



## WBO CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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### In the Matter of the WBO Jr. Middleweight Division

**Parties:**

Terence “Bud” Crawford  
WBO World Champion  
Interim WBO Jr. Middleweight Champion

Sebastian Fundora  
WBO Jr. Middleweight Champion  
Sampson Lewkowicz

### **Factual Record**

On August 28, 2024, this Committee issued the negotiation order for the mandatory between WBO Jr. Middleweight Champion, Sebastian Fundora and WBO Interim Jr. Middleweight Champion, Terence Crawford to terminate the Interim Champion status per WBO policy.<sup>1</sup> Per the order rendered, the parties were granted 30 days to strike a deal or purse bid proceedings would be called in accordance with WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

On September 30, 2024, the WBO acknowledged receipt of an email communication by Attorney, Mr. Harrison Whitman, on behalf of Terrence Crawford requesting a 10-day extension of the negotiation period to continue discussion towards an agreement as ordered. On the same day, Sebastian Fundora’s promoter Mr. Sampson Lewkowicz ratified the aforesaid petition via email agreeing to the extension.

Therefore, having the parties collectively agreed on the 10-day extension of the negotiation proceedings, this Committee shall rule accordingly. Now, having considered the extension request submitted by Team Crawford/Team Fundora, and having reviewed the applicable WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, their applicability, and enforcement in this matter, and having the power, authority and discretion conferred by our rules, it is hereby determined as follows:

### **Applicable Provisions**

All parties agree that they are bound by the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests. Section 35(f)<sup>i</sup> 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”.** [Emphasis Added]. As such, this Committee has jurisdiction and the authority conferred by its rules to resolve the matter at issue accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> The WBO only recognized one world champion per each weight class. Interim championships are authorized only under exceptional circumstances. In the instant case, Crawford’s interim champion status was granted due to Fundora’s injury and subsequent unavailability after his fight against Tim Tszyu.



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The WBO World Championship Committee's authority to consider the issue at hand is governed under Sections 1(b)(19)(21) and (c), respectively of the WBO Rules and Regulations of World Championship Contests, which provide, in relevant as follows:

### **SECTION 1. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

(b) The World Championship Committee shall the following powers and discretion:

(21) To make or recommend exceptions or variations from the Rules as the World Championship Committee determines are necessary; and,

(c) The above powers shall be interpreted to include any and all powers necessary, helpful, or convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

### **DECISION - WBO CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

Thus, this Committee, having considered the facts stated herein and having reviewed the applicable WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, and having the power, authority and discretion conferred by the WBO Rules and Regulations, now, therefore, resolve as follows:

1. The WBO Championship Committee hereby rules as follows:
2. The parties are granted a 10-day extension to continue discussions towards reaching an agreement as ordered by this Committee. Consequently, the camps have until Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) to reach an agreement. Failure to reach an accord within the time provided herein, will result in this Committee ordering purse bid proceedings accordingly.
3. Any of the parties herein may request purse bid proceedings at any stage of the negotiation proceedings.
4. The WBO "Resolution" regarding Sebastian Fundora is incorporated by reference herein and binding to all the relevant parties. See, <https://www.wboboxing.com/boxing-news/wbo-resolution-wbo-jr-middleweight-champion-sebastian-fundora/>
5. The WBO World Championship Committee reserves its right to issue all further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the policies, purposes, and intent of the WBO rules and regulations, including serving those interests that best serve boxing and the WBO Jr. Middleweight Division.
6. 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



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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: October 1, 2024  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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<sup>i</sup> See, WBO Regulation §35(f).