



WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

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Chairman
Championship Committee

March 25, 2024

VIA EMAIL:

Mr. Bob Arum
President
Top Rank, Inc.
Las Vegas, Nevada

Re: Interim Jr. Lightweight Championship Contest
Oscar Valdez vs. Liam Wilson

Dear Mr. Arum:

Please be advised that the WBO World Championship Committee hereby grants sanction approval for the subject matter bout to be conducted on Friday, March 29, 2024, at the Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Arizona, United States of America.

This bout is sanctioned subject to the following conditions: (i) the winner of Valdez/Wilson must face the WBO Jr. Lightweight champion (Navarrete) within 120 days after Navarrete/Berinchyk bout scheduled for May 18, 2024¹ to terminate the Interim Champion status², if that were the case (Navarrete returning to the Jr. Lightweight division); (ii) if Navarrete is successful in winning the vacant WBO Lightweight championship and determines to retain the WBO Lightweight championship, the WBO Jr. Lightweight Interim champion shall be elevated to "*Full Champion*" status "*Ipsa Facto*" and must face within 180 days after the Navarrete/Berinchyk bout, the WBO Jr. Lightweight Mandatory Challenger designated by this Committee, if that were the case (Navarrete stays in the Lightweight division); and (iii) if Navarrete loses the bout against Berynychk, this Committee shall reserve its right to determine whether the WBO Jr. Lightweight Championship shall be declared or not declared vacant.³

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 Arizona Boxing

¹ The Vacant WBO Lightweight Championship will be contested between Emanuel Navarrete and Denys Berinchyk on May 18, 2024, in San Diego, California, United States of America.

² If Navarrete wins the Vacant WBO Lightweight Championship on May 18, 2024, he has up to 10 days after the bout, to determine which weight division he retains either Lightweight or Jr. Lightweight. See, Section 5 (d) of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

³ Emanuel Navarrete is recognized as WBO "Super Champion" (Rights and Privileges). See, Section 14 of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

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and MMA Commission (local host commission) and all other laws, statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by the relevant government authorities to ensure the participants' safety and well-being. Lastly, the WBO 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. Lightweight and Lightweight Division.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis Batista Salas".

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