that WBO Participant Brian Castaño "**Show Cause**" why this Committee shall not order the immediate enforcement of the mandatory title defense obligation against WBO Jr. Middleweight Mandatory Challenger Tim Tszyu based on his failure to comply with terms, conditions, and agreements known by the relevant parties and the World Boxing Organization.

The events that trigger our intervention arise from an email correspondence dated Wednesday, February 16, 2022, by Mr. Matt Rose of No Limit Promotions, on behalf of the WBO Jr. Middleweight Mandatory Challenger Tim Tszyu, informing the WBO that Brian Castaño suffered an injury in training and would not be available to compete as scheduled on Saturday, March 19, 2022, against Jermell Charlo. Consequently, Mr. Rose raised his objection to a further delay on the enforcement of the mandatory obligation as it constituted a second postponement of the bout. Based on the reported information, this Committee requested that Brian Castaño submit an interim medical certification from a duly licensed physician with a full and detailed explanation of the nature of his injury, his current condition as well as a prognosis, and when could Castaño return to active competition.

In compliance with our order, on Thursday, February 17, 2022, the WBO confirmed receipt of email correspondence by Mr. Sebastian Contursi, manager of Brian Castaño, who argued in relevant that (i) on Thursday, February 3, 2022, Castaño sustained an injury during training for the Charlo rematch; (ii) objection to Mr. Rose's contention of a second postponement of the Charlo/Castaño bout; (iii) referred to this Committee's "**Resolution**" dated Friday, August 27, 2021, limited to designating WBO Participant Tim Tszyu as the Mandatory Challenger in the WBO Jr. Middleweight Division and that such status would not trump the Charlo/Castaño unification bout (iii) the postponement of the Charlo/Castaño bout would warrant a few weeks and that such circumstances would not undermine Tim Tszyu's rights as mandatory challenger in comparison to the magnitude of the Charlo/Castaño unification bout; (iv) referenced this Committee's discretion on mandatory title defense obligations being subject to modification and extension for good cause; (v) that there's good cause per WBO Regulations to grant the extension based on Castaño's medical report; (vi) the recovery weeks needed by Castaño are well under the 180-day WBO regulation; and (vii) confirms April 2022, as the month whereby the bout will be rescheduled.

Also, on Thursday, February 17, 2022, Team Tszyu replied to Team Castaño's arguments stating that (i) Tim Tszyu has been very forthcoming and willing to support the Charlo/Castaño unification for the last 6 months in consultation with PBC and TGB Promotions; (ii) that Team Tszyu's understanding was that after the original Charlo/Castaño bout date scheduled for the end of 2021, the rematch was rescheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022; (iii) thereafter all correspondence between the WBO/TGB Promotions indicated that the Charlo/Castaño bout would



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take place no later than Saturday, February 26, 2022; (iv) in good faith No Limit Promotions and Team Tszyu agreed to the rescheduled date; (v) subsequently, the promoter advised Team Tszyu that bout date would change from Saturday, February 26 to Saturday, March 19, 2022; (vi) nonetheless, in good faith Team Tszyu allowed the new date without enforcing their position as mandatory; and (vii) lastly, Mr. Matt Rose confirmed that if Team Castaño upholds the April 2022 date they would again in good faith allow for the unification to take place. However, if the Charlo/Castano bout was to be held in May or June 2022, Team Tszyu objects to the foregoing, and therefore, would call for the mandatory obligation.

On Friday, February 18, 2022, the WBO acknowledged receipt of email correspondence and supporting documents of a doctor's visit by Mr. Sebastian Contursi (Team Castaño) evidencing that Brian Castaño was seen by Dr. Steve Yoon at the Cedars Sinai Kerlan Jobe Institute in Los Angeles, California. According to Mr. Contursi, based on the performed Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) results, the doctor ordered Castaño to refrain from sparring and training to allow proper healing. Furthermore, Castaño would need two weeks of rehabilitation, and two additional weeks to restart the training regimen (mid-March 2022). Lastly, Team Castaño indicated that Dr. Yoon's complete medical report would be submitted within the next hours.

On late Friday, February 18, 2022, the WBO confirmed email correspondence by Mr. Contursi submitting Castaño's full medical report. The email communication also indicated that Castaño was subject to a follow-up MRI examination and after reviewing the results, the physician noticed real progress in the healing process and confirmed that Castaño would be physically ready to fight Charlo by the end of April 2022. On Saturday, February 19, 2022, the WBO In House Counsel, Mr. Gustavo Olivieri, Esq., confirmed receipt of Castaño's medical report and advised Team Castaño and TGB Promotions that the medical record would be forwarded to the WBO Championship Committee accordingly.

Considering the events stated herein, on Monday, February 21, 2022, the WBO issued a notice letter to TGB Promotions requesting that within 72 hours confirm in writing the new bout date for the Charlo/Castaño unification. The following day, (Tuesday, February 22, 2022) Mr. Matt Rose (Team Tszyu) wrote an email to the WBO confirming that their team has no objection to the May 14, 2022 bout date for the Charlo/Castaño unification, and that should Team Tszyu be successful in his next fight against Terrell Gausha on March 26, 2022, they would like to fight the winner of Charlo/Castaño on a date determined by this Committee.

Accordingly, on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, Mr. Tom Brown of TGB Promotions submitted an email communication to the WBO in compliance with this Committee's order informing that they initially intended to propose rescheduling the unification for Saturday, April 30, 2022, but after reviewing the calendar year and the multiple boxing events to be conducted in said month, TGB understood that holding the Charlo/Castaño bout in April would be impractical. Further, Mr. Brown contended that the Saturday's April 14, April 23, and May 7, respectively, are committed with multiple boxing events, and therefore, the first truly viable date for the



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Charlo/Castaño unification would be Saturday, May 14, 2022. Lastly, Mr. Brown confirmed the venue and T.V. availability on the aforementioned date, and therefore, requested that the WBO granted sanction approval.

Wherefore, having this Committee reviewed the procedural background of events stated herein, having considered the parties' arguments, having carefully examined all supporting evidence, having considered the terms, conditions, and known agreements between the parties, and having reviewed the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests and their applicability and enforcement in the controversy before this Committee, and having this Committee the power, authority, rights, and ample discretion conferred by its governing rules, it is hereby determined as follows:

STATEMENT OF FACTS

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 13, 2021, WBO Participant Brian Castaño won the WBO Jr. Middleweight Championship Title defeating Patrick Teixeira via unanimous decision (UD); bout held at the Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, California, USA; and,

WHEREAS, the Castaño/Teixeira bout was sanctioned subject to the WBO World Championship Committee reserving its right to enforce the mandatory title defense before the applicable term outlined in Sections (5) and (6), respectively of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests as well as issuing all further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies and intent of the WBO rules and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 17, 2021, the Undisputed WBO, WBA, WBC & IBF Jr. Middleweight Championships were at stake between Brian Castaño and Jermell Charlo. The fight resulted in a controversial split draw, and consequently, Castaño retained his WBO World Championship Title; and,

WHEREAS, the WBO Championship Committee sanctioned the Charlo/Castaño unification subject to winner facing within 180-days after the bout the mandatory challenger designated by the WBO; and

WHEREAS, days following the Charlo/Castaño bout, the WBO was informed by the promoter that discussions were ongoing between the parties to schedule the rematch before the end of 2021. Therefore, the WBO was led to believe that the fight would take place no later than 2021; and,

WHEREAS, as the months passed without no information provided by the promoter regarding an official bout date for the Charlo/Castaño rematch, in November 2021, at the WBO's request, the WBO President Mr. Francisco "Paco" Valcárcel, Esq., and WBO In House Counsel, Mr. Gustavo Olivieri, Esq., met with the promoter to discuss the terms and conditions whereby the WBO would consider granting sanction approval for the Charlo/Castaño rematch; and,



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WHEREAS, an agreement between the promoter and the WBO was reached, most notably, establishing the date of Saturday, February 26, 2022, as the official bout date and deadline whereby the fight must be conducted, or the WBO would immediately call the enforcement of the mandatory; and,

WHEREAS, the promoter in writing assured the WBO that the Charlo/Castaño unification would be conducted no later than Saturday, February 26, 2022, and therefore, the WBO agreed to grant sanction approval.

WHEREAS, considering the agreement set forth by the relevant parties, on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, Mr. Tom Brown of TGB Promotions officially requested sanction approval for the Charlo/Castaño rematch for Saturday, February 26, 2022 date; and,

WHEREAS, despite the agreement reached by the promoter and the WBO regarding the deadline of Saturday, February 26, 2022, this condition was not met by the promoter¹

WHEREAS, in January 2022, the promoter informed the WBO that the Charlo/Castaño rematch would be again delayed and take place either on Saturday, March 12 or 19, 2022, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the WBO was again led to believe by the promoter that the Charlo/Castaño rematch would take place in March 2022; and,

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, the WBO confirmed receipt of email correspondence by Mr. Matt Rose, on behalf of Tim Tszyu indicating that their team had agreed with TGB Promotions to fight in the undercard of the Charlo/Castaño rematch scheduled on Saturday, February 26, 2022, with the condition of fighting the winner, but thereafter were told by TGB Promotions that the agreed deadline bout date was changed to Saturday, March 19, 2022. According to the promoter, the reason for the change was that Castaño suffered an injury during sparring. Consequently, the bout would again be rescheduled to take place either in May or June 2022; and,

WHEREAS, based on Castaño's reported injury, Team Tszyu requested that this Committee the enforcement of the mandatory between Brian Castaño and Tim Tszyu; and,

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Committee issued an interim medical request letter to Mr. Sebastian Contursi Manager of Brian Castaño ordering to him to submit a medical certification from a duly licensed physician with a full and detailed explanation of the nature of his injury, his

¹ Sources informed the WBO that Brian Castaño did not want to fight in February 2022, although TGB Promotions had confirmed to the WBO that he was ready, willing, and able, and confirmed the bout date of Saturday, February 26, 2022. These sources were not corroborated.



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current condition as well as a prognosis, and when could the fighter return to active competition; and,

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 17, 2022, the WBO forwarded Team Castaño a "**Show Cause**" notice letter as to why this Committee shall not enforce the mandatory against Tim Tszyu based on his failure to comply with the terms, conditions, and known agreements set forth by the relevant parties; and,

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 17, 2022, Team Castaño through Sebastian Contursi complied with this Committee's order indicating that the medical documentation would be lodged to the WBO within the following hours and argued that (i) that Castaño suffered an injury during his training camp; (ii) their objection to Team Tszyu's assertion that the Charlo/Castaño bout was postponed for a second occasion; (iii) referring to this Committee's "**Resolution**" dated Friday, August 27, 2021, whereby Tim Tszyu was designated Mandatory Challenger in the Jr. Middleweight Division, but the enforcement of his status would be discharged after the Charlo/Castaño unification; (iv) the postponement of the unification bout would warrant a few weeks and that such circumstances would not undermine the rights of Tim Tszyu; (v) made reference to this Committee's discretion as to the extension of mandatory title defenses based on having a good cause such as a verified injury; (vi) Castaño's medical report shall suffice the Committee's quantum of proof for purposes of granting the extension to fulfill his mandatory; (vii) that Castaño's recovery period is well under the 180-day regulation; and lastly, (viii) confirmed the month of April 2022 for the Charlo/Castaño bout per discussions with TGB Promotions and the availability of the T.V. network; and,

WHEREAS, in response to Team Castaño's arguments, Mr. Matt Rose on behalf of Tim Tszyu stated that (i) his fighter supported the Charlo/Castaño unification bout, but their understanding based on ongoing communications with TGB Promotions was that the Charlo/Castaño rematch initially would take place before the end of 2021. Notwithstanding the preceding, the bout date was changed to Saturday, February 12, 2022, and thereafter to Saturday, February 26, 2022; (ii) in good faith Team Tszyu agreed to the February 26, 2022, date, however, TGB Promotions advised Mr. Rose that the bout would yet suffer another change from the rescheduled date of Saturday, March 19 to April 2022; (iii) again Team Tszyu consented to change of date as long as the unification would take place no later than April 2022; (v) their consent limited to the bout not taking place beyond the month of April 2022, or they would object to its sanction and request the immediate enforcement of the mandatory; and,

WHEREAS, on Friday, February 18, 2022, the WBO acknowledged receipt of correspondence and evidence confirming Castaño's visit to Dr. Steve Yoon at the Cedars Sinai Kerlan Jobe Institute in Los Angeles, California. According to Castaño's manager, Dr. Yoon recommended that the fighter refrained from sparring and training to allow proper healing based on the performed MRI exam. Moreover, per doctor's orders, Castaño would need a month between rehab and returning to active training. Lastly, Team Castaño informed the WBO that Dr. Yoon's complete medical report would be lodged within the following hours; and,



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WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 19, 2022, the WBO received Castaño's medical report in compliance with this Committee's order; and,

WHEREAS, on Monday, February 21, 2022, this Committee issued a notice letter to TGB Promotions requesting within 72 hours to confirm in writing the new bout date for the Charlo/Castaño rematch; and,

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, the WBO acknowledged email correspondence by Mr. Rose confirming that Team Tszyu has not objection to the new Charlo/Castaño bout date of Saturday, May 14, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, TGB Promotions complied with this Committee's order stating in essence, that although they would be able to conduct the Charlo/Castaño rematch on Saturday, April 30, 2022, it would be highly challenging due to the multiple boxing events scheduled on the same date. Moreover, TGB Promotions informed the Committee that the first week of May 2022 would be impractical due to Canelo Alvarez's potential fight, and therefore, the viable date for the unification bout would be Saturday, May 14, 2022; and,

Wherefore, having this Committee reviewed the procedural background of events stated herein, having considered the parties' arguments, having carefully examined all supporting evidence, having considered the terms, conditions, and known agreements between the parties, and having reviewed the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests and their applicability and enforcement in the controversy before this Committee, and having this Committee the power, authority, rights, and ample discretion conferred by its governing rules, it is hereby determined as follows:

APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

It is an uncontested fact that WBO Jr. Middleweight Participant Brian Castaño is bound by the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. Specifically, Section 35 (f)ⁱ provides in relevant: *"These Regulations apply to all WBO Participants. The term WBO Participant includes, but not limited to, WBO World Champions and WBO World Championship Contenders. All WBO Participants who participate in any WBO sanctioned activity do so on the express condition that such WBO Participant is bound by and subject to these WBO World Championship Rules and all WBO Rules and Regulations"*. As such, this Committee has jurisdiction and the authority conferred by its rules to resolve the matter at issue accordingly.

The controversy before this Committee is whether the arguments and supporting evidence submitted by Team Castaño and TGB Promotions constitute just cause to extend the mandatory title defense obligation, and therefore, grant sanction approval for the rematch being conducted on Saturday, May 14, 2022, or whether their failure to comply with terms, conditions and known agreements between the parties and the WBO warrant the immediate enforcement of the mandatory. We render our below and explain accordingly.



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At the outset, this Committee must stress the preamble of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. In relevant, states...*[T]he World Championship has been established for generations as the highest objective in professional boxing. A World Championship is not the property of any boxer. The Championship is a trust subject to the conditions defined herein and for the use and benefits of all boxers, who through their contribution of time, effort, risks, and resources sustain the existence of the profession. The World Boxing Organization encourages each World Champion and Challenger to be an example of the highest ideals and spirit of sportsmanship. A World Champion is an integral part of the sport of boxing, but he is not greater than the sport of boxing. A World Champion's sportsmanship shows his respect for the profession he has chosen, including the Champion himself, his opponent, the WBO, and most importantly, boxing fans worldwide."* See, WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests' Preamble

Secondly, The WBO World Championship Committee's power to resolve the issue at hand is governed under Sections 1(b)(4)(5)(8), and (23), respectively of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, which provide, in relevant as follows:

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(4) To determine if there is good cause to extend the time which a Champion must make a Mandatory Challenge; and

(5) To approve the terms and conditions under which a Champion may extend the time during which a Champion must make a Mandatory Challenge; and

(8) To recommend to the President and Executive Committee that a title should be vacated if the Champion fails to comply with the WBO Championship Rules; and

(23) To vacate a championship title regardless of cause or fault if the Champion has not defended within a nine (9) month period; and

Furthermore, Sections 5(c) and 19 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, which provide, in relevant as follows:

SECTION 5. DEFENSE OF THE TITLE

(c) The WBO World Championship Committee may in its discretion, vacate a Champion's title regardless of cause or fault if the Champion fails to defend his title within a nine-month period. This decision will be final unless appealed to Grievance Committee within ten days of notification to the Champion as provided for in these rules. A Champion so stripped of his title shall be classified using the WBO criteria and shall be classified in his division as the Ratings Committee for good cause determines, provided that he has complied with the WBO and ABC rating criteria.



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SECTION 19. FAILURE OF THE CHAMPION AND/OR WBO PARTICIPANT TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTRACT OR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

(a) If any WBO Champion fails to comply with his contractual obligation to fight in any WBO Championship Contest without justifiable cause the WBO World Championship Committee may recommend to the President and the Executive Committee that the Champion be stripped of the title and that the title be declared vacant or take any action deem proper, equitable and just against the WBO Champion in accordance with these regulations.

ANALYSIS

It is critical to stress that since Castaño's title acquisition this Committee set forth specific provisions regarding the time frame whereby his mandatory obligation would be discharged. These conditions were established seeking two primary objectives (i) procuring the continued activity in the Jr. Middleweight Division and (ii) protecting the rights and interests of all the rated contenders in their aspirations to vie for a world title opportunity. The track record of events is critical to our reasoning and today's ruling.

This Committee granted sanction approval of the first Charlo/Castaño encounter (July 17, 2021) with the provision that the winner would have to face in his next bout the mandatory challenger designated by the WBO within 180-days of the fight. This condition represented the terms under which the WBO Champion was to abide and comply unless authorized by the WBO. No exception was granted. Therefore, by the end of December 2021, Castaño's mandatory title obligation was due. Bear in mind that Castaño was previously a mandatory challenger seeking that his rights and interests be protected and that no further delays on the enforcement of the mandatory be afforded to then former Champion Teixeira. As such, this Committee protected his status by enforcing his position and Castaño became a WBO World Champion.

Under the present scenario, Castaño's extensive inactivity triggers the provision that governs when a WBO Champion fails to comply with the terms of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, including when a Champion fails to defend the title regardless of cause or fault. That is to say, Castaño has not fulfilled his mandatory obligation within the prescribed period, and therefore, our rules provide when corrective action is warranted.

Considering the controversial outcome of the first Charlo/Castaño bout, days following the fight, the promoter confirmed to the WBO that discussions were ongoing to schedule a rematch potentially no later than December 2021. Based on the information provided by the promoter the WBO was led to believe that the rematch would be conducted no later than December 2021. Despite this assumption, no confirmation by the promoter was given to the WBO during the



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following months, Consequently, in November 2021, at the WBO's request, the WBO President and the WBO In House Counsel met with the promoter to discuss possible alternatives for sanction consideration. The parties agreed the specific terms and provisions to authorize the rematch, most notably, establishing the Saturday, February 26, 2022 deadline whereby the Charlo/Castaño rematch must take place, or the WBO would call their mandatory immediately. Having all parties reached an agreement on November 17, 2021, TGB Promotions officially requested sanction approval.

Notwithstanding having an agreement in place, the promoter informed the WBO that the rematch would not take place on Saturday, February 26, 2022, rather the 14 or 19 of March 2022. At this time, the bout had been rescheduled for the end of 2021, February, and March 2022, respectively. Again, the WBO was led to believe that the rematch would now take place in March 2022. By Wednesday, February 16, 2022, the WBO was informed by Team Tszyu that the promoter confirmed that the agreed bout date (February 26, 2022) was no longer in play and changed to March 19, 2022, due to Castaño suffering an injury during training and unavailable to compete. Surprisingly, according to Team Tszyu, the promoter advised that the rematch would now take place either in May or June 2022.

This was the first time the WBO came aware of the May or June bout dates contrary to what we were told (Date in March 2022). After all the information and correspondence received from all parties, a total of six different bout dates (December 2021, February 26, March 14 or 19, and May or June 2022, respectively) were informed to the WBO. Based on the preceding events and a further delay in the enforcement of the mandatory, Team Tszyu requested this Committee's intervention. Accordingly, we issued the applicable notice letters to Team Castaño and TGB Promotions requesting to submit their respective arguments and supportive evidence. As ordered Team Castaño submitted the fighter's medical report which in essence stated that Castaño suffered (i) a mild strain of the bicep musculature; (ii) strain of the supinator musculature; and (iii) a small elbow joint effusion. However, there was no evidence of biceps tendon tear. Team Castaño concluded their position affirming the fighter's availability and readiness for April 2022.

Keep in mind that other WBO Champions amid suffering injuries or impaired participation in previously scheduled bouts have fulfilled their mandatory obligations within the maximum allowable time period set by the Committee, or as prescribed in our rules². Having Team Castaño's assured their availability and readiness, Team Tszyu consented to allow the unification to take place subject to no further extension. Whereas TGB Promotions indicated that the month of April 2022 was impractical and instead confirmed Saturday, May 14, 2022, as viable for the rematch with the venue and TV date per the WBO's request and requested the WBO's authorization to proceed accordingly.

² See, WBO Jr. Welterweight Champion Josh Taylor



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Now, this Committee is of the opinion that although Castaño may have produced evidence supporting his injury, there is no dispute that there is non-compliance on his part and the promoter with the terms, conditions, and known agreements with the WBO. Pertaining to Castaño, his inactivity from his last bout (July 17, 2021 / 10 months) exceeds the 180-day provision set forth by the Committee to fulfill his mandatory against Tim Tszyu. Consequently, this violation directly affects the aspirations of other contenders in the Jr. Middleweight Division. In support of this reasoning, we refer to the powers conferred by our rules, which provide that regardless of cause or fault, if the Champion does not defend the title within the terms provided or set forth by the Committee, the title can be declared vacant. The preamble of our rules is clear; the world championship is not the property of any boxer, including Brian Castaño. The Championship is a trust subject to the terms and conditions defined in our regulations and for the use, and benefits of all participants. Therefore, we must enforce the rules consistently and protect the rights and interests of all participants.

With respect to the promoter's failure, the bout in question had to be conducted no later than Saturday, February 26, 2022, and this condition was key within the agreement between the WBO and the parties. The promoter assured the WBO that the Charlo/Castaño rematch would take place no later than the above-mentioned date. This assurance was not met by the promoter. As the record reflects, there were multiple occasions whereby the bout was rescheduled and every time the WBO was misled that the rematch would be conducted on different dates. The WBO simply, cannot disregard its own accords and dealings. Enough time has been granted to all the parties.

Lastly, having considered the events stated herein, and having this Committee determine the existence of just cause to order the immediate enforcement of the mandatory title defense against mandatory challenger Tim Tszyu, there is a final and definitive element to the subject matter controversy to resolve. Whether Tim Tszyu's consent to the unification bout taking place no later than Saturday, May 14, 2022, suffice the immediate enforcement of the mandatory obligation. We rule in the affirmative, however, conditioned upon specific provisions that must be fully met. These are as follows:

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, this Committee will rule the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The WBO World Championship Committee grants sanction approval of the Undisputed Jr. Middleweight Championship Contest between Jermell Charlo and Brian Castaño subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The fight must take place no later than Saturday, May 14, 2022.



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- b. If the fight does not take place regardless of the circumstances attributed to Brian Castaño, the WBO Jr. Middleweight Championship Title will be declared vacant automatically (*"Ipso Facto"*) per the applicable WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests stated herein and the powers of the WBO Executive Committee, and the sanction approval of the bout is terminated *"Ipso Facto."*
- c. If Jermell Charlo suffers an injury or is unavailable to fight for whatever reasons, the WBO Jr. Middleweight Champion must fight the WBO Mandatory Challenger immediately in his next bout.
- d. This Committee reserves the right to issue any further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO rules, including, but not limited to rendering all rulings necessary to serve the best interests in the sport of professional boxing, including those in the WBO Jr. Middleweight Division.
- e. This *"Resolution"* is hereby final, definitive, and enforceable.

This is a final decision of the WBO Championship Committee. The affected WBO participant may appeal such determination to the Complaint and Grievance Committee as per Rule 34, which as per Article 3(e) of the WBO Appeals Regulation, must be submitted in writing to the WBO President within fourteen (14) days of this decision as its sole and exclusive remedy.

Dated in San Juan, Puerto Rico on this 3rd day of March of 2022

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

By: Luis Batista Salas, Esq.
Chairman/Championship Committee

Cc: Francisco Valcárcel, Esq./President
Tom Brown/TGB Promotions
Sebastian Contursi/Team Castaño
Matt Rose/No Limit Promotions
Jermell Charlo/TGB Promotions

¹ See, § 35 (f) of the WBO Regulations