



## WBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The present ruling stems from this Committee's WBO Lightweight Division Elimination Contest negotiation order between participants Ryan Garcia and Emmanuel Tagoe, as notified on Monday, July 7, 2020. The parties were duly advised via electronic email and granted twenty (20) days upon receipt of the referenced letter to reach an agreement or a "Purse Bid" would be ordered per WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests.

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, this Committee received email communication on behalf of Mr. Eric Gomez of Golden Boy Promotions and representative for participant Ryan Garcia, confirming that said fighter would purse participation for another recognized sanctioning organization and therefore, not participate in the WBO Lightweight Division Elimination Bout against Emmanuel Tagoe accordingly.

Conversely, public press reports have confirmed dramatic surges of positive *COVID-19* cases within the United States of America and other jurisdictions, which have prevented the resume of boxing activities in general. These constant and uncertain circumstances have directly affected the sport, particularly the lack of activity in each weight division. At this time, it is highly unknown when will international fighters such as Emmanuel Tagoe, which this Committee has been advised is currently in Africa, will be allowed entry within the United States of America, and whether domestic fighters be restricted from international travel, or even in those jurisdictions where boxing activity has partially begun refrain from competition as a result of the pandemic.

Lastly, in light of the facts stated herein, this Committee has yet to rule definitively on whether it will only grant sanction approval of one (1) or two (2) WBO Lightweight Elimination Contests to determine a WBO Mandatory Challenger in the referenced division. Therefore, having this Committee examined the above-mentioned facts, having reviewed our WBO Rules and Regulations, their applicability, and enforcement in this matter, and having the power, authority, rights and ample discretion conferred by our rules, it is hereby determined as follows:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the WBO Championship Committee pursuant to the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests as follows:

1. In accordance with the powers, authority, rights and ample discretion conferred by the WBO Rules and Regulations of World Championship Contests, this committee hereby reverses any and all past, present or future rulings, regarding sanction approval of one (1) or more WBO Championship Elimination



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Contests in the WBO Lightweight Division until further notice, effective immediately.

2. 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 Rule 3(e) of the 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 in San Juan, Puerto Rico on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019

**WBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

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

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