



WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

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Chairman
Championship Committee

July 20, 2023

VIA EMAIL:

Mr. Frank Warren
President
Queensberry Promotions

Re: WBO Interim Heavyweight Championship Contest (Rematch)
Zhilei Zhang vs. Joe Joyce

Dear Mr. Warren:

Please be advised that the WBO World Championship Committee hereby grants sanction approval for the above-referenced bout between Zhilei Zhang, and Joe Joyce scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Wembley Arena, London, United Kingdom. Furthermore, sanction approval is 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 British Boxing Board of Control (BBBofC) and all other laws, rules, and guidelines set forth by the relevant government authorities to ensure the participant's safety and well-being.

This bout is sanctioned subject to this Committee reserving its right to order any of the following rulings, including but not limited to (i) granting sanction approval of Unification Championship Contests in the Heavyweight Division¹; (ii) allowing the winner of the Zhang/Joyce Interim Championship bout voluntary defenses of the Interim Championship title against an approved opponent until the Committee determines that the Interim Heavyweight Champion faces the WBO Heavyweight Champion to terminate the Interim designation; (iii) any other rulings that best serve the sport of boxing, the WBO and its Heavyweight Division.

In closing, the WBO World Championship Committee reserves its right to issue any further determinations necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, including serving those interests that best serve the sport of boxing, the WBO and its Heavyweight Division.

Yours Truly,

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¹ Unification Championship Contests trumps mandatory defense obligations unless the Committee rules otherwise.

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