



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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## **Resolution No. 0203151712** **WBA Championships Committee** *Heavyweight Division – Luis Ortiz* *February 3, 2015*

### **I. BACKGROUND**

On June 3, 2014, the WBA Championship Committee issued Resolution No. 201406031712 directing that the leading available contenders in the division participate in a box-off to determine the champion and official contender for the Super Champion, Wladimir Klitschko (“Klitschko”).

On September 11, 2014, Luis Ortiz (“Ortiz”) defeated Lateef Kayode (“Kayode”) via first round knockout in Las Vegas, Nevada, to become the WBA Interim Heavyweight title holder. At or about the time of the bout, the boxers underwent testing for prohibited substances with the Nevada Commission (“Commission”). Thereafter, the Commission reported Ortiz tested positive for prohibited anabolic steroid substance, Nandrolone. Ortiz did not disclose his use of the prohibited substance in his pre-fight medical questionnaire.

Ortiz and his representatives did not challenge the test results at the hearing before the Commission. By a unanimous 5-0 vote, the Commission suspended Ortiz for eight (8) months from the date of the bout (until May 11, 2015), fined him Eight Thousand US Dollars (\$8,000.00) (10% of his \$80,000.00 purse), and required reimbursement of \$450.00 for the lab testing on his sample. The Commission also changed the bout decision to that of a “no contest.”

### **II. ANALYSIS**

A. Boxers, their representatives, and promoters are obligated to "know and be familiar with all Association rules." WBA Rule C.14.

B. No boxer who has tested positive for a prohibited substance can be rated, retain a title, or be permitted to participate in a sanctioned bout for no less than six (6) months from the date of the positive test. WBA Rule C.45.

C. The WBA rules and medical guidelines adopt the prohibited substances list as identified by the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”), WBA Rule E.24. The IOC has adopted

the prohibited list published by WADA. Anabolic steroids and Nandrolone are prohibited substances.

D. WBA Rule C.27 states:

**Title Vacation and/or Removal of Recognition.** A boxer's title, status, or recognition may be lost, removed, or vacated for any of the following reasons:

- a. Loss in a bout (see Rule C.15);
- b. Violation of Association rules; or
- c. Suspension, charges, or criminal conduct alleged or found by a national, state, or provincial agency.

### **III. DECISION**

A. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, which Ortiz is presumed to know, the WBA has express authority and discretion to interpret and apply its rules and guidelines in the best interests of boxing and the WBA.

B. Due to Ortiz's positive test for a prohibited substance and the Nevada State Commission's suspension of his boxing license for eight (8) months, Ortiz's title and recognition is vacated.

C. Ortiz is suspended for eight (8) months, which shall end May 11, 2015, conditioned on Ortiz being subject to random testing, at his expense, throughout 2015 upon the direction of the Commission and/or the WBA or a representative thereof.

D. Any interested party may request reconsideration of this decision per WBA Rule F.5.

Date: February 3, 2015



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