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Chairman
Championship Committee

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VIA EMAIL:

Mr. Yusuke Ninomiya
Promoter
Shisei Boxing Gym
Tokyo, Japan

Re: WBO & WBA Jr. Bantamweight Unification Championship Contest
Kazuto Ioka vs. Joshua Franco

Dear Mr. Ninomiya:

Please be advised that the WBO World Championship Committee is hereby granting sanction approval for the above-referenced Jr. Bantamweight Unification Contest between Kazuto Ioka and Joshua Franco, scheduled for Saturday, December 31, 2022, in Japan. Sanction approval is subject to the mandate issued by the WBO General Assembly during the WBO 35th Annual Convention on Thursday, October 27, 2022, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the signed agreement between Team Ioka and Team Franco provided therein. The foregoing agreement is incorporated herein. The winner of Ioka/Franco must face the WBO Jr. Bantamweight Mandatory Challenger Junto Nakatani no later than 180-days after the fight.

Also, approval is hereby granted under the sole and exclusive responsibility of the promoter of the event concerning the compliance with all relevant health and safety protocols enforced by the Japan Boxing Commission (JBC) and all other laws, rules, and guidelines set forth by the relevant government authorities to ensure the participant's safety and well-being.

Lastly, the WBO Championship Committee reserves the right to issue any, and all further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations, including serving those interests that best serve the WBO Jr. Bantamweight Division.

Yours Truly,

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