



WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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Resolution No. 201707050612
WBA Championships Committee
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Super Bantamweight Division

I. REQUEST

Gary Jonas (“Jonas”) acting as legal representative of boxer Moises Flores (“Flores”) petitioned to overturn the result.

II. BACKGROUND

On June 17, 2017, WBA Super Bantamweight Champion Guillermo Rigondeaux (“Rigondeaux”) faced mandatory contender and interim titlist Moises Flores (“Flores”) as part of the one champion policy in Las Vegas, Nevada. The bout ended in a controversial fashion after the referee step in to break both fighters whom had been throwing punches simultaneously after the bell that ended with Flores on the canvas. After several minutes of confusion the referee Vic Drakulich ruled the punch legal thus awarding Rigondeaux a knockout win over Flores.

On June 19, 2017, a very influential media source published plans by Nevada State Athletic Commission (“NSAC”) to overturn the result in a no decision. The executive director Bob Bennet was quoted having “enough evidence” to prove the punch was thrown after the bell.

On June 26, 2017, after a commissioner meeting the Nevada State Athletic Commission overruled Vic Drakulich as the sole arbiter do to the facts explained in the above paragraph.

III. ANALISIS

Nevada State Athletic Commission being a joint administrator of the Rigondeaux-Flores WBA Super Batamweight championship bout still is to notify this committee. In order to seek fairness and justice a review was done by the WBA Officials International Committee.

The report confirmed Rigondeaux knockout punch landed after the sound of the bell thus it is a breach completion boxing rules. It also suggested to dialog with the NSAC in order to have an input in the appointment of the referee. Their expert opinion believes Drakulich reaction was slow and left him in a position where he could not follow the action properly. Also seemed to be

doubtful at the moment of taking the decision.

The use of the instant replay was not done convincingly in order to avoid the controversy at the end of this bout. We suggest to review the WBA protocol for the use of the instant replay.

Despite the reversed decision the medical safety shall be considered since Flores was actually knockout.

I. DECISION

1. The WBA Championship Committee accepts the change of the result to a NO DECISION.
2. Based on the above Moises Flores is still recognized as interim champion.
3. Pursuant to WBA rule C.26 a rematch between Rigondeaux and Flores must happened within 150 days counted from the date of this resolution.
4. The parties shall have a 30 days negotiation term for the rematch from August 17, 2017. If a purse bid is necessary the percentage split shall be 75% for the champion and 25% for the challenger.
5. Moises Flores shall be suspended for a period of 60 days since June 17, 2017 following WBA safety code.

Date: July 5, 2017



George Martinez
Championship Committee Chairman