



## WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

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*Chairman*  
*WBO Championship Committee*

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**VIA EMAIL:**

Mr. Ben Shalom  
 Promoter  
 Boxer  
 United Kingdom

**Re: Negotiations – WBO Jr. Heavyweight Mandatory Championship Contest  
 Chris-Billam Smith vs. Richard Riakporhe**

Dear Mr. Shalom:

Please be advised that the WBO World Championship Committee is hereby ordering the commencement of negotiations for the subject matter bout. Accordingly, the camps have 10 days upon issuance of this notice letter to negotiate and reach an agreement. Failure to reach an accord within the period outlined herein, will result in the Committee ordering purse bid proceedings pursuant to WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

The minimum bid for the Jr. Heavyweight Division is \$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars). Any of the parties involved may request a purse bid ceremony at any time during the negotiation process.

Lastly, this Committee reserves its right to issue all further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, including serving the best interests in the WBO Jr. Heavyweight Division.

Yours truly,

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

Cc: Francisco Valcárcel, Esq./ WBO President  
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